

## **Franklin County Solid Waste Management District**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Compost those pumpkins!**

Wondering what to do with those ghoulish rotting pumpkins on your doorstep? Compost them! Autumn, with its many chores of cleaning up the yard and reaping garden harvests, is a great time to start composting. Composting is easy, and it can be even easier with an effective compost bin. Attractive, durable bins for backyard composting are available for through the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District for District residents at several locations.

The "Earth Machine," which sells for \$40, is made of a tough recycled polyethylene plastic and has a twist-on locking lid. The bin stakes to the ground and is easy to assemble, rodent resistant, and designed for good aeration.

The Earth Machine is available at these four locations: Colrain Transfer Station, Sat. 8-4; Wendell Transfer Station, Tues. 12-6, Sat. 7:30-3:30; Orange Transfer Station, Tues., Thurs, & Sat.: 8-2:45; and the District office, 50 Miles Street, Greenfield (hours vary; call 772-2438).

Greenfield residents are not members of the Solid Waste District, but they can purchase bins from the Greenfield Transfer Station: for more information Greenfield residents should call 413-772-1528.

For more information on composting or waste management programs, call the Solid Waste District at 413-772-2438 or visit the District website at [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org). MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.