



# Mayor Ruthanne Fuller and the City of Newton present Composting Options

## Investing Now for Newton's Future



### BACKYARD COMPOSTING OPTIONS

The City of Newton offers two compost bin options to residents for just \$25 each. MassDEP grant funding supports the price reduction.

Compost bins and kitchen scrap buckets are available for purchase at City Hall Customer Service or online at [www.newtonma.gov/billpay](http://www.newtonma.gov/billpay). Pick up items at the Newton Resource Recovery Center with proof of payment.

Both compost bin styles are easy to assemble and allow for efficient, aerobic composting. They are made from a minimum of 50% post-consumer recycled plastic. The kitchen scrap collection bucket is handy to use for transport out to the compost bin.

Earth Machine	New Age Composter	Kitchen Scrap Bucket
\$25 (resident) \$45 (non-resident)	\$25 (resident) \$53 (non-resident)	\$8
Capacity: 10.5 ft <sup>3</sup>	Capacity: 24 ft <sup>3</sup>	Capacity: 2 gal
Height: 33" Diameter: 33"	Height: 30" Diameter: Variable	Size: 8.5" x 11.9" x 8.7"
		
		Snap lid designed to minimize odors; dishwasher safe

### CURBSIDE COMPOST COLLECTION

The City of Newton has partnered with Black Earth Compost who offers weekly curbside food waste collection. This service collects all food waste including fruit and vegetable peels, meat/bones, seafood shells and other kitchen scraps along with paper towels and paper napkins. Food scraps are composted by Black Earth to become a soil amendment.



In Newton, the cost is \$59.99 for six months, plus a one-time starter kit cost of \$34, which includes a 13-gallon lockable cart and two rolls of compostable liner bags.

Subscribe for service at [www.blackearthcompost.com](http://www.blackearthcompost.com).

### DROP-OFF COMPOST COLLECTION

Residents can drop-off all food waste including fruit and vegetable peels, meat/bones, seafood shells, and other kitchen scraps along with paper towels and paper napkins. Food scraps are composted by Black Earth to become a soil amendment.

As a reminder, please do not put any metal, glass, plastic, rubber, or cartons/juice boxes in the carts. Make sure you remove any stickers from fruits and vegetables before composting.

To drop off your household organics: Use a paper bag or a certified compostable bag to contain your organics during transport. Certified compostable bags can be found at WholeFoods, Target, and online retailers. Place the paper bag or certified compostable bag into one of the organics carts - these are located near the back of the residential drop off area.

**PRO TIP #1:** If using a certified compostable bag, store organics inside the compostable bag in your freezer. This will prevent odor issues.

**PRO TIP #2:** If using a paper bag, store it in a plastic shopping bag to create a moisture barrier. This double bag can be kept in the freezer until it is full and you are able to drop it off. Remove the plastic shopping bag before placing into the organics collection carts.