TOWNS OF HAMILTON AND WENHAM
ORGANIC WASTE

The Towns of Hamilton and Wenham will pick up organic waste curbside every week. The questions and answers below contain information on how the program works.

Will my pick up day for compostable waste still be Wednesday each week?
Maybe. Curbside compost will now be picked up the same day as your regular trash and recycling.

What type of bags can I use in my kitchen counter or 13 gallon containers keep them clean?
You may use paper bags or a compostable bag certified by the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI).

What is BPI?
The Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) is a not-for-profit association of key individuals and groups from government, industry and academia. For more information visit www.bpiworld.org

How can I tell if a bag is approved for use in my compost container?
To ensure that the products you buy and use are truly compostable, look for the BPI logo to provide assurance of compost ability or biodegradability.

What companies currently manufacture BPI Certified Bags?
Glad and NaturBag are two of many manufacturers.

Where can I buy compostable bags for my compost container?
Crosby's Market in Hamilton, Dawson's True Value in Beverly or online.

What if I have more organic waste than will fit in my 13 gallon container?
You may purchase additional 13 gallon waste containers at the Wenham Town Hall. Please do NOT put additional waste in paper bags next to your organic waste container. They will NOT be picked up.

Will you take grass clippings with my organic waste?
No.

Where can I get free compost for my garden?
Compost is available at Patton Park at the end of the dirt road behind the baseball fields.

How much compost may I take per week for my garden?
Residents may take up to 10 gallons of compost per week for their personal use.

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