Feed the Earth!

Not Landfills & Incinerators

Marlborough residents now have the opportunity to participate in a free food scrap collection program at the Transfer Station. The town's partner, Blue Earth Compost, will collect the scraps & turn them into compost & renewable energy. This is a pilot program whose success & longevity depend upon community participation.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP FOOD WASTE OUT OF LANDFILLS!

What Can I Compost?

- Meat, poultry & bones
- Fish & shells
- Fruit & veggie scraps
- Pits & peals (no stickers)
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Tea bags (no staples)
- Dairy products
- Pasta, bread & cereal
- Eggs & eggshells
- Chips, snacks, nuts & seeds
- Leftover, spoiled & frozen food
- Paper towels & napkins used for food production (not for cleaning)
- Pet food (no pet waste)
- Cut flowers
- Incidental oils, fats & sauces

What Can't I Compost?

- Plastic bags
- Metal, glass & styrofoam
- Corks
- Gum
- Candles
- Rubber bands & twist ties
- Cleaning products

For more information, please call (860) 295-6202

Bring your food scraps to the Marlborough Transfer Station
Tuesdays 3:00-7:00
Saturdays 8:00-4:00

How Do I Participate?

1. Collect your food scraps in a BPI-certified compostable bag or a container of your choosing. If using a bag, close it off by tying a knot at the open end when it is full. Please do not use twist ties or rubber bands.
2. Bring your food scraps to the Transfer Station & dump them into the bins supplied by Blue Earth. It's important to completely fill one bin before starting to fill the next bin.
3. Come back whenever you have more food scraps to drop off!

Why is This Important?

Waste dropped off at the Transfer Station is hauled to expensive out-of-state landfills. Tipping fees charged by these landfills—which are based on the weight of the Transfer Station waste—have nearly doubled in the past 10 years & will continue to increase. These charges are passed onto all taxpayers, including those who do not use the Transfer Station. So reducing the volume of Transfer Station waste disposed of at other landfills can ultimately save taxpayers money. Further, by separating food scraps from the trash, the waste goes to a site in Southington that uses the food scraps to create renewable energy while also making compost.

What if I Already Compost at Home?

One of the biggest benefits to the program at the Transfer Station is that Blue Earth can accept items that should not be included in at-home compost, such as meat, bones, & dairy products. So if you would like to help further divert food waste from the waste stream, please bring those items to the Transfer Station.

What if I Don't Use the Transfer Station?

If you are an All Waste customer, you can still participate in this free program! If you bring enough food scraps to the Transfer Station such that you use less space in your green trash cart, you can save money by requesting a smaller trash cart from All Waste. Whether you use the Transfer Station or All Waste, your taxes pay for the disposal of waste processed through the Transfer Station. So it's in everyone's interest to reduce the total amount of Transfer Station waste.