



The Town of Ipswich is getting greener ...

Diverting organics one little green bin at a time!



Welcome to the Ipswich Curbside Composting Program!

Thank you for participating! Here are some general guidelines to get you started.

Comprehensive lists and instructions will be sent to you via email. Please make sure we have an updated and accurate email for your residence. If you have any questions, please email us at ipswichcomposts@gmail.com or call 978-356-6613 and leave a message.

Pickups: *Wednesdays*. Place your bin (and extra lawn bags) at the curb **every* Wednesday by 6:00 AM**.

**Please note there will NOT be a one-day delay on holiday weeks (unlike the regular trash collection). There will be a delay ONLY if the holiday falls directly on a Wednesday.*

Missed Pickup: If your bin is missed **due to driver error**, please call New England Solid Waste (NESW) in Rowley at **978-948-7170 and deal with them directly** (for this purpose only). We have limited hours and are unable to handle this particular issue in a timely fashion. NESW may be able to come out the same day or the next – no promises here! – so call them *as soon as possible*.

Bin Care: You may use grocery store paper bags, newspapers, Bag to Earth paper bags,** BPI Certified Compostable bags*** (or nothing!) to line your bin if you choose. (It is recommended that you use some sort of liner during the winter months). Rinse out your bin occasionally to decrease odor (water and white vinegar work well).

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 10 bags, please email ipswichcomposts@gmail.com in advance so we can alert the hauler.

Replacement Bins: Bins are paid for by the DPW and your first bin is free. The replacement fee is \$25. Replacement bins are available at the DPW office. Checks should be written to Town of Ipswich. Email ipswichcomposts@gmail.com or call the office at 978-356-6613 if you have questions.

To compost or to recycle? Paper, newspaper, cardboard, waxed cardboard and brown paper bags **can** go into the the compost if soiled, but if they are CLEAN please put them into your recycling bin. Ipswich gets paid for recycling!

Compost: Finished compost from Agresource is available at the Transfer Station.

** available at Richdale

*** available at Crosby's in Hamilton

The Town of Ipswich is proud to partner with
New England Solid Waste and Agresource in this green effort.

COMPOST GUIDELINES

You can compost much more than just kitchen scraps in your curbside compost bin. Here's a mini breakdown of what's accepted. A comprehensive list will be sent to you via email.

Low-Grade Paper

- Tissues
- Soiled paper towels & napkins
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- Greasy pizza boxes, wet or waxed cardboard
- Paper Chinese food container (all metal must be removed)
- Tissue paper
- Plain paper plates and bowls (without a plastic coating)

Kitchen Scraps

- Lobster/crab shells
- Fruit & vegetable scraps, including pits & seeds
- Meat, including bones
- Dairy products
- Breads, rolls
- Eggshells
- Spoiled or moldy food
- Chopsticks & wooden stir sticks
- Coffee grounds & paper filters
- Tea bags & loose tea

Other Waste

- Kitty litter
- Animal bedding, backyard chicken waste
- Hair
- #7 PLA bioplastic made from corn (cups, straws, lids)
- BPI Certified Compostable or Bag to Earth paper bags
- Plates, bowls, & containers made from sugarcane
- Small amounts (smears only) of food oils

Yard Waste

- Herbicide-free weeds, flowers
- Dirt
- Potted plants (without the container)

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PLEASE NO!!!

- Plastic of any kind (including plastic bags)!
- Styrofoam
- Plastic-coated paper plates, cups or other items
- Plastic or metal utensils, not even so-called “compostable” plastics (forks, knives, & spoons)
- Popcorn bags
- Liquids, including cooking oil or grease (collect and bring to Transfer Station for bio-fuel)
- Milk or juice containers (recycle them instead)
- Dryer lint
- Foil or metal
- Tape
- Biohazards
- Diapers or sanitary items
- Soap
- Dog waste
- Fabric
- String
- Plastic or nylon twine
- Construction debris
- Clam/oyster shells
- Rocks, branches
- Leaves
(Bring to Transfer Station)



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