

Usually, I (Belmont's Recycling Coordinator) attend the Farmers Market in June to display the discounted compost bins that the Town of Belmont sells. Usually, we offer two types-New Age and Earth Machine, each selling for \$25.00. However, after the DPW Office and garage down at the Town Yard, were organized we found a stash of New Age Composters. This will be the only type offered until most are sold. When this supply has dwindled down we will resume ordering both types.

Information is located on the Town's website under
Trash and Recycling Information

Home composting

There are pages of information to help you get started on composting at home. I recommend one for yard waste -leaves and grass clippings.

https://www.belmont-ma.gov/sites/belmontma/files/u346/home_composting_2017.pdf

Also, here is a video from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that explains home composting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X22-o3nxIKo&feature=youtu.be>

Backyard composting is supposed to be easy as long as it is done correctly. A quick read of the information on the Town's website and watching the above video should be able to answer most questions and give clear guidance. One caveat is- if you generate a large volume of food scraps critters will be a problem. Two years ago many residents had to dismantle their composters because rats were either living in them or setting up a burrow nearby to pilfer the scraps! So, if you have a lot of food scraps, I highly recommend you click on the link below and read about the food waste companies that offer curbside pick-up in Belmont. The Belmont Food Collaborative did a terrific job putting together information including pricing that can help you pick the company that fits your specific needs. Curbside collection is only for food waste, but more items can be placed in the bin. For instance, you can place meat, dairy and cooked food in the curbside bin.

<https://www.belmontcomposts.org/>

Happy summer and if you have any questions please call 617-993-2680.