

# FAQ Sheet - Green Waste

## What do I do with compostable food waste?

- A** Composting is encouraged, however food waste is permitted in your clear bag.

## How do I start composting?

- A** You can start composting at home by using a compost bin. You can buy one or build your own. Some people also use a digester, which breaks down materials that regular compost bins can't handle. Both options help turn food scraps and yard waste into useful soil for your garden.

## Where can I purchase a composter or digester?

- A** A limited number of composters and digesters are available through the Peterborough County Planning and Public Works Department Office, located at 310 Armour Road. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call ahead at 705-775-2737 to confirm availability. Composters are \$30 plus tax, and digesters are \$60 plus tax.

## Where should I put a composter or digester?

- A** Composters and digesters should be placed in accessible, year-round locations.
- Composters: Set in a well-drained, sunny spot with access to water for moisture control. More details are available on the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan website.
- Digesters: Keep away from wells, septic beds, lakeshores, ponds, and other wet areas due to leachate and moisture issues. Avoid buried lines or cables, and choose a location with maximum sunlight.

## What do I do with bones, meat and oil?

- A** These items can be placed in home digesters or the garbage. A home digester needs some initial setup but far less ongoing maintenance than a composter, accepts more types of kitchen scraps, and typically runs for years with little upkeep.



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