

What can you do with yard waste?

Norwood Recycling

Organic yard waste (leaves, grass, flowers, potted plants, branches,..etc.) is a State Waste Ban, which means it is prohibited from going in the trash or recycling cart. Organic yard waste must be diverted to a back yard composter or dropped off at the Winter Street Compost Site, or placed in brown leaf bags for DPW weekly pick up.



What is composting?

Composting starts with diverting this material from the trash and recycling carts to the proper area, whether it be a back yard composter or the town compost site or bagging it for DPW weekly pick up. Compost is the process of converting yard waste (and kitchen waste) into valuable fertilizer.

Compost is the single most important supplement you can give your garden and mix in to your soil.

The three options for managing yard waste are:

1. BACK YARD COMPOSTING - Residents can buy an Earth Machine composter from the Board of Health at 781.762.1240. Visit www.earthmachine.com to learn more. Or you can make your own compost unit with pallets or fencing. Back yard composting is easy and will save you time and money and labor. Go to <http://eartheasy.com/yard-garden/composting> to look at the various types of DIY composter units.

2. DROP OFF YARD DEBRIS & LEAVES - Residents can drop off organic yard waste at the Winter Street Composting Site on Saturday's only from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM beginning in April and ending in November. Residential permit (no charge) required. Call DPW at 781.762.1413. Go to www.dpw.norwoodma.gov and scroll down to Winter Street Composting Facility link to view the rules and regulations for the drop off site.

3. WEEKLY CURBSIDE LEAF BAG PICK UP - Residents can purchase leaf bags from stores like Home Depot, Ocean State and grocery stores. Place leaf bags curbside on your regular trash weekly pickup day by 7am. DPW will pick up and drop off at the town's compost site.



PLACE ONLY LEAVES AND GRASS AND OTHER ORGANIC DEBRIS IN LEAF BAG.

PLEASE DO NOT TAPE LEAF BAGS. Tape does not biodegrade.

DO NOT PLACE TRASH, RECYCLABLES, PLASTIC BAGS, ROCKS, ROPE or anything else in leaf bags. Otherwise, the trash pcs ends up in the compost, and residents end up bringing litter home in their compost.

To learn more about what yard debris you can put curbside, go to www.dpw.norwoodma.gov and scroll down to Leaf and Brush Pick Up link.

Free compost available to residents at the Winter Street Compost Site!

NOTE: Compost should be mixed into soil at a ratio of 3 parts soil to 1 part compost.

Questions? Call Recycling at 1.781.762.1413 or

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