



Town of Belmont
Department of Public Works

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Dear Belmont resident,

The Town of Belmont is partnering with Black Earth Compost to offer a once-a-week household curbside food waste collection service.

The Town went out to bid to vet a vendor on behalf of Belmont residents. The service will cost Belmont residents \$49.99 for six months, plus a one-time start-up fee of \$34. The start-up fee pays for a 13-gallon lockable bin with compostable bag liners which will be used to collect food waste every week at the curb by Black Earth Compost.

Food waste doesn't have to be thrown out with the garbage, if we compost our food waste we create dirt that can grow more food. It's also heavy. Food waste makes up about 20% percent of the weight of the trash in Massachusetts and costing us a lot of money in waste disposal fees.

Black Earth Composting is already giving Belmont a volume discount. There are currently 642 Belmont subscriptions paying \$49.99 for six months. The cost per Belmont household will go down even more as more people sign up. When 1,500 households are enrolled in the program, the price will fall to \$44.99 for six months. It will fall to \$39.99 for six months once there are 3,000 households enrolled in the curbside composting program. Also included with every subscription, you will receive a voucher for a 10 lbs. bag of finished compost, redeemable at Wagon Wheel in Lexington.

If you would like to get more information about composting, or want to subscribe for this great curbside service, please go to Black Earth Compost website:
www.blackearthcompost.com

Watch a short video and learn more <https://youtu.be/MlvKgywcwYg>