

# 4-H COMPOST CHALLENGE

A Multi-County  
Community Service Project



Challenge Dates:

December 1, 2020 - March 2021  
(Exact end date to be determined)



## Who can participate?

All 4-H youth members in Boone, DeKalb and Ogle Counties are encouraged to participate. However, you are not required to do so.

## Why Compost?

Composting food scraps and yard waste is an alternative way to keep waste out of our landfills. It also provides a nutrient rich material that can be added to our gardens. The compost that participating 4-H members create will be added to a community garden in Rochelle, IL that is part of a Growing Together Illinois garden grant.

## Where will it go?

The Kitchen Table (7034 S Klondike Rd, Rochelle, IL 61068)

The Kitchen Table is a "pay what you can" restaurant in Rochelle that is helping feed the community one meal at a time. They are working with the Ogle Master Gardeners and Rochelle 4-H clubs to provide community gardens and education for those in need. Learn more about The Kitchen Table at <http://www.kitchentablerochelle.org/>

## Compost Challenge Questions?

Contact Judy Hodge, Program Coordinator at [hodg@illinois.edu](mailto:hodg@illinois.edu) or 815-544-3710



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# Compost Challenge: Getting Started

## Compost Challenge Guidelines

If you plan to participate in this challenge, you must register first.

Registration: <https://go.illinois.edu/4-HCompostChallenge>

The first 20 4-H youth members in each county to register will receive a FREE 5-gallon bucket to use for the composting challenge and/or to transport their compost to The Kitchen Table or your local Extension office on the date yet to be determined (March 2021).

Buckets can be picked up at your local Extension office. Please call ahead to schedule a time to coordinate the pickup.

### **Boone County**

205 Cadillac Ct. Suite 3  
Belvidere, IL 61008  
815-544-3710

Hours: 8am-Noon, 1-4:30pm

### **DeKalb County**

1350 West Prairie Drive  
Sycamore, IL 60178  
815-758-8194

Hours: 8am-Noon, 1-4:30pm

### **Ogle County**

421 W. Pines Rd. Suite 10  
Oregon, IL 61061  
815-732-2191

Hours: 8am-4:30pm

The overall challenge is to see how many youth from each county we can get to participate. The county with the most participants will get bragging rights and receive a traveling trophy that will be housed at their county Extension office for all to see. Ultimately, the prize for all is the sense of accomplishment that helping and serving your community brings.

## How do you compost?

Not sure how to compost or where to begin? We've provided some educational resources, including a video for you to view to help get you started.

<https://go.illinois.edu/CompostChallengeVideo>

We will be following guidelines for backyard composting which consists of kitchen scraps and yard waste, and will NOT be accepting composted manure. This is due to soil safety for the gardens and what we will be growing in them.

If along the way you have questions, feel free to contact Judy Hodge, Program Coordinator, and she will help get your questions answered.