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## COMMUNITY COMPOST PROGRAM AT ADDED VALUE'S RED HOOK COMMUNITY FARM

**RED HOOK COMMUNITY COMPOSTERS:**  
We welcome and say **YES** to your household fruit and veggie scraps and coffee grounds for our compost! Help us out by chopping them up first.

Please **NO** meat, dairy, fish, bones, or oily leftovers (they *would* compost but are smelly and attract rodents)

Keep the benefits of your food scraps here in the community, **CLOSING THE LOOP** within walking distance – how local can you get!

**JOIN** the largest community composting program in Brooklyn, recovering 225 tons of organic material a year to create rich soil for growing healthful food. Add your kitchen scraps and consider helping to compost them – check the “composting initiative” page on our website.

Please **NO** biodegradable bags or large items like houseplants or long flower stems (they would have to be cut up or they resist composting)

Please do not leave bags and buckets by the gates, because it attracts rodents and we do not have the resources to process such materials.

For the **DROP-OFF TIMES**, we especially welcome you during growing season on Saturdays from April to October, 10 am to 3 pm – otherwise check our home page calendar for “community composting” days, including winter times, at [www.added-value.org](http://www.added-value.org). On the southwest edge of the farm nearest IKEA and you will find easy self-help instructions for composting your material in 3 minutes.

**TIP:** Put scraps in plastic bags in frig or freezer.



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## COMPOSTING **DO's** and **DON'Ts** for

### HARVESTING NUTRIENTS FROM CROP MATERIAL AND WEEDS

- DO have a gray barrel (or green bucket) for processed weeds and other compostables, and a red bucket for trash. Please pick up any trash you see, even as you walk – that will be a huge help
- DON'T step on crop beds unless it's unavoidable for your work, just in the rows between*
- DO pull a plant near the base so you can get the roots out and avoid snapping off the stem instead
- DON'T go too fast or you may pull up crops that are still growing (we'll show you which is which)*
- DO shake off all the soil, nice and low with a few taps against the bottom of the bucket
- DON'T shake soil high or you'll hurt the crop leaves*
- DO use the “O” method for using pruners
- DON'T take your eyes off what you are pruning*
- DO cut or tear the plant so it's no longer than your hand
- DON'T ever put pruners on the ground, where they get stepped on, broken, or lost – always put in a holster*
- DO fill the bucket loosely, no pushing material down

#### *And for your comfort:*

DO stand up and stretch occasionally, maybe to transfer a full bucket for an empty one, so you are good to your body and stay fresh as possible for the task, and

DO ask for a pad to kneel on if that will make your task easier!

*Thank you for helping to reduce landfill trash, improve the environment, and create a wonderful enrichment to the soil that grows healthful food for our community!*