

Compost Bins

General Considerations

Compost bins should be selected and located so as to minimize their impact on adjacent neighbors. The location should be as far as possible from neighboring properties and streets and should take advantage of screening provided by existing or proposed structures and/or vegetation.

The installation of compost bins in **attached housing** shall be in accordance with the approved project standards established by the builder for location, color, screening, etc. Homeowners' installation of compost bins is prohibited in **multi-family housing**.

Specific Guidelines

- Must be located in the rear or side yard; compost bins are prohibited in front yards.
- Generally, no more than one bin will be permitted on any property.
- The size of a compact compost bin is generally limited to 4' in height and 4' x 8' in dimension.
- The bin should be self-contained, sturdily constructed of durable wood, plastic or metal and finished in a dark, muted color or left to weather naturally (if wood).
- If visible from neighboring properties, the bin must be screened.
- The compost bin must be maintained so that it does not create a visual or environmental nuisance.
- All compost bins must be located at least 5 feet from all adjacent property boundaries.
- Areas converted to compost bins but not being maintained or used must be converted back to lawn or area landscaping with planting materials.

Submission Requirements

- Signed and dated application form.
- Description of the project.
- A copy of the property plat showing the house, any structures, significant, vegetation, property lines and the location of the proposed compost bin.
- If pre-made, include a plan and elevation drawing(s) identifying dimensions, material, and color.
- Where applicable, provide a planting plan indicating the proposed type and location of vegetation or other screening, existing or proposed.