

## Backyard Compost Bins

**RI Resource Recovery Corporation**  
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Available for purchase at our Administrative Offices (Building A), Monday through Friday, from 8:30-4:00.

The bins hold 11.5 cubic yards of material and are made from recycled content plastic.

The bins are easily constructed, needing no tools, and only require approximately three feet of backyard space.

They are \$40 each, and they accept checks or money orders made out to



## Kitchen Collection Containers

[www.plowhearth.com](http://www.plowhearth.com)



## Intro to Backyard Composting

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## Great Reasons to Compost

**It's Easy** - What a great way to recycle your grass clippings & organic kitchen scraps.

**It's Natural** - Compost is chemical free, so no pesticides are added when used on your food plants.

**Saves Homeowner Money** - No lawn bags to purchase, gas costs to transport yard waste, and no need to buy fertilizers.

**Saves Our Landfill** - Organics should not be in our landfill, but currently 20% of what ends up in the landfill is material that could be composted.

**Plants Thrive on Compost-** Healthier plants, vegetables and grass, not only look and taste better, but improve our air by making oxygen.

## The Compost "Recipe"

### 1. Add Three (3) Parts "Browns"

Leaves, straw, hay, shredded paper & cardboard, chipped brush, sawdust, small amounts of evergreen needles, dead flowers, corn stalks, vacuum cleaner bags and contents.

### 2. Add One (1) Part "Greens"

Grass clippings, vegetable & fruit waste, seaweed, eggshells, coffee grounds & filters, tea bags, manure (horse, cow, chicken, rabbit etc.)

### 3. Mix or Layer Materials

Cover green with browns. Do not add too many greens at once.

### 4. Water

Keep pile moist but not dripping wet. Cover during heavy rains. If gets too wet, turn pile and add browns.

### 5. Turn Pile

Introducing oxygen will help pile decompose faster.

## Do Not Compost

- Diseased plants
- Weeds with seeds
- Grease, Fats
- Meats, Fish & Poultry
- Bones
- Dairy Products
- Cat Litter
- Dog Waste

### Websites Worth A Look

[www.uri.edu](http://www.uri.edu)

[www.howtocompost.org](http://www.howtocompost.org)

[www.composting101.com](http://www.composting101.com)

[www.epa.gov/waste/conserve/rrr/composting](http://www.epa.gov/waste/conserve/rrr/composting)