

HOME COMPOSTING with an EARTH MACHINE

In 1993, Massachusetts banned yard waste from the trash in an effort to reduce garbage, save money, utilize valuable organic waste, and provide nutrient rich compost for home lawns and gardens. Using compost on the soil adds essential nutrients, improves root growth, and helps retain moisture, which will help cut down on your water bills. By placing kitchen scraps, grass clippings, and leaves in your compost bin instead of in the trash, you will end up with rich conditioner for your soil that will result in healthier vegetables, flowers, or grass.

Composting benefits the environment by reducing the need for pesticides. It also reduces Westford's trash collection costs.



Westford residents can purchase an Earth Machine compost bin at a discounted price of \$25 by contacting Nicole Feliciano at the Westford Highway Department: 978-692-5520 or nfeliciano@westfordma.gov

- Hours for pickup: Tuesdays & Thursdays between 8am-2pm
 - Alternate days or times may be possible if arranged ahead of time with Nicole.
 - Note that pickup times may be impacted by winter weather. On snowy days, call ahead to confirm.
- Location for pickup: Westford Highway Department, 28 North St.

For other questions or additional information about composting, please contact the Westford Recycling Commission at recycling@westfordma.gov.