

## Frequently Asked Questions: Composting in Beacon

### **Q) I want a backyard bin or a kitchen bin for collecting scraps. How can I get one?**

Whether the City will subsidize another group purchase of backyard bins depends on its budget for 2023. This idea will be discussed with City Council in the second half of 2022. Please send in your input on a proposed extension of the composting pilot program.

In the meantime, another way to purchase a compost bin at a discount is to order it through Dutchess County: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Solid-Waste-Management/Composting-Solid-Waste-Management.htm>

For countertop/kitchen bins, you can repurpose a small tub, bucket or other container you may already have and empty it into a larger bucket outside (that has a cover) whenever necessary. We believe countertop bins are also sold at Utensil (<https://utensilkitchenware.com/>) and REfill REstore (<https://www.instagram.com/refill.restore.beacon/?hl=en>) in Beacon.

### **Q) I need guidance on composting.**

A basic how-to is available on the City of Beacon's composting webpage – scroll part-way down for how to use the municipal drop-off spots, and all the way down for how to compost food scraps at home. <https://beaconny.gov/index.php/government/boards-committees/conservation-advisory-committee/compost/>

You can also watch [this how-to video](#) on composting in your yard, and [this video](#) on using Beacon's 3 free drop-off points for your household foods scraps. These were made by Beacon's Compost Working Group are specifically about how to compost with this pilot program.

We also have a Compost Help Desk to answer any specific questions. Just write to [compost@beaconny.gov](mailto:compost@beaconny.gov) and a member of the Compost Working Group will get in touch!

### **Q) Will I receive any compost as a result of participating?**

The food scraps we drop off in Beacon are brought to a composting facility in Cortlandt, NY. Finished compost can be purchased from the facility in person. Contact C.R.P. Sanitation: <https://crpsanitation.com>.

Alternatively, the [Community Compost Company \(CCC\)](#), which operates paid drop-off spots and residential pick-up service in Beacon, offers a compost give-back twice/year for residential subscribers.

### **Q) I love this program! Thank you for making it happen and I hope it continues.**

Thank *you* for participating in the composting pilot! The more people who participate in the pilot and [provide feedback via the surveys](#), the stronger the case we can make to City Council to continue to fund and hopefully to expand the program.