

### From Green Bin to Green Thumb: Using Compost at Home

Have you ever wondered what happens to the compostable materials collected from your green bin all year round? They go to the Penner Waste Compost full circle compost facility for processing. While there, these materials are turned into a nutrient dense finished or mature compost that can be used as an additive to soil. Penner Waste's compost is lab-tested, regulated and certified by the Compost Quality Alliance, and is used by home gardeners, landscapers, greenhouses and farmers alike.

#### Benefits of Using Compost at Home:

- improved moisture retention: soil that is fortified with compost holds more water for longer periods of time, meaning you need to water less often
- Better soil structure: adding organic material to your soil means more air pockets for water and nutrients to travel through unimpeded
- Improved nutrient levels: compost is high in nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, which are the "big three" nutrients needed by garden veggies
- Balanced PH: helps prevent your soil from becoming too acidic or alkaline
- Feed healthy soil organisms: worms and other organisms love compost!

#### Ways to Use Compost at Home:

- For potted plants: Create your own potting mix blend by mixing 2/3 soil and 1/3 compost together thoroughly
- For your lawn: lightly spread up to 1 cm of compost over your entire lawn to enrich the soil and your lawn
- For your garden: Create your own garden blend by mixing 1/2 soil and 1/2 compost, and working thoroughly into the soil about 5-8 cm deep.
- When planting: you can add a bit of compost directly into the planting hole of plants that need some extra nutrients, like fall perennials and spring bulbs or veggies like squash, tomatoes, and cucumbers.

This high quality compost is always available for purchase from Penner Waste, but the Town of Altona, Penner Waste, and Altona Community Action Network have partnered together to provide Altona residents with some for free!



**FREE  
COMPOST**

Monday, March 19 | 10 am—7 pm  
Millennium Exhibition Centre Parking Lot

**Join ACAN in celebrating Earth Day 2021! Bring this voucher and your own container to redeem for free compost to use at home!**

Compost provided free of charge by Penner Waste and the Town of Altona

## Dates to Remember for April 2021:

- ⇒ **April 2:** Good Friday, offices closed
- ⇒ **April 5:** Easter Monday, offices closed
- ⇒ **April 6:** Weekly compost collection service resumes
- ⇒ **April 13:** Committee of the Whole/Council Meeting @ 3:30/5:30 pm
- ⇒ **April 19:** Free Compost Giveaway for Earth Day @ MEC Parking Lot
- ⇒ **April 27:** Committee of the Whole/Council Meeting @ 3:30/5:30 pm
- ⇒ **April 27:** Public Hearing for Zoning By-law @ 6 pm



### Dr. S.S. Toni Scholarship Application

Are you pursuing a health-related career? The Altona & District Health Care Board is inviting applications for the Dr. S.S. Toni Scholarship for 2021. The deadline is May 14, 2021 and they should be sent to: Dr. Toni Scholarship Fund, Attn: Michael Rempel, Box 270, Altona, MB, R0G 0B0. Download the application from our website ([altona.ca](http://altona.ca)) or pick up a paper copy at the Rhineland Municipality office.

### Public Water System Report Online

The annual Public Water System Report is available now on our website for your review. Paper copies are also available upon request. Call 204-324-6468 to request a copy.

### Unightly Properties

As we head into spring and the snow melts away, we've begun receiving calls from residents concerned about the appearance of properties near their own.

The first course of action when it comes to unsightly property concerns is for you speak directly with your neighbours if possible.

If the issue continues, you may choose to send an official, written complaint under Bylaw 1646-2006: Maintain & Regulate Property to:

info@altona.ca **or**  
Box 1630  
111 Centre Ave E  
Altona, MB, R0G 0B0

### Voters List Registration

#### Voters List Additions:

Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Town of Altona can have their name added to the Voters List, or have their information corrected on the list.

You can register through our website ([altona.ca](http://altona.ca)), or call 204-324-6468 for more options.

#### Personal Security Protection Requests

Any person can request to have their name and address obscured from the Voters List, at which point they will receive a Personal Security Certificate and id number, and can only vote via Sealed Envelope Ballot in civic elections.

To implement the above, submit a written request to Dan Gagné, Senior Election Official  
*in person:* by appointment at 111 Centre Avenue E  
*by mail:* PO Box 1630, Altona, Manitoba R0G 0B0  
*by fax:* 204-324-1550  
*by e-mail:* [info@altona.ca](mailto:info@altona.ca)

#### Am I Eligible to Vote?

In order to be eligible to vote, a person must be:

- at least 18 years old
- a Canadian citizen
- a resident of the Town of Altona for at least six months prior to the date of the election **or** the actual registered owner of property in the Town of Altona for the same period of time.

The next general election is scheduled for  
**October 26, 2022.**

[www.altona.ca](http://www.altona.ca)



# COMPOST VOUCHER

Redeem this voucher on April 19, 2021 for free compost.