Introduction to Composting at 8 Story Street

Overview:
Starting in July, HUIT will be partnering with BootStrap Compost to offer kitchen composting services at 8 Story Street. Composting is an essential part of Harvard’s commitment to waste reduction. By composting food scraps, coffee grounds, landscape waste, and compostable products, the Harvard community helps to divert organic waste from landfills. For more information on Harvard’s Composting goals, please check out Harvard’s Office for Sustainability website.

Composting Locations:

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Composting Q & A:

What is compost?
Compost is organic matter that has been decomposed in a process called composting.

What can be put in composting bins?
- All food scraps -- fruit, vegetables, bread, rice, pasta, meat, cheese, fish
- Compostable containers -- noted on them, includes compost logo
- Paper products: napkins, paper towels, tissues. Avoid disposing of copier paper
- Organic materials: coffee grounds, tea bags (check for staples), wooden stirrers

Can I really put meat in the compost bin?
Yes! BootStrap Compost’s large-scale composting farm can accommodate speedy decomposition of all organic materials.

When and how often is compost picked up?
Weekly, usually on Wednesdays
Are the bins swapped?
No -- each bin contains a compostable green liner, a trash bag that can itself be composted. Bootstrap Compost removes the liners and replaces them, after cleaning any organic material that remains.

Will the bins smell?
If the proper guidelines are followed, weekly turnover should eliminate any potential smells. If there is an odor, a few things can help mitigate it:

• Sprinkle a small amount of salt or baking powder on the top layer of compost
• Place shredded newspaper on the top layer
• Wrap meat or fish in paper before placing them in the compost bin

What do I do if there is a problem with compost?
Please email HUIT_AdminOps@harvard.edu with any questions or concerns.