## Food Waste Composting is coming to Newmarket



Rick Malasky, Director of Public Works has announced that beginning on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 residents will be able to bring household kitchen waste to the Transfer Station on 345 Ash Swamp Road during regular hours. There will be special 96 gallon bins there dedicated to food waste composting.

Residents will be required to provide their own container (pail/bucket) which can be purchased at any local hardware or home improvement store. Compostable paper or corn based (green) bags provided by the resident are optional. Plastic bags and foam are NOT allowed. The Town is not selling buckets or bags at this time.

## There is NO charge to participate in the Food Waste Composting program.

Mr. Fox Composting of Eliot Maine will be collecting all of our food waste and hauling it to their facility.

With composting, nothing needs to be sorted or separated.

Everything is placed in the same container.

## **Acceptable Items**

All food scraps from plates (meat, chicken, bones)

Eggshells

Bread

Seafood (including shellfish)

Fruits & vegetables (pits & nuts too)

Coffee grounds & filters

Pizza boxes

Wooden stirrers

Sugar packets

Paper napkins, plates & towels

Wax paper liners

Tea bags and tes

Muffin wax wrappers

Flowers and floral trimmings

All corn based cups & utensils

Corks

**No Straws Please** 

Not on the list? NOT compostable. Learn more at MrFoxComposting.com

The Newmarket Energy & Environment Advisory Committee made presentations to Public Works and the Town Council promoting a food waste compost program as a way to divert tons of organic materials from being landfilled. Food waste is the heaviest portion of municipal trash and removing it from the waste stream lowers tipping fees, reduces methane gas and produces compost as a useable byproduct.

The Energy & Environment Committee would like to thank those involved for making this project a reality.

## Suggested Items:



5 gallon pail w/lid



Stainless kitchen bin



Compostable bags (opt)