

BEVERLY CITYWIDE CURBSIDE COMPOST BASICS



WELCOME TO THE CITYWIDE CURBSIDE COMPOST PROGRAM, AND THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS IMPORTANT WASTE REDUCTION INITIATIVE!! HERE IS SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU AS YOU GET STARTED:

- There are three compost pickup days each week. Check the map to find out which day your pickup is on:
 - TUESDAY: south of 128 and east of Rt. 22/Cabot (including the east side of the street itself)
 - WEDNESDAY: west of McKay Street and everything north of 128
 - FRIDAY: everything between these two
- Be sure to have your cart **CURBSIDE BY 7am**, as pickup may occur anytime between 7am – 6 pm. There is no regular pickup time, as the driver will need to continually modify the route for efficiency.
- Only the supplied **GREEN WHEELED CART** can be used, as this is what the collection hauler will be looking for. The cart has a 12-gallon capacity.
- Put your bin out **EVERY WEEK**, regardless of how full it might be. Let the composting be handled by the pros; no need to give it a head start at home!
- For ease and cleanliness, we *strongly recommend* that you **LINE YOUR CART AND COUNTER-TOP PAIL** with either a sturdy paper shopping bag (paper is good for compost; see next page) or easily obtainable certified compostable bags, those certified by the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) — for example: BioBags, Bag to Nature, If You Care, Natur-Bag etc. These are readily available online or at local grocery, hardware and houseware stores.
- **COLLECTION ISSUES / QUESTIONS:** Our hauler, **BLACK EARTH COMPOST**, is a local private business based in Manchester, MA serving farms, towns, commercial and residential customers. They're the nicest people you'll ever want to meet. For general questions, write to blackearthcompost@gmail.com. For missed pickups, write to missed@blackearthcompost.com or call (978) 290-4610
- **OTHER QUESTIONS or FEEDBACK:** write to the Beverly Waste Reduction Committee at beverlycurbsidecompost@gmail.com, and we'll be eager and happy to answer any questions or take any suggestions you might have!

WHAT CAN I PUT IN THE COMPOST BIN?

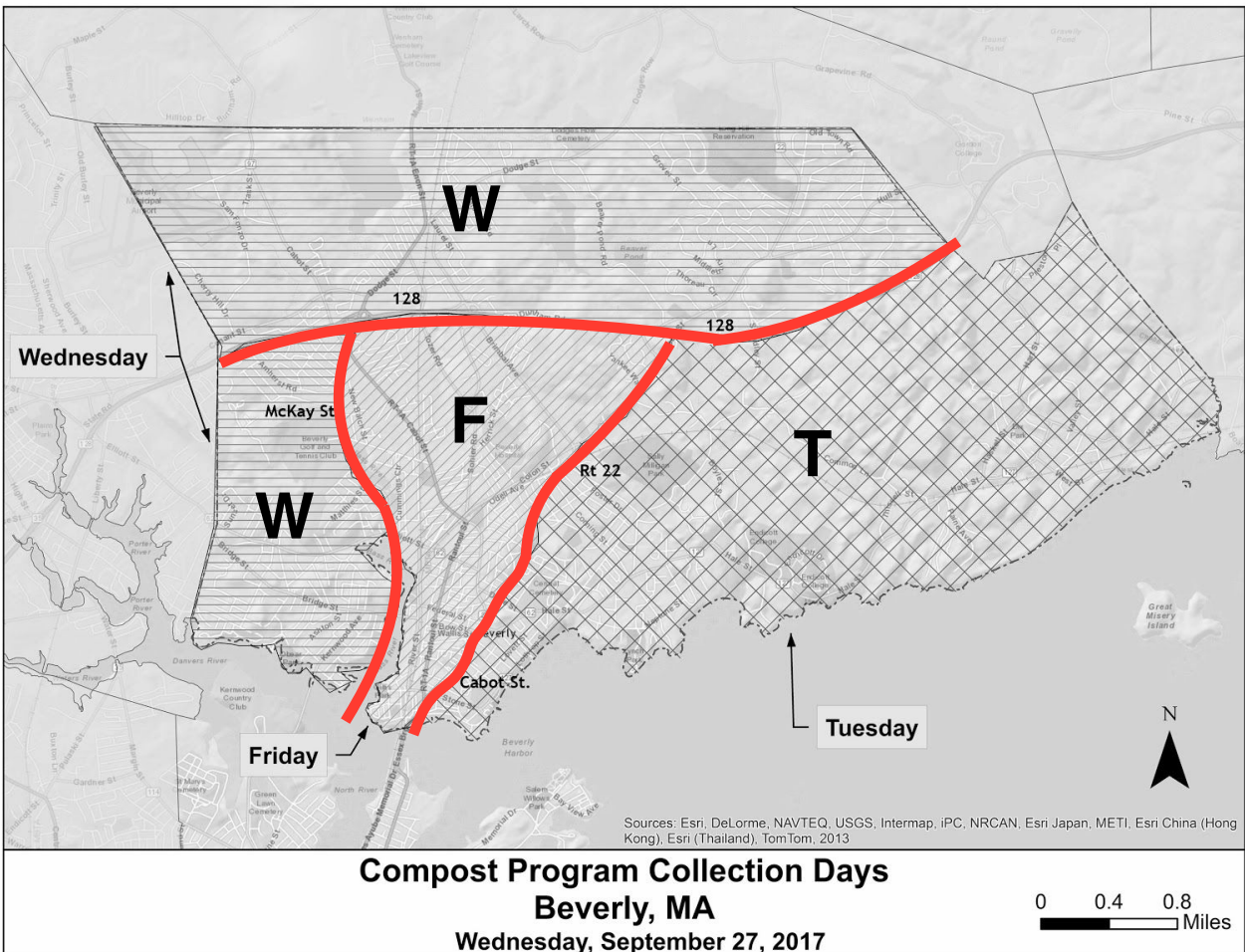
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- **PAPER:** Paper is a wood product and essential for compost as the fuel (carbon) that heats the pile and puts the microbes to work. This includes: **FOOD-SOILED PAPER** (as opposed to chemically soiled): pizza boxes, paper towels, napkins, tissues, *real* paper plates, cups and food containers with matte finish (NOT the shiny plastic kind) **NEWSPAPER** (ink is typically soy-based, so no problem)
- **WAX PAPER & CARDBOARD** (even if paraffin-based, but *definitely not any kind of plastic wrap or cellophane*)
- **COFFEE GROUNDS & FILTERS** and **TEA BAGS**
- **FOOD WASTE**, for example:
- **RAW or COOKED MEAT & SEAFOOD**
- **DAIRY**
- **PASTA, GRAINS & BREAD**
- **COOKIES, CAKE & CANDY** (including gum)
- **EGGS & eggshells**
- **FRUITS & VEGGIES** (including stems, skins, pits, seeds)
- **NUT & COCONUT SHELLS**
- **COOKING OIL & GREASE**
- **ANYTHING ORGANIC**, including:
- **HOUSE PLANTS & FLOWERS** (but no yard waste, see next column)
- **WOOD** toothpicks, popsickle sticks, chop sticks
- **SAWDUST**
- **COTTON SWABS & BALLS**
- **WINE CORKS** (cork, not plastic!)
- **STOVE, GRILL & FIREPLACE ASH**
- **PET FOOD** (unused)
- **PET WASTE:** RABBIT, CHICKEN, BIRD, HAMSTER bedding & waste
- **HAIR & FUR** (human, animal)

NAY!

- **ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC OF ANY KIND** (cups, containers, food wrap, candy wrap, chip bags, shopping bags, garbage bags, produce bags etc etc etc). These will never decompose. Ever. These need to be **RECYCLED**.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO CARTONS** (milk, juice, shelf-stable cream, broth and soup containers are “hybrid” containers that have hidden plastic and foil components that are not biodegradable; they are not simply waxed-paper cartons)
- **DIAPERS**
- **SANITARY PRODUCTS**
- **DOG or CAT WASTE**
- **CAT LITTER**
- **DEAD ANIMALS**
- **YARD WASTE & GRASS CLIPPINGS** (most yard waste is contaminated with chemicals and fertilizers; it should be taken to the Standley Street compost facility)
- **LAUNDRY LINT & DRYER SHEETS**
- **CHEMICALLY-SOILED PAPER** (baby and disinfectant wipes, paper used with other chemical cleaning solutions, house paint, machine oil, etc)
- **TEXTILES** (these should be taken to the outdoor textile recycle centers that can be found at all Beverly public schools)
- **TAKE-OUT FOOD CONTAINERS** (find out at point of purchase if they are compostable; most are not)

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