

COMPOSTING BASICS

Composting allows us to reduce our solid waste disposal costs—meaning that every bit of food scrap you put in the compost pile saves taxpayers (that’s also you!) some money. Right now, the town pays \$70.50 per ton of waste sent to ecomaine. Food waste composting is \$50.00 per ton, and recycling is FREE. That means when you toss a banana peel in the trash can, you’re basically throwing a nickel in there too. Aside from the monetary benefits to our town, composting diverts landfill ash and produces sustainable biofuel power as well as organic farm fertilizer right here in Maine. It’s a win-win-win, and you can join in by bringing your food scraps to the Recycling Center.

Simply collect your household food waste (see list below) in a lidded container and empty it into the green collection bins with bright orange liners, located just in front of the blue recycling containers.

You CAN Compost:

- Fruits & vegetables
- Rinds, peels & cores
- Coffee grounds & filters, tea bags
- Bread & baked goods
- Pasta, rice & grains
- Dairy products
- Eggshells
- Meat & fish scraps and bones
- Paper napkins, cups, and plates
- Cut flowers

Do NOT Compost:

- Plastic
- Metal
- Wax-coated packaging
- Styrafoam
- Tin foil
- Condiment packets
- Bulky wood
- Leather
- Hygiene products
- Newspaper, magazines, junk mail



Deposit compostable material in the orange-lined bins in front of the blue single-sort compactors.

Have a question about other forms of recycling? Check out [Cape Recycles](#) for more information, including ecomaine's [A-to-Z Recyclopedia](#).