
DEM Certified Composting Facilities:

**Charlestown Residential Collection
Center (CRCC)**

Sand Hill Road, Charlestown, RI 02813
(401) 364-7718
Retail of products
Call for price and hours of operation

Earth Care Farm

89 County Drive, Charlestown, RI 02813
(401) 364-9930
Wholesale of compost
Call for price and hours of operation

Richmond Sand & Gravel, Inc.

35 Stilson Road, Richmond, RI 02898
(401) 539-7770
Pickup and delivery available
Call for price and hours of operation

Smithfield Peat Co. Inc.

Leaf and Yard waste composting facility
259 Washington Highway, Smithfield, RI 02917
(401) 231-0400
Call for price and hours of operation

The Rhode Island Nurseries

736 East Main Road, Middletown, RI 02842
(401) 846-0721
Permit issued drop-off/no pickup service
Call for price and hours of operation

Watson Farm

455 North Road, Jamestown, RI 02835
(401) 423-0005
Materials used on site as soil amendment
Call for price and hours of operation

For More Information Contact:

RC&D Project Coordinator
Rhode Island Resource Conservation and Development
Council, Inc.
60 Quaker Lane, Suite 45
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 826-2409



Department of Environmental Management
235 Promenade St.-Providence, RI 02908
Businesses interested in
DEM compost or recycler
certification should Contact:
Municipal and Commercial Composting
(401) 222-2797
Agriculture Composting
(401) 222-2781



For residential composting questions contact: Rhode
Island Resource Recovery Corporation
65 Shun Pike
Johnston, RI 02919
(401) 942-1430 ext. 775
www.resourceexchange.org
www.recycleri.org

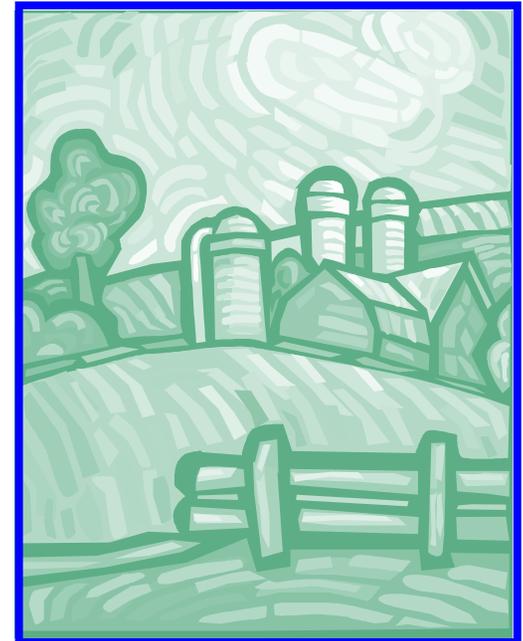


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Conservation &
Development Council,
Inc.**

**Rhode Island
Composting Facilities**



**A Solution For
Pollution**

What is a “composting facility”?

A composting facility is a place that processes organic materials (such as leaves, wood chips, grass clippings, seaweed, food scraps, and animal wastes) into a valuable organic soil amendment.

What is produced by “composting”?

A composting facility produces a biologically stabilized, humus-like material that can be mixed with soil and used as a planting medium or used as a soil additive in gardens and cropland.

What are the benefits to your community?

Properly managed compost facilities reduce the volume of materials brought to your landfills and reduce the risk of environmental problems that can be caused by improperly stored materials. These facilities use the science of composting to properly treat and recycle organic wastes so that it can be used to enrich soil quality. Adding composted organic materials helps create rich and healthy soils. Composting is good for you, your community, and your environment.

What are the benefits to you?

Manure and other organic materials high in nitrogen can, and do, cause pollution problems when stored improperly. The leaching and runoff of nutrients and pathogens may cause problems such as groundwater contamination and the eutrophication of ponds and lakes. Composting facilities prevent these potential problems by safely binding up the nutrient-rich materials into a product that can safely be used by homeowners, landscapers, farmers, and others.

How Can You Participate?

Municipal and Commercial operations

Composting facilities accept organic materials such as leaves, wood chips, animal waste, bedding material, and food processing by-products. Most facilities will only accept source-separated, organic materials that are free of litter and contaminants. Once processed, the composted materials may be available for purchase by the public through wholesale or retail operations. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) maintains a list (see graphic) of Certified Composting Facilities that are available for drop-off and/or pick-up of organic wastes and composted materials.

Start a Commercial Compost Facility

If you are interested in starting a commercial composting facility contact the RI DEM at 222-2797.

Homeowners

If you are interested in doing your own backyard composting, there are organizations in the state that frequently offer discounted compost bins that turn your yard waste into rich soil. In addition to leaves and other yard debris, many household wastes are organic. These include fruit and vegetable peels and cores, rotting produce, coffee grinds, tea bags, and egg shells. An excellent source of information on backyard composting is the Rhode Island Resource Recovery website at www.recycleri.org.

DEM Certified Composting Facilities Information						
Facility	Hours	Materials	Drop Off/Pickup	Volume Specs	Retail	Special Regulations
Charlestown Residential Collection Center 364-7718	M,TFS-8:00-4:00	Leaves, grass clippings, wood chips only.	Drop off only	None	Retail	Only residents with town sticker. Clean materials
Earth Care Farm 364-9930	M-F: 8:30-4:00 Sat. 8:30-12:00	Leaves, wood chips, manure, bedding, fish & food scraps, seaweed.	Year round drop off	Min. 1 cubic yard	Wholesale	No litter, contaminants, brush, grass, or stumps.
Richmond Sand & Gravel, Inc 539-7770	After 3/01/2005: M-F 6:30-5:30 Sat. 7:00-Noon	Leaves, grass clippings, horse and cow manure, wood chips, sawdust.	Pick Up	None	Retail/ Wholesale	None
Smithfield Peat Co. Inc. 231-0400	M-F 7:00-4:00 Sat. 7:00-Noon	Leaves and grass clippings.	Pick Up and Delivery available	None	Retail/ Wholesale	Accept new materials, but no manure
The Rhode Island Nurseries Landscape Association 846-0721	M-F 7:00-4:30	Leaves, Grass clippings, horse and cow manure, sawdust.	Permit only-issued by Nursery	Min. 10,000 tons	Call	Accept New Materials.
Watson Farm 423-0005	Call for hours	Leaves only.	By Appointment	None	Call	Leaves only