

School Composting Resources

Off-Site, or Commercial Composting (“On-Farm” or “Organics Recycling”)

Wide range of acceptable items: most often includes ALL food except liquids: meat, bones, dairy, veggies, fruit, bread, plus paper towels, napkins, fiber lunch trays, paper plates and cups. Up to 89% of the waste from a school lunch can be composted in this manner. *Different from on-site or home composting (animal products.)*

Compost Sites, Haulers; full lists at:

- **www.recyclingworksma.com: Recycling Works MA - plus free assistance setting up programs!**
- www.findacomposter.com

Some Compost (Organics) Haulers:

- Triple T Trucking, Brattleboro VT: services entire Pioneer Valley. Affordable dumpster rental and weekly pickup. 802-254-5388, peter@tripletrubbishremoval.com
- Alternative Recycling: Pioneer Valley: Toters. www.alternativerecycling.com
- E.L. Harvey & Sons, Central/Eastern MA: 800-321-3002, www.elharvey.com
- Save That Stuff!, Cambridge/Boston: www.savethatstuff.com
- Clear View Compost, Orange: ClearViewCompost@aol.com
- Black Earth Compost, North Shore: conor@blackearthcompost.com, 978-290-4610
- The Compost Plant, Providence, RI: 401.644.6179 leo@compostplant.com
- Compost With Me, Falmouth: 774.392.1440, www.compostwithme.com



MA DEP Resources:

- **MA DEP Green Team: www.thegreenteam.org - FREE compost and recycling bins, plus activities, contests, and lesson plans. Aligns with Mass standards.**
- Poster: Composting Is Easy: www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/recycle/cmppstr.pdf
- Your Municipal Assistance Coordinator:
www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/reduce/massdep-municipal-assistance-coordinators.html
- MassDEP Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) Municipal Grants fund municipal recycling, composting, reuse and source reduction activities (School Recycling Assistance GGrant).
www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/grants/smrp-grants.html
- Commercial Food Waste Ban:
www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/reduce/food-waste-ban.html
- Your Municipality and the waste bans: www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/recycle/solid/wbanmuni.pdf

Compostable Tableware:

- Suzanne Charette, Mansfield Paper: scharette@mansfieldpaper.com
Environmental & School Specialist, 800-225-4641 Ext. 308, 413-734-9666 Fax, 413-222-9362 Cell
 - “Comp-Lete” compostable bags by Fortune Plastics: Mansfield Paper Item #: BIO3448
- Biodegradable Products Institute - Certified Compostable products: www.bpiworld.org

Other resources:

- **Carton Council: www.recyclecartons.com: signage, BMPs, pictures of school set ups**
- Low cost ACE Climate Assembly for Middle and High Schools: www.acespace.org
- Worm Composting How-to: www.slideshare.net/AmyDonovan/worm-composting-mac-final
- School Composting. A Manual for Connecticut Schools:
www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/compost/compost_pdf/schmanual.pdf
- Halsey Taylor Water Cooler W/HydroBoost Water Bottle Refilling Station
- Balloons Blow! (Don’t let them go!) www.balloonsblow.org; www.facebook.com/BalloonsBlow

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