

FREE food waste drop-off for Gill residents :

The Town of Gill has begun a food waste collection program. There are wheeled carts in a locked cage behind Gill's Riverside Municipal Building at 54 French King Highway. Sign up at the link below to get the lock combination. Drop off any day between the hours of 7 am - 9 pm.

Each week, the containers will be emptied by The Compost Cooperative and materials will be brought to Martin's Farm in Greenfield. This commercial composting facility can safely compost ALL types of food waste, including meat, bones, cheese, and other materials that can cause problems in home compost bins or piles. See inside this flyer for full yes/no lists of acceptable items.

The Town of Gill is offering a free kitchen food waste collection pail. Request yours when you sign-up.



Why compost?

Composting makes soil from food waste, saves money, and reduces trash. Studies show that residential trash in Massachusetts contains about 22% food waste! Households that separate their food waste for composting can significantly reduce their trash volume and save money by using fewer \$3 Gill trash stickers.

To sign up, fill out the form at: <https://tinyurl.com/GillCompost> or scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera:



For more information, call the Solid Waste District at 413-772-2438 or email: info@franklincountywastedistrict.org.

**INFORMATION ABOUT GILL'S
FOOD WASTE DROP-OFF PROGRAM!**

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Gill, MA 01354

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LOCAL
POSTAL CUSTOMER
GILL, MA 01354

FREE RESIDENTIAL COMPOST PROGRAM

For Gill Households



YES - DO compost in this program:

ALL food wastes:

- Meat, poultry, fish, bones, shells
- Cheese, dairy (no liquids)
- Eggs, eggshells, shellfish
- Fruits, vegetables, peels, pits (no produce stickers)
- Bread, rice, pasta, cereal
- Coffee grounds, paper filters, tea leaves, paper tea bags



Food-related paper:

- Paper napkins, paper towels
- BPI certified* compostable paper plates, paper cups, take-out containers
- Waxed cardboard, waxed paper
- Pizza boxes with stuck-on food (*recycle* empty pizza boxes)
- Paper egg cartons, molded fiber packaging
- Paper bags (*recycle* paper if clean)

Wood:

- Wooden chopsticks, skewers, stirrers
- Small wooden fruit crates

"Compostable plastic" products:

- Compostable cups (i.e. Greenware)
- Compostable bags (i.e. BioBag)
- Must be BPI certified*, look for the BPI logo:



NO - DO NOT compost these:

- NO liquids, including oils
- NO plastic bags, wrappers, cling wrap
- NO Styrofoam
- NO plastic, aluminum foil, metal, glass (*recycle* in container recycling)
- NO produce stickers, rubber bands, twist ties, etc.
- NO chemicals, hazardous residues
- NO beverage cartons, aseptic cartons (*recycle* with containers)
- NO frozen food boxes, ice cream cartons, Chinese food take-out boxes, butter wrappers (put all these in trash)
- NO kitty litter, pet waste, diapers
- NO cleaning wipes ("flushable", etc.)
- NO yard waste, leaves, grass clippings, brush



DO NOT DEPOSIT MATERIALS IN PLASTIC BAGS!



Food waste and other biodegradable materials are hauled weekly to a permitted commercial composting facility. Plastic harms this process.

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 Franklin County Solid Waste District:
 413-772-2438; info@franklincountywastedistrict.org
 MA Relay for the hearing impaired:
 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD)

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*BPI = Biodegradable Products Institute.
 Check BPI certification at: bpiworld.org

In the kitchen, collect items in the "Yes" column in a compost pail, a 5-gallon bucket, or any other closed container. The Town is offering a free "Sure-Close" kitchen food waste collection pail (pictured below). Request one when you sign-up. To make clean up easier, line the pail with newspaper, a paper bag, or a compostable BioBag. All "compostable plastic" bags and tableware must be BPI-certified; see logo at lower left. Never put plastic bags or any other plastic, metal, foil or glass in the compost.

