**Why become a home composter?**

According to EPA, food waste is a growing problem in our modern society. Approximately one third of the food produced worldwide never makes it to the table and ends up as waste, occupying around 25% of our ever- shrinking landfills. Landfills produce a potent greenhouse gas – methane - because decomposition occurs anaerobically (not in the presence of oxygen). Composting, at home, lowers greenhouse gases by improving carbon sequestration in the soil and by preventing methane emissions through aerobic (in the presence of oxygen) decomposition, as methane-producing microbes are not active in the presence of oxygen. Compositing produces carbon dioxide (CO2 emissions) – a much less potent greenhouse gas. Methane causes about 80x the warming than CO2 over a 20-year time period.

**But isn’t it really complicated?**

For information on how to get started as well as tips on how to develop soil for your garden or more high-quality mulch:

Refer to this excellent UNH Extension Bulletin (two different formats)

Composting for the Home Gardner Fact Sheet

<https://extension.unh.edu/resource/composting-home-gardener-fact-sheet>

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<https://extension.unh.edu/sites/default/files/migrated_unmanaged_files/Resource007966_Rep11638.pdf>

For a really easy fun way to learn about composting

Watch this fun video from the Massachusetts Department Environmental Protection

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sd3dE3ZHSVo>

OR You can be a ***lazy composter*** – throw it in and watch it disappear and empty it every ….when ever you want. Feel free to contact fellow Lazy Composter Joanne Morin [morin.joanne@gmail.com](mailto:morin.joanne@gmail.com)

***In April in Laconia your trash can is being replaced by public works***

***repurpose it to start composting!!***