



Welcome to Ipswich's Curbside Composting Program

Thank you for participating!

Here are some general guidelines to get you started.

Pickup: WEDNESDAY

Place your bin at the curb **every***
Wednesday by 6:00 AM.

*Please note: There is **NO** one-day delay on holiday weeks (unlike trash collection) unless Christmas is on Wednesday.

Missed Pickup:

If your bin is missed **due to driver error**, please log into your account at BlackEarthCompost.com to report a missed pickup.

They may be able to come out the same day – no promises here! – so notify them *as soon as possible*.

Extra Lawn Bags:

You may leave out extra lawn bags with herbicide-free yard waste, grass clippings, indoor plants, kitty litter, animal bedding, backyard chicken waste, or extra organics each week.

If you have more than two bags, please email (in advance) ipswichcomposts@gmail.com so we can alert the hauler.



Bin Care:

Black Earth recommends lining your bin with a compostable bag liner (must say BPI-certified compostable) or using a paper grocery bag. You can order liner bags directly from Black Earth's website (they will deliver!) or pick some up at Aubuchon, Tedford's or other retailers.

Rinse out your bin occasionally to decrease odor (water and white vinegar work well).

Compost or Recycle?

If newspaper, brown paper bags, cardboard, pizza boxes, and waxed cardboard are **CLEAN**, put them in your recycling bin.

If they are soiled (with food only!), you may put them in the cart.

Finished Compost:

Up to 50 gallons of finished compost from Agresource may be picked up at the Transfer Station twice per year (Spring and Fall).

Bring your container(s) with you:
a shovel is provided at the transfer station.

Replacement Carts:

Carts are paid for by the DPW and your first cart is free at signup. A replacement cart is \$20 and available at the DPW office (cash or checks accepted – checks should be written to Town of Ipswich).

Please make sure we have an **updated and accurate email address** for your residence.

Questions? Email us at ipswichcomposts@gmail.com or call the Public Works office at 978-356-6612.

The Town of Ipswich is getting greener. We're diverting tons of organics one little green cart at a time!

COMPOST IN YOUR GREEN CART

FOOD SCRAPS

- Fruits and Vegetables, raw or cooked (stems, skins, pits, and seeds too)
Remove stickers before composting
- Bread, Grains and Pasta
- Coffee Grounds with paper filter
- Dairy
- Cakes, Cookies, Candies, Gum
- Eggshells and Eggs
- Leftovers and Spoiled Food
- Raw or Cooked Meat and Bones
- Raw or Cooked Seafood, including shells
- Tea and Tea Bags (no staples, please)
- Nuts, Pits, Nutshells (all kinds!)
- Solid Cooking Grease that can be wiped off with paper towel

FOOD-SOILED PAPER AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- *BPI-Certified* Compostable Bags (must have BPI-certified logo)
- Greasy Pizza Boxes (tear and recycle clean boxes)
- Coffee Filters and Tea Bags (no staples, please!)
- Soiled REAL PAPER Cups and Plates
- Food-soiled Napkins
- Food-soiled Paper Bags
- Food-soiled Paper Towels
- Tissues (no bodily fluids)
- Paper Egg Cartons (no plastic or Styrofoam)
- Paper Towel Tubes
- *BPI-Certified* Compostable Paper Takeout Boxes/Containers
- #7 PLA Bioplastic made from corn (cups, straws, lids)
- *BPI-Certified* Compostable Waxed or Parchment Paper
- Wooden Chopsticks, Toothpicks
- Pencils (with metal tip & eraser removed!)
- Wooden Popsicle Sticks
- Corks -- natural only
- Bentonite-free Kitty Litters, including feces
- Hair, Fur, and Feathers (non-synthetic)

OTHER

Cooking Oil (in a container with a lid, set on top of cart)

COMPOST IN BROWN PAPER YARD BAGS

PLANTS

Organic yard trimmings (limit 4 bags/week) MUST be put in brown paper yard bags and placed NEXT TO the green cart for collection.

- Flowers and Floral Trimmings
- Herbicide-free Grass and Weeds
- Houseplants
- Twigs and Small Sticks

OTHER

- Vegetable Wood Crates
- Wood – sawdust or unpainted, small pieces of "clean" wood lumber only (no plywood, pressboard, painted, stained or treated wood)
- Rotted Wood (processed in chipper first)
- Animal Bedding (bird/hamster), including Waste
- Backyard Chicken Shavings, Straw and Waste
- Wood-stove and Fireplace Ash
- Plant-based Packaging Peanuts (see if they dissolve in water first!)

DO NOT COMPOST

- NO Leaves (bring to Transfer Station on Town Farm Road)
-- cannot be curbside because they fill up the truck
- NO Branches (bring to Transfer Station)
- NO Dirt, Pebbles or Large Sticks
- NO Cartons (milk, ice cream, juice, cream, broth, etc.)
-- they have hidden plastic
- NO Aluminum Foil or Trays
- NO Paper, Junk Mail or Magazines (please recycle)
- NO Cereal Boxes (colored ink and plastics -- please recycle)
- NO Plastic Bags, Wrappers or Film
- NO Donut Boxes or KFC Buckets or Boxes
- NO Cigarettes
- NO Plastic of any kind, including "Biodegradable"
-- only *BPI-Certified* Compostable
- NO Ceramic Dishware or Glassware
- NO Textiles: clothes, bedding, linens, rags (please donate)
- NO Corks Made of Plastic
- NO Dead Animals
- NO Dental Floss
- NO Diapers of any kind
- NO Painted or Stained Wood
- NO Sanitary Products
- NO Cotton Balls or Cotton Swabs
- NO Dryer Lint or Dryer Sheets of any kind
- NO Chemically Soiled Paper (e.g., baby or cleaning wipes)
- NO Produce Stickers, Rubber Bands or Food Ties

BIN CARE

Wash/rinse your cart as needed (more so in the summer).
Baking soda helps.

Please line your green cart to prevent items from freezing to the bin or sticking in the summer.

Examples of liners:

- Paper bags from the grocery store
-- three to four filled bags fit into the green cart
- *BPI-Certified* "compostable" bags -- must have the BPI logo
- Zumi's compostable coffee bags
-- limited availability at DPW office and special events



Learn more about Ipswich's curbside composting program and other initiatives to reduce waste at IPSWICHRECYCLES.ORG.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Email ipswichcomposts@gmail.com.

For updates, like us on Facebook at Ipswich Recycles and Composts.