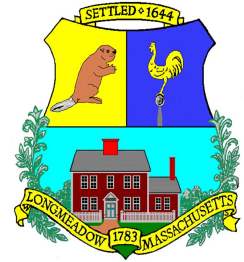


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Composting is back in Longmeadow

The Town of Longmeadow is offering subsidized pricing on composting bins for Longmeadow residents. The Earth Machine™ compost bins from Orbis Corporation are provided with assistance thanks to a community service donation from Waste Management.

What is composting?

Backyard composting is a controlled process of natural conversion of organic materials by microorganisms in compost. By composting, you can remove more than 500 lbs. of organic matter from your household waste per year, diverting it from collection, the landfill, or incinerator.

Composting is simply a combination of yard debris (like grass clippings and fallen leaves) and kitchen scraps (such as fruit and vegetable spoils), separated from the waste stream placed into an environment suitable for decomposition. Through composting, you can experience the benefits of this rich soil additive giving you healthier and greener lawns and gardens, and a cleaner environment too!

How do I get a bin?

Great question - visit the Town' Department of Public Works office Monday-Friday 7:30-4 and have a check for \$25.00. The folks at the DPW will provide you with a composting bin, instruction booklet with easy to follow instructions to assemble and use the bins, and also a free scrap bucket to easily carry kitchen scraps to the bin. This program is subsidized by a recycling grant from MassDEP.

Any questions, please call the DPW office at 567-3400