



COMPOST THAT STUFF

FOOD TO FLOWERS



HOW WILL THE COMPOSTING PROGRAM WORK?

The collection system is easy, clean, and efficient. At different areas in the cafeteria, there will be five clearly-marked containers for:

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| 1. Trash: | gray barrel |
| 2. Liquids: | small white bucket |
| 3. Containers: | tall blue bin |
| 4. Food waste: | yellow barrel (no liquids) |
| 5. Styrofoam trays: | clear bag for recycling |



WILL SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO RECYCLE STYROFOAM IF THEY START COMPOSTING?

Yes, for now. Eventually, once prices and product selection are competitive and complete, all Styrofoam food service ware will be replaced by biodegradable alternatives, which means nearly all cafeteria waste will be composted.



WHO ELSE IN CAMBRIDGE IS COMPOSTING?

Over 70 locations are keeping food waste out of the trash including dozens of restaurants. Plus, thousands of Cambridge household's compost food and yard waste in their backyard, or bring food scraps to the Recycling Center (open hours: Tu/Th 4-7:30pm & Sat 9am-4pm). Some residents even compost with worms in their apartment!



WHAT'S COMPOSTABLE?

All food scraps and food soiled paper: kitchen scraps, plate scrapings, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, meat, bones, fish, dairy products, baked goods, napkins and paper lunch bags. It is very important that everyone do their part. Please make sure that only compostable items are put in the yellow barrels. Ask yourself, "Is this worm food?"



WHAT'S NOT COMPOSTABLE?

Styrofoam, plastic, metal, snack bags, liquids, and glass are examples of other non-biodegradable items. Liquids should be poured into the small white bucket, which will then be poured down the drain.



DOES COMPOSTING HELP MEET THE CITY'S CLIMATE PROTECTION GOALS?

Yes! By composting food scraps, we will increase the City's recycling rate by diverting more waste from landfills. Composting is an essential climate strategy since methane emissions from landfills are 72 times more potent than carbon dioxide over a 20-year time frame.



WILL SCHOOL COMPOSTING SAVE MONEY?

The City will control disposal costs by removing the heavy stuff from the trash, thereby avoiding waste disposal fees. DPW has estimated that the schools produce at least 20 pounds of food waste per 100 students every day.



**IF YOUR SCHOOL IS INTERESTED IN COMPOSTING,
ASK YOUR CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPAL TO CALL DPW AT 617.349.4836.**