MANSFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPOSTING
BEGAN IN THE YEAR 2000
ADDED BIN COMPARTMENTS
What’s Happening with School Composting?

A Virtual Tour of the Mansfield Middle School Composting Program
A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP

We love to eat food

We hate to handle the scraps
Getting the Job Done

Composting Instructions for Student Workers

Mansfield Middle School where Compost Happens
THE SORT LINE
THE FOOD BARREL
PEERING INTO THE BARREL
FOOD SCRAPS TO THE PILE
EMPTY FOOD SCRAPPS IN BIN
COVER FOOD SCRAPS
BINS - THEN
BINS - NOW

- SCHOOL RENOVATION
- COMPACT AREA
- EASIER ACCESS IN WINTER
TURNING THE PILE - THEN
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LIFTING LIDS - THEN
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COUNTERWEIGHTS
OTHER DESIGN FEATURES

- Reinforcing steel in back panel
OTHER DESIGN FEATURES

- Plastic lumber
OTHER DESIGN FEATURES

- Metal mesh lid
OTHER DESIGN FEATURES

- Plywood bottom
SCREENING COMPOST
SCREENED OUT PLASTICS
MMS PLANT SALE
THE VOLUNTEERS
THE RESULTS

- 43.27 tons composted
- $3,030 in avoided tipping fees
- 40-45% recycling (includes compost fraction)
- 2,200 students participated
- Approximately 22 cubic yards of finished compost
WHAT WORKS WELL

- Teacher compost duty
- Town staff support
- Counterweighted lids
- Bins sized to fit tractor
- Special education class participation
WHAT HAS NOT WORKED

- Daily student involvement
- Composting club
- Curriculum tie-in
FOR MORE INFORMATION


http://www.mansfieldct.org/schools/mms/compost/index.htm

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