

On July 21st, the East Goshen Board of Supervisors approved a **composting pilot program**. The purpose of this pilot is to gauge the interest and commitment of East Goshen residents in diverting their vegetable food waste from the landfill and household garbage disposals and having it converted into an environmentally beneficial resource. Several local municipalities have adopted full-scale composting programs for their residents. This short-term pilot will help East Goshen Township (EGT) determine if there is sufficient resident support for a cost-effective, long-term solution.

Here are the details of the approved pilot:

- This is a 5-month subsidized pilot program from August 2026 to January 2027 **for up to 50 resident households**.
- Each participating resident will receive:
 - A 5-gallon tightly lidded bucket,
 - A list of acceptable, compostable household waste, and
 - Instructions and best practices for managing food scraps and keeping buckets clean. It will be critical for residents to follow the instructions to avoid any wildlife and insect problems.
- A professional micro-hauler, [Back To Earth Compost Crew | Curbside Compost Collection | Montgomery County, PA | Pennsylvania](#), will pick up your bucket curbside, on a biweekly basis, and take the contents to a compost location where the food scraps will be turned into rich soil. Pick up will be every other Wednesday. For early registrants, **delivery of new buckets could begin as soon as July 29**.
- This pilot will be partially subsidized by EGT. The total cost is \$20/month per household, split evenly between the township and the resident. Pilot participants must set up an account with the hauler, Back to Earth Compost Crew, to be billed \$10/month for the duration of the pilot. EGT will pay the remaining \$10/month per household.
- **This subsidized pilot program is for EGT residents new to composting**, to encourage people to explore this approach as a way to divert food scraps from the landfill. **Residents who already work with a composting hauler are discouraged from registering for this short-term subsidized pilot.** If the pilot is successful, and if EGT adopts a full-scale long-term composting program, it will be available to all residents.

- All active participants will be eligible to receive, free of charge, up to three 5-gallon containers full of finished compost in the spring of 2027.

If you are interested and committed to this pilot program, please email sac@eastgoshen.org with your name and address ASAP to register. Registration will close on August 6th, on a first-come-first-served basis for up to 50 participants. If you are accepted into the pilot program, Back to Earth will email instructions to create an account and communicate the first pick-up date.