



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

May 6, 2026

## **SMELL YOUR WAY THROUGH THE FORKS COMPOST SITE DURING COMPOST WEEK**

**The Forks, Winnipeg, Treaty One Territory** – Get ready to see (and smell) compost in a whole new way at The Forks during International Compost Awareness Week (May 3–9, 2026).

The week features free compost giveaways, guided tours, and the debut of “Smell Walk” tours, an immersive sensory experience exploring the science and scents of compost.

During the Smell Walk, visitors will receive an introduction to aroma wheels, olfactory terminology, and microbial scent categories before engaging in a guided smell walk through the site. Participants will wrap up by gathering to reflect on their impressions and collaboratively create a participatory map of the scents present in the compost at that moment.

Free Compost Week activities at The Forks include:

- Compost Week Tours:
  - May 7, 2026, at 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, & 5:00 PM
  - Meet at The Forks Market Sorting Station
  - Register here: <https://www.theforks.com/events/calendar-of-events/event/1241>
- Compost Giveaway:
  - May 7, 2026, starting at 10:00 AM
  - Under the canopy, first-come, first-served, while supplies last
  - BYOB (Bring Your Own Bucket)
- Smell Walk Tours:
  - May 9, 2026, at 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM
  - Meet at Fools and Horses
  - Register here: <https://www.theforks.com/events/calendar-of-events/event/1253>

**Interview Opportunity**

Helga Jakobson, The Forks Sustainability Coordinator, is available for in-person and phone interviews throughout the week and can speak to Compost Week activities and The Forks' Target Zero initiatives.

Anna Sigrithur (MA), Smell Walk Facilitator, Researcher and Perfumer, is available for interviews regarding the Smell Walk.

**For more information, please contact:**

Tineke Buiskool-Leeuwma

Communications & Marketing Advisor, The Forks North Portage

(204) 899 - 4123

[communications@theforks.com](mailto:communications@theforks.com)