

Zero Waste Picnic

What is a zero waste event?

The Wednesday night Picnic in Perry Park is a zero waste event. A zero waste event is an opportunity to raise awareness about the waste we generate and take steps to minimize or eliminate it entirely. The goal of a zero waste event is to divert as much waste as possible (90%) from landfills through careful planning, reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting.

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Why is composting important?

Composting is a powerful tool for a healthier planet. It reduces landfill waste, recycles vital nutrients back into the soil, and cuts down on greenhouse gas emissions. Beyond environmental benefits, composting enriches soil health, boosts local agriculture, and engages the community in sustainable practices.

How does it work?

At Barnes Nursery's aerobic composting site, oxygen is the key to efficiently decomposing organic matter. This process relies on a few critical components: organic materials, beneficial microorganisms, oxygen, moisture, high temperatures, and regular turning. By ensuring these elements are in balance, the composting site transforms waste into rich, valuable compost swiftly and effectively.