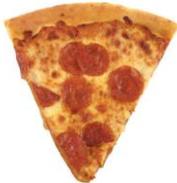


FOOD & PAPER WASTE COMPOSTING

FREE*! At Deerfield Transfer Station



Yes - DO Compost:

ALL food wastes:

- Meat, poultry, fish, bones, shells
- Cheese, dairy (no liquids)
- Eggs, eggshells
- Fruits, vegetables
- Bread, rice, pasta, cereal
- Tea bags, coffee grounds & paper filters

Paper:

- Paper napkins, paper towels
- Paper plates (Chinet preferred), paper cups (*no plastic lids /straws!*)
- Waxed cardboard, waxed paper
- Soiled pizza boxes, cardboard
- Paper egg cartons, fruit packaging
- Paper take-out containers
- Paper bags (*recycle paper if clean*)

Wood:

- Wooden chopsticks, skewers, stirrers
- Small wooden fruit crates

Compostable plastic products:

- Compostable cups (i.e. Greenware)
 - Compostable bags (i.e. BioBag)
 - Compostable plastics must be BPI certified: www.bpiworld.org
- *Program available to permit holders only*

No - DO NOT Compost:

- **NO plastic bags, wrappers, cling wrap**
- **NO liquids**
- **NO Styrofoam (trash)**
- **NO plastic cups, plates, utensils, straws (place in trash)**
- **NO plastic, aluminum foil, metal, glass (*recycle* in container recycling)**
- **NO chemicals, hazardous residues**
- **NO beverage cartons, aseptic cartons (*recycle* with containers)**
- **NO frozen food boxes or ice cream cartons (place in trash)**
- **NO kitty litter**



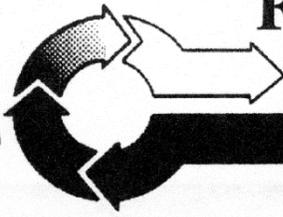
DO NOT DEPOSIT MATERIALS IN PLASTIC BAGS!



Food waste and other biodegradable materials are sent to a permitted compost farm for composting. Commercial composting accepts a wider range of materials than a home compost bin.

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New! FREE Food and Paper Waste Composting at the Deerfield Transfer Station

The Franklin County Solid Waste District and the Town of Deerfield announce the May 1, 2019 launch of a food and paper waste compost program at Deerfield Transfer Station. Residents can save money by placing compostable items into the free compost dumpster instead of into their Pay-As-You-Throw town trash bags. The program is accessible to Deerfield residents with a current transfer station permit.

Similar programs have been operating for several years at eight other transfer stations in the county (Bernardston, Greenfield, Leverett, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Wendell, and Whately), and in 25 schools, including Deerfield Elementary School, Sunderland Elementary School, and Frontier Regional School. Franklin County is a statewide leader in school and transfer station compost programs.

Triple T Trucking has placed a special compost dumpster at the Deerfield Transfer Station. The container will be emptied weekly and the contents brought to Martin's Farm in Greenfield for composting. **This commercial compost facility is different from your average backyard compost system in that it can process meat, bones, cheese, paper products, and other materials that are not appropriate for your home compost bin or pile.** Martin's Farm sells finished compost to gardeners as a nutrient-rich soil additive. (Want to also compost at home? The Solid Waste District sells home compost bins for \$45.)

The program accepts many materials that are currently destined for the trash. All food wastes are acceptable including meat, bones, poultry, fish, cheese, dairy (no liquids), eggs, eggshells, shellfish, fruits, vegetables, bread, grains, tea bags, coffee grounds and paper filters. Also acceptable are non-recyclable paper wastes such as napkins and paper towels, paper egg cartons, paper plates (Chinet or compostable preferred), and food-soiled cardboard such as pizza boxes. (*Clean* pizza boxes should be recycled in paper recycling.)

It is very important to keep the following items OUT of the compost dumpster: plastic bags, wrappers or cling wrap; liquids; pet wastes, kitty litter; Styrofoam; plastic; metal; glass; or anything else that is not biodegradable. **If compostable wastes are transported in a plastic bag, the bag must be emptied into the compost container and then the plastic bag must go in the trash.** Yard waste and leaves are not accepted in this container.

To collect compostable items at home, 2-gallon "Sure-Close" compost collection pails will be available free to Deerfield Transfer Station permit holders this spring, as long as supplies last. These pails are also sold at the Solid Waste District office in Greenfield for \$5 each. To make clean up easier, residents can line the pail with newspaper, a paper bag, or a BioBag (see reverse: all compostable bags must be BPI-approved: www.bpiworld.org).

Why compost? Composting makes a valuable soil amendment from waste, saves money, and reduces trash! Composting food and paper waste helps slow climate change. When food waste and paper degrade in a landfill, methane is released. Methane is a greenhouse gas 23 times more potent than the same amount of carbon dioxide. In contrast, since oxygen is part of the composting process, negligible amounts of methane are released from compost facilities. By removing food waste from bagged trash, hauling costs and tipping fees may be reduced for the town. Trash tipping fees are high because disposal space in Massachusetts is extremely limited.

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