According to many studies up to 30 % or more of household waste that is going to our nations transfer stations is comprised of food or organic waste that is easily composted. Efforts to divert food and other organic waste from being disposed of at the transfer station will **save tax dollars.** For every ton of food waste that is separated from household trash our town could realize a savings reduction of up to $15 per ton processing fee.

Backyard composting is very easy, inexpensive, and when your compost is ready to use you’ll have a rich soil that can be added to your lawn or gardens.

*Here are a few links to get you started:*

Basic informational brochure:

<http://www.maine.gov/dep/sustainability/compost/backyard_composting.pdf>

EPA at home composting tips:

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>

**Backyard Conservation – Fact sheet:**

<https://www1.maine.gov/dacf/php/gotpests/weeds/factsheets/compost-bc.pdf>

How to build a backyard composter:

[**http://extension.missouri.edu/p/G6957**](http://extension.missouri.edu/p/G6957)

***Remember*** if many of us are participating at some level of home composting the overall savings to Standish could be tremendous!