

COMPOSTING BIN LIST

Ready-made and easy to assemble bins can be purchased at local hardware and garden supply stores or you can refer to the list of bin suppliers below.

Cancelor Corporation
Recycling Products and Systems
Six Parker Road
Arlington, MA 02174
(617) 643-4851
"Soilsaver Classic Composter"
Food and yard waste.

Environmental Applied Products
2029 N. 23rd Street
Boise, ID 83702
(800) 531-0102
"Tumblebug Yard Composter"
Food and yard waste.

Green Mountain Technologies
P.O. Box 17
Whitingham, VT 05361
(802) 368-7291
"Easy Rotter"
Food and yard waste.

Norseman Plastics
2296 Kenmore Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14207
(800) 267-4391
"Earth Machine Composter"
Food and yard waste.

Obex, Incorporated
P.O. Box 1253
Stamford, CT 06904
(203) 975-9094
"Novawood"
Food and yard waste.

Recycled Plastics Marketing, Inc.
2829 152nd Avenue N.E.
Redmond, WA 98502
(206) 867-3200
"Seattle Composter"
Food waste.

Set Point Paper Company Inc.
31 Oxford Road
Mansfield, MA 02048
(508) 339-9300
"City Gardener"
Food and yard waste.

Smith & Hawken
117 East Strawberry Drive
Mill Valley, CA 94941
(800) 776-3336
"Biostack Composter"
Food and yard waste.

Solar Cone
P.O. Box 67
Seward, IL 61077
(800) 807-6527
"Green Cone Food Waste Recycler"
Food waste.

WORM BINS

Flowerfield Enterprises
10332 Shaver Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49002
(616) 327-0108
Worm bins and worms.

Gardener's Supply
128 Intervale Road
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 660-3500
Worm bins and worms.

RecycleIt Corporation
25 N.W. Gordon Road
Bend, OR 97701-1836
(800) 769-1044
"Worm Farm" composting kit.

This is only a partial listing and by providing it to you, the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension and the New Hampshire Governor's Recycling Program are not recommending these products over any others.

For More Information:

Available at all New Hampshire Public Libraries is the composting video *Turning Your Spoils Into Soils* and a guide *Composting to Reduce the Waste Stream*. For more information, please contact your county Cooperative Extension listed in your local telephone directory, or the New Hampshire Governor's Recycling Program, 2 1/2 Beacon Street, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-1098.

GRASS-CYCLING

Grass-cycling is a new term in lawn care, describing a method of mowing that reduces waste and improves the condition of the lawn. Simply, grass-cycling is cutting the top third of the blade and leaving it in place, allowing essential nutrients to recycle back to the turf.

According to Dr. John M. Roberts, Extension Turfgrass Specialist at the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, nearly one-third of the fertilizer applied to lawns can be recycled by leaving the clippings. As a general rule of thumb, turfgrass should be mowed every five to seven days during the growing season, leaving it at a height of two inches.

BENEFITS OF GRASS-CYCLING

- Grass-cycling cuts mowing time, by eliminating the need to stop frequently to empty the mower bag.
- Grass-cycling eliminates raking; the clippings decompose rapidly in place, feeding the soil and keeping it healthy.
- Grass-cycling conserves water; the clippings serve as a natural mulch to shade the soil from hot sun and reduce moisture loss from evaporation. Clippings also decompose into water absorbent humus.
- Grass clippings do not cause thatch build-up.

For more detailed information on composting or on Nashua's backyard composting display, contact **NASHUA RECYCLES** at 589-3410.

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