

Colrain Composts!

FREE Food Waste Dumpster at Colrain Transfer Station

For Colrain Households



Compost dumpster at Colrain Transfer Station.

- ⇒ Reduce trash
- ⇒ Save money on town trash bags
- ⇒ All types of food accepted (no liquids), plus food-related paper (see next page)
- ⇒ Get a free food scrap pail

Why compost?

Composting makes soil from food waste, saves money, and reduces trash. Households that separate their food waste for composting can reduce their trash volume and save money on the required town trash bags or stickers.

Two easy ways to compost:

1. Bring to the Transfer Station ("the dump"). Colrain residents can use the **FREE** food waste compost container at the transfer station, available during open hours. Colrain Transfer Station is open Sat. 8 am - 4 pm, Tuesdays in summer from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

Materials are composted at a commercial composting facility, where the professionals can safely compost ALL types of food waste; meat, bones, cheese, paper products, and other materials that would cause problems in home compost bins or piles.

In the kitchen, collect food and paper waste in a compost pail, a 5-gallon bucket, or any other closed container. **Colrain residents can ask for a free "Sure-Close" kitchen food scrap pail at the transfer station** (while supplies last). To make cleaning the pail easier, line it with newspaper, a paper bag, or a compostable BioBag. All "compostable plastic" bags and tableware must be BPI-certified; see logo on next page. Never put plastic bags or any other plastic, metal, foil or glass in the compost.



2. At home, use a compost bin or compost pile to transform food waste into soil for your yard and garden. **Colrain residents can get a FREE "Earth Machine" compost bin at the transfer station** (while supplies last).

Home composting is different from the compost program at the transfer station; **meat, bones, dairy and fats should NOT be put in home compost bins**. Limit the contents to fruit and vegetable wastes, bread, coffee grounds, eggshells and leaves, and you'll make great compost!



For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 413-772-2438 or email: info@franklincountywastedistrict.org.

FREE FOOD & PAPER WASTE COMPOST PROGRAM

at Colrain Transfer Station

YES - DO compost at the transfer station:

ALL food wastes:

- Meat, poultry, fish, bones, shells
- Cheese, dairy (no liquids)
- Eggs, eggshells, shellfish
- Fruits, vegetables, peels, pits
- Bread, rice, pasta, cereal
- Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags

YES!



Food-related paper:

- Paper napkins, paper towels
- BPI certified* compostable paper plates, paper cups, take-out containers
- Waxed cardboard, waxed paper
- Pizza boxes with stuck-on food (*recycle* empty pizza boxes)
- Paper egg cartons, molded fiber packaging
- 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)
- Must be BPI certified*, look for the BPI logo:



NO - DO NOT compost these:

- NO liquids
- NO plastic bags, wrappers, cling wrap
- NO Styrofoam
- NO plastic, aluminum foil, metal, glass (*recycle* in container recycling)
- NO produce stickers, rubber bands, twist ties, etc.
- NO chemicals, hazardous residues
- NO beverage cartons, aseptic cartons (*recycle* with containers)
- NO frozen food boxes, ice cream cartons, Chinese food take-out boxes, butter wrappers (put all these in trash)
- NO kitty litter, pet waste, diapers
- NO cleaning wipes ("flushable", etc.)
- NO yard waste, leaves, brush

NO!



DO NOT DEPOSIT MATERIALS IN PLASTIC BAGS!

Food waste and other biodegradable materials are hauled weekly to a permitted commercial composting facility. Plastic harms this process.

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For more information, contact:

Franklin County Solid Waste District:
413-772-2438; info@franklincountywastedistrict.org
MA Relay for the hearing impaired:
711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD)

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*BPI = Biodegradable Products Institute.
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