

MAKE YOUR PUMPKIN COMPOSTABLE!

Making thoughtful choices now means your pumpkins won't end up in the landfill later — and the nutrients can go back into the earth instead of creating waste.



✓ SKIP THE PAINT

Most paints, including acrylic and even washable or water-based ones, contain plastics that can leave behind microplastics in compost.

✓ IF YOU DO PAINT...

Choose biodegradable paints made with natural pigments & binders, like watercolors, gouache, or egg tempera. Even better - wipe paint before composting!

✓ AVOID EXTRAS

Glitter, stickers, candles, and other non-biodegradable add-ons should be left off in order to compost later.

✓ COMPOST

Bring your pumpkin to the transfer station or give it to your food scrap hauler.

Dried acrylic paint can linger in the environment, potentially harming wildlife and ecosystems.

About 1 billion pounds of pumpkins are sent to landfills each year.