CURBSIDE ORGANIC WASTE
A program for residents of Hamilton and Wenham

Organic waste when properly recycled becomes compost. By composting our organic waste, we recycle it back to the earth enriching our gardens. Additionally, solid waste is heavy; removing this type of waste from the weekly trash pick up reduces trash disposal costs.

The Town of Hamilton is offering a curbside collection of organic waste to the residents of Hamilton and Wenham.

PROGRAM COSTS: (As of October 5, 2011)

- For $29 Participants will receive a kitchen counter collection container and a wheeled green bin to put curbside.
- The fee for curbside collection for fiscal year 2012 has yet to be determined. If there is a fee, it is not expected to exceed $100 per year. When the fee is determined each participating household will receive an annual bill.

Organic waste will be picked up curbside every Wednesday. This pick up is separate from your regular trash pick up and is always on Wednesdays even on a holiday week.

To sign up for the program, please go to Hamilton’s Department of Public Works. We are located on the 2nd floor of Hamilton’s Town Hall. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 to 4. If you have any questions, please call (978) 468-5580.
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Information Sheet

Pick up:
Please have your container curbside every Wednesday by 7:00 a.m.

What can go in?
- raw food, scraps
- cooked food and pastry
- meat and bones
- coffee grounds, with filter paper, and tea bags
- house plants, yard weeds, clippings, grass
- hair (human and animal)
- dirty paper (towels, pizza disks)
- fruit and vegetable peels: banana, orange, etc.
- litter box material

If you have additional waste that will not fit in your green bin, you may put the excess organic waste into a paper bag and place in next to your green bin.

What does not?
- plastic of any kind
- sticks, pebbles
- leaves

Compost for your gardens: Pick up at Patton Park on railroad side beyond tennis courts. Shovels only, please. No Trucks. Available all spring, summer and fall. Please don’t be greedy! If you need more than a couple of barrels, call Brick Ends Farm: 468-3131 and they will deliver you compost at $30/yard.

Care of Your Bins: Keep lids latched, rinse with water regularly, and/or vinegar and dishwashing detergent solution as needed.