



How do I buy a compost bin?

You can purchase a compost bin at the DPW office, second floor, Town hall and pick it up at transfer station.

Resident of Marshfield the cost is \$45

Non-Resident the cost is \$50

What is the composting process?

All organic material contains carbon and nitrogen in varying amounts. The microorganisms need carbon for energy and nitrogen to reproduce; they are most productive when the ratio of carbon to nitrogen is about 30:1. The main thing to keep in mind as you build your pile is that dry, woody materials, like dried leaves, straw and cornstalks, are high in carbon and should be layered with materials like green weeds, grass clippings, or animal manure, which are high in nitrogen. Do not add meat, bones, fat, and greasy or oily foods. Other materials which should not be added to the compost pile include cat and dog manure, diseased plants, weeds that have gone to seed, and weeds that spread by rhizomes, such as morning glory, ivy and quack grass. In order to keep your compost pile from developing unpleasant smells, oxygen must be available so that aerobic organisms will thrive. The soil organisms need a moist environment. As the organisms go to work, they produce heat, which causes the temperature in the pile to rise. Bins are preferable to open compost piles for several reasons. They look neater, keep out pests, and help the pile hold in heat.