

## COMPOST FACILITIES IN THE BERKSHIRES

***More than 95% of Food Waste that could be Composted ends up in landfills, which produces methane. Methane is 84 times more effective at absorbing the sun's heat than carbon dioxide, making it one of the most potent greenhouse gases and a huge contributor to climate change.***

If you're already doing home composting, bravo, but there are advantages to using these **compost services**. *Home composting cannot accept meat, dairy, bones, and some other troublesome food waste because of the lack of sufficient heat generated by the small compost pile to break it down—not counting the foul odors and pesky critters it attracts. The compost piles collected by these vendors are brought to farms with industrial-sized piles that reach very high temperatures to accelerate the decomposition process. If you love your compost pile, no need to give it up. But all those meats and dairies you're having to send to the landfill can find a new home. Back in the earth—where they came from.*



**Tommy's Compost Service** is a small, mom-owned business that **provides food-waste pickup for residents and businesses in the Berkshires**.

Link to website: <http://TommysCompost.com>

### Residential Pickup Services

Are you looking to compost your food scraps, but want someone else to help? They provide you with a 5-gallon collection bucket with compostable bag that you use to store your food waste in. Then, on your pickup day, you bring it out to the curb and they empty it for you and bring the food waste to be composted at their facility.

### Pricing Options

- **Weekly Pickup-\$28/Month-For Households of 3+ (Best Value)**
- **Biweekly Pickup - \$18/Month - For Households of 1-2 People**

*You can share a bucket with a neighbor and split the cost—create only one account and share the expense.*

**Check Out What CAN and CAN'T Go In Your Compost For Collection by Tommy's Compost**

<https://www.tommyscompost.com/services>

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** <https://www.tommyscompost.com/faq>

- Their standard collection container is 5 gallons in volume. It is around 14" tall and 12" in diameter. It has a lid that seals but is fairly easy to take on and off.
- No long-term contracts—month-to-month service. You can cancel at any time.
- Pickups are based on the neighborhood in which you live and are done during the day. Place your bin outside and at the curb by 9 a.m. on your neighborhood's pickup day. Food waste is picked up between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.; so as long as it's ready, no need to be home.
- Each spring and fall, some finished compost is delivered to customers who want it for free and who have been signed up for at least 3 months. You get a cubic foot (about 7.5 gallons) of compost delivered to your home. Additional compost can be requested but is not guaranteed to be available.



### Also offers Commercial Pick-Up Services

*They also have a variety of solutions for businesses and restaurants that need to compost their food and other compostable waste. To inquire about how they can help you reach your composting goals, send an email to [hello@tommyscompost.com](mailto:hello@tommyscompost.com).*



### Composting for Schools

*They have a lot of options for schools to help them achieve their goals with composting. Email them to find out more! [hello@tommyscompost.com](mailto:hello@tommyscompost.com)*

**Meadow Farm in Lee: Free compostables disposal at the Meadow Farm facility on Meadow Road has been suspended due to compliance and safety issues. We will announce when the service is again available.**