Introduction to Composting at 1430 Mass Ave.

Where are composting bins located?
3 kitchens -- 2nd Floor, 4th Floor North, 4th Floor South

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! Backyard composting typically discourages meat because it attracts wild animals, and because it takes longer to break down. Large-scale composting, like at Rocky Hill Farm in Saugus where our compost is processed, encourages the speedy decomposition of all organic materials.

When and how often is compost picked up?
Weekly 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 and 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, concerns, or immediate issues.