

Composting 101

The Creation Care Team partnered with Sustainable Marblehead to offer a program on composting with Black Earth on Earth Day, April 22. Black Earth is the Parish's and the Town's composting service provider. They offer curbside pick up of compostable materials. Alternatively, residents can bring materials to the Black Earth bins located at the Transfer Station.

Black Earth's mission is to nourish the soil to grow healthy plants in Massachusetts, with an emphasis on food production. Their motto is Compost, Grow, Eat, Repeat.

Black Earth specializes in hauling food scraps such as fruits, vegetables, meat, bones, shells, dairy products and other organic material from residences and businesses and processing them at their compost site in Manchester-by-the-Sea.

Composting helps reduce the amount of curbside trash that ends up in landfills. When food ends up in a landfill, in the process of breaking down, it produces methane, a powerful greenhouse gas that accelerates climate change and global warming. Composting significantly reduces emissions, builds healthier soil, and saves room in our landfills, which are rapidly running out of room.

Black Earth also collects hard-to-recycle materials such as electronics, textiles and plastics.

New Black Earth customers will receive an Earth Day discount of 15% off your first food scrap collection or \$10 off delivery of compost, soil or leaf mulch if you sign up before the end of the April. Use code EARTHDAY25 to obtain the discount.

