



## Summer Pests!

Cayuga Compost here with some helpful suggestions for the warm weather Season.

Thank goodness! We are very excited to see our summer flowers after that long cold winter! We put our gardens to bed with a protective layer of compost which fed our plants over the winter. They are now large beautiful plants.



## Pests and your Compost totes



We provide a weekly service to help keep your pest problems down. In addition to the weekly service, there are some steps, you the generator can take to prevent flies and maggots and other insects from making a home in your compost.

### Steps to Keeping Pests out of your compost

1. The best way to keep the pests population down in your compost is to keep your totes clean and closed tightly.
2. Storing your compost totes in a cool dry place, out of direct sunlight helps to reduce the development of pests.
3. Filling your totes too full so that the lid will not shut, will allow pests easy access. When filling your totes with compost make sure to leave enough room to tie your compostable bag closed. Simply tying off the compostable bag helps to keep any odors that your compost would produce from attracting pesky pests.
4. The process of tying off the compostable bag also helps to keep your tote clean when it is emptied. Once you have filled one compost tote and tied off your bag, begin filling your next empty tote.
5. If you are not able to tie off your compost bag. You could try adding a good layer of saw dust to cover the food scarp waste in your tote. We suggest about an inch thick layer of saw dust.
6. Our community generators have shared some tips and tricks with us such as, using a solution of bleach and water on the top of your compost tote to keep it clean and uninviting to pests.
7. Also some found it useful to add some baking soda to the top of a full bin. We only suggest this if you are still having problem after tying off your compostable bag.

We hope that you find these suggestions helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions regarding your compost.

We want to thank you for composting. Without you, we would not be here! It takes a community to create Cayuga Compost.

**Just a reminder we are happy to test new and different compostable disposables. If you have some products in mind give us a call. 607-387-6826**

