

Municipal Food Waste Collection Research

Town/Participation	Program length/private hauler or	Pilot/Dropoff program	Fees/Structure	Expenses/Grants	Challenges	Option for Resident w/ Extra Large Pickup
Ipswich, MA 550/5100 households	5 years private hauler provides service	2011 pilot, after 1 year moved to subscription service. Curbside weekly service	\$1/week voluntary opt-in with a yearly subscription that is renewed annually. Fee includes 12 gallon bin and free compost. Trash collection is limited to 35 gallons/week.	MASS DEP grant for 12 gallon bins	getting signups, rescheduling pickups due to storms & high initial cost. Cost lowered due to switching drop off site and higher number of participants brought costs down	contact hauler directly to arrange special pickup for large collections
Lambertville, NJ 300/1900 households	4 years Municipality uses pickup trucks for collection. Bags are transferred to recycling truck. Trucks are hosed.	2014 Pilot for 100 households. Curbside weekly service	\$45 one time fee for indoor bin curbside cart, information brochure and 52 bio bags,	\$5000 grant to pay for the containers	No complaints. Learning curve in using biobags and having residents and staff get used to new routine.	
Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 500-600/2369 households	since 2014 private hauler	curbside weekly service	Free. Black Earth LLC provides free pickup to residents. Available to all residents. Residents receive 2 bins, one to collect kitchen scraps & one for curbside	one-time DEP grant.		
Fitchburg WI 257/300 households	1 year ended due to \$36K yearly cost. Fitchburg will relaunch if a local processing center opens	pilot, private hauler provided weekly service	\$140/year for all trash collection	no grants	biobag availability, lack of space for pails & collection cart, pests and animals, residents not sorting organic items properly	
Newport Oregon 2010/2590 households	since 2014, private hauler	opt-out, subscription service	\$6.59/mth for weekly collection, Food scraps and yard trimmings are combined in one container.	no grants	65 gallon container too large for residents, size and smell, now offer 24 gallon size which reduces fee for residents	Residents request additional carts for large pickups
Brattleboro, VT 2000+/3408 households	since 2012, private hauler	150 residents in pilot program, 2013 permanent program with 900 households	Curbside compost pickup is free. All residents must purchase Pay as You Throw bags for other trash. By sorting out food scraps, residents significantly reduce their individual trash costs.	No grants. \$40k year for food scrap program, FSR reduced solid waste costs which had \$110/ton tipping fees. 13 gallon bins are sold to residents for \$20	Brattleboro reduced trash pickup to every other week. Residents complain about diapers.	Drop off at Wyndham Solid Waste Mgmt
University Park, MD 213/900 households	since 2011, DPW took over from vendor after 15 months. Small body dump truck and 1 DPW staff picks up from 150 households in 1 day.	2011 pilot program for 50 residents, added 100+ in 2013. opt-in. Currently, 213 households.	opt-in, no fees	\$15K grant used for pilot	important that leachate doesn't leak onto roads from truck and follows NY solid waste regulation	
North Liberty, IA approx. 200/7231 households	since 2014	private hauler	\$25 deposit for 35 gallon bin. \$1.65/paper bag			
Oak Park IL 1500/23,000 households	since 2012, private hauler	started as pilot program for 200 households, no dropoff, biweekly pickup in winter, spring/fall weekly	\$14.85/mth for waste yard sticker and 96 gallon/toter plus under the sink bucket and biobags. grass clippings can be mixed with food waste. 3 months free with 12 month subscription. no opt.	grant for totes and liners	education and outreach, compostable vs. noncompostable pizza boxes	
Bridgewater CT 45/688 households		2014 started as curbside and transitioned to drop off, outside vendor initially picked up for free, but then cancelled.	residents drop off at DPW and outside vendor picks up for free		99% of residents are good about drop off rules. DPW oversees area and keeps track.	
Princeton, NJ	started 2011	3 month pilot program, curbside weekly	Available to all residents. \$65/year includes a 35 gallon cart, kitchen collector and a starter box of compostable bags			
Howard County, MA 6400/14000 households	since 2011	mini-pilot with 30 households from August - January. Residents kept journals. They received 25 bags to start. Residents can sign-up online.	\$225/year line item on property bill for trash, recycling and yard waste. Food scraps are collected with yard waste. Receive one free bin - 12, 35 or 65 gallon			
Salem MA, Hamilton, MA and Wenham MA	residents use private hauler Black Earth LLC which provides free curbside pickup					