

Composting Program at the Carlisle Transfer Station Starts on Tuesday, June 4, 2019!

This program is available to all residents who display a Transfer Station Sticker on their vehicles.

The Carlisle Household Recycling Committee and Department of Public Works are pleased to announce that Carlisle will begin accepting “organics” (food scraps and other compostable materials) at the Transfer Station beginning Tuesday June 4, 2019. Look for the new, specially marked Black Earth bins at the Transfer Station. Black Earth Compost is a Massachusetts-based company dedicated to the sustainable processing of compostable materials into soil enriching compost. **See below for the list of Compostable and Not Compostable materials for the Black Earth program.**

The full downloadable list can be found at: <https://blackearthcompost.com/media/uploads/2019/04/11/BlackEarthCompostGuide.pdf>

Additional information and a helpful FAQ can be found at: <https://blackearthcompost.com/composting-guide-and-faq/>

PLEASE NOTE!

Residential scraps can be deposited in the Black Earth bins directly from your home storage unit. If you use bags to line your storage container, the bags must be certified biodegradable. The following products are acceptable by Black Earth: BioBags, EcoSafe, Bag to Nature, Biotuff and Natur-Bag. They are available at Crosby’s, Whole Foods, Target, and Amazon.

State waste audits reveal that discarded food scraps make up approximately 30% of solid waste sent to incinerators or landfills in Massachusetts. By removing food scraps from your solid waste, you’ll be helping to make significant reductions in Carlisle’s solid waste tonnage, save the town money in disposal fees, and help the environment by reducing Carlisle’s carbon footprint to mitigate the climate crisis.

COMPOSTABLE	NOT COMPOSTABLE
Paper and cardboard, even if food-soiled	Plastic
Wax paper	Cartons (milk, juice, etc.)
Coffee grounds & filters; tea bags	Diapers
Food waste, including:	Sanitary products
- Raw or cooked meat & seafood	Dog or cat waste
- Dairy	Cat litter
- Pasta, grains, and bread	Dead animals
- Cookies, cake & candy	Yard waste & grass clippings (might be contaminated with chemicals or fertilizers)
- Eggs & eggshells	Laundry lint & Dryer sheets
- Fruits & veggies (with stickers removed)	Chemically-soiled paper
- Nut & coconut shells	Take-out food containers (unless you are sure they are compostable; most are not)
- Cooking oil & grease	
Anything organic, including:	
- House plants and flowers	
- Wood toothpicks, popsicle sticks, chop sticks	
- Sawdust	
- Cotton swabs and balls	
- Wine corks	
- Stove, grill, and fireplace ash	
- Pet food (unused)	
- Pet waste: rabbit, chicken, bird, hamster bedding and waste	
- Hair & fur	