

# Green Initiatives to Help Croton(ites)

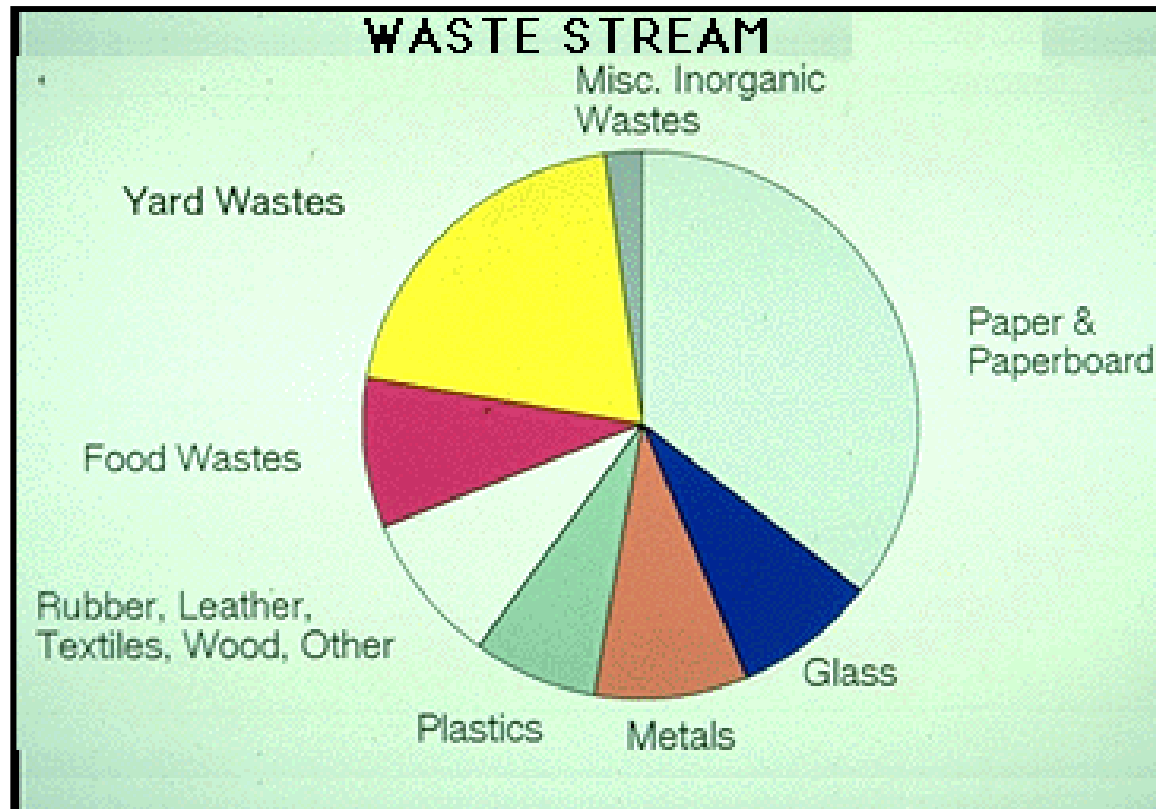


- 1. Compost yard waste and kitchen scraps.**
- 2. Install a Rain Barrel (or 2) in your garden.**
- 3. Grow your own vegetables (eat healthier).**

# Composting in Croton



Composting converts waste, leaves, kitchen scraps and garden wastes, into a valuable product which, when used in the garden, results in healthier plant growth when added to garden soil.



Composting can also help solve our society's solid waste disposal problem. Food and yard waste comprise over 30% of our solid wastes nationwide.

# Materials that can be Composted

Almost any type of organic material can be composted, but some are especially easy to manage in a home composting pile.

Leaves, Brush, Wood Chips, Grass Clippings (although clippings are best left mulched on lawn)

Vegetable Scraps (no meat or grease)

Wood Ash (from fireplace)



Home composting provides households with the opportunity to efficiently convert waste material into a valuable soil amendment. The ultimate result of the process is a healthier, more productive and easier to maintain garden. Our challenge is to change residents' values toward waste disposal and make them aware of alternative disposal practices. Home composting offers the opportunity for residents to contribute to the solution themselves and receive a beneficial product for their own gardens.

# Rain Barrels

High water bills can be reduced by the use of garden rain barrels. Since Croton has to pump all the water it uses, these barrels will also reduce the village's electrical costs.



# Backyard Vegetables



**Consider the benefits of growing your own vegetables: - lowers the cost of providing your family with healthy, organic vegetables, reduces the environmental impact of transporting and warehousing food, makes your meals more personal, connects your family to the natural cycles of weather, growth and renewal and provides wholesome activity and lasting memories for your children.**

