



When you purchase Hillview's vermicompost, you are directly supporting our programs and our work as a local, organic producer.

The Vermicomposting Center is jointly sponsored by:

UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN
LA CROSSE

MAYO CLINIC
HEALTH SYSTEM



WHO ARE WE?
Hillview Urban Agriculture Center (Hillview) holds the mission of creating a healthy community through a local, sustainable, and accessible food system by:

- **Building soil** with food waste
- **Educating and inspiring** people of all ages and abilities to grow food
- **Growing, preparing, and preserving** healthy food together
- **Supporting a food system** that serves all our community needs

Hillview operates a grow-bay greenhouse at Western Technical College's Horticultural Education Center where we:

1. **Provide educational and inspirational program space** for people of all ages and abilities to participate.
2. **Grow organic and heirloom variety food** seedlings to be sold/donated for community gardens, school gardens, and the public.
3. **Grow microgreens** and produce to fruition for participants in our programs, Farmer's Market, and other buyers.



A Growing Experience
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VERMIGOLD



Locally produced by:





VERMIGOLD

ORDER FORM

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION OF THE BROCHURE TO
HILLVIEW URBAN AGRICULTURE CENTER'S GREENHOUSE

BILL TO:

Buyer: _____

Contact Person: _____

Delivery Address: _____

Email*: _____

Phone: _____

*Invoices are delivered via email unless otherwise arranged.

QTY	SIZE	PRICE	TOTAL

A \$5 delivery fee will be added for locations outside of La Crosse.

PAYMENT METHOD: ☐ paid on delivery ☐ email invoice

RECEIVED BY: _____
Date

PRINT NAME: _____

DELIVERY NOTES: _____



Hillview Urban Agriculture Center (Hillview) is a registered 501(c)(3). We do not collect sales tax. All monies earned from sales go directly to maintaining this program and others.

WHAT WE SELL:

SIZE	RETAIL	WHOLESALE
Quart+	\$6	\$4
Gallon	\$15	\$10
4 Gallons	\$45	\$30

FOR YOUR RECORDS

VERMIGOLD DELIVERED: _____

AMOUNT TO BE INVOICED: \$ _____
Paid on Delivery: ☐ Y

DELIVERED BY: _____
Date

PRINT NAME: _____

Make all checks payable to Hillview Urban Agriculture Center. If you have any questions, contact Andrea Schaefer at 414.736.7233 or email vermicompost@hillviewuac.org.

VERMICOMPOSTING is the process of breaking down food waste using red wiggler worms. As worms eat through waste, they produce a well-balanced, nutritious fertilizer called worm castings, or as Hillview calls it, **VermiGold**.

In December 2010, as the result of a grant received from UW-La Crosse, Hillview and UW-La Crosse signed an agreement on a joint vermicompost project. In September 2015, Hillview, UW-La Crosse and Mayo Clinic Health System—Franciscan Healthcare entered into a partnership in which Mayo would provide a garage on their property at 921 Ferry Street as a home for Hillview's four vermicompost units.

The vermicomposter is one of the largest of its kind in the Midwest. At peak production it has the capability of turning 400 pounds of food waste per week into rich worm castings fertilizer. In 2017, we diverted 20,041 pounds of food waste.

The rich worm castings are harvested in the spring and fall, packaged as **VermiGold** and sold at local retailers, including Ace of La Crosse, People's Food Co-op and Full Circle Supply. Sales of **VermiGold** help support Hillview programs. The vermicompost is also donated to local school gardens, the Boys & Girls Club Mathy Center garden, the Kane Street Community Garden and Washburn Community Garden.

The vermicompost project serves as the cornerstone for vermiculture education and community outreach programs, including tours of the vermicompost facility for local schools and the general public.

