DEM Certified Composting Facilities:

Charlestown Residential Collection Center (CRCC)
Sand Hill Road, Charlestown, RI 02813
(401) 364-7718
Retail of products
Call for price and hours of operation

Earth Care Farm
89 County Drive, Charlestown, RI 02813
(401) 364-9930
Wholesale of compost
Call for price and hours of operation

Richmond Sand & Gravel, Inc.
35 Stilson Road, Richmond, RI 02898
(401) 539-7770
Pickup and delivery available
Call for price and hours of operation

Smithfield Peat Co. Inc.
Leaf and Yard waste composting facility
259 Washington Highway, Smithfield, RI 02917
(401) 231-0400
Call for price and hours of operation

The Rhode Island Nurseries
736 East Main Road, Middletown, RI 02842
(401) 846-0721
Permit issued drop-off/no pickup service
Call for price and hours of operation

Watson Farm
455 North Road, Jamestown, RI 02835
(401) 423-0005
Materials used on site as soil amendment
Call for price and hours of operation

For More Information Contact:
RC&D Project Coordinator
Rhode Island Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.
60 Quaker Lane, Suite 45
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 826-2409

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For residential composting questions contact: Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation
65 Shun Pike
Johnston, RI 02919
(401) 942-1430 ext. 775
www.resourceexchange.org
www.recycleri.org

Recycling, make it second nature

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DEM Certified Composting Facilities Information

- **What is a “composting facility”?**
  A composting facility is a place that processes organic materials (such as leaves, wood chips, grass clippings, seaweed, food scraps, and animal wastes) into a valuable organic soil amendment.

- **What is produced by “composting”?**
  A composting facility produces a biologically stabilized, humus-like material that can be mixed with soil and used as a planting medium or used as a soil additive in gardens and cropland.

- **What are the benefits to your community?**
  Properly managed compost facilities reduce the volume of materials brought to your landfills and reduce the risk of environmental problems that can be caused by improperly stored materials. These facilities use the science of composting to properly treat and recycle organic wastes so that it can be used to enrich soil quality. Adding composted organic materials helps create rich and healthy soils. Composting is good for you, your community, and your environment.

- **What are the benefits to you?**
  Manure and other organic materials high in nitrogen can, and do, cause pollution problems when stored improperly. The leaching and runoff of nutrients and pathogens may cause problems such as groundwater contamination and the eutrophication of ponds and lakes. Composting facilities prevent these potential problems by safely binding up the nutrient-rich materials into a product that can safely be used by homeowners, landscapers, farmers, and others.

### How Can You Participate?

#### Municipal and Commercial operations
Composting facilities accept organic materials such as leaves, wood chips, animal waste, bedding material, and food processing by-products. Most facilities will only accept source-separated, organic materials that are free of litter and contaminants. Once processed, the composted materials may be available for purchase by the public through wholesale or retail operations. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) maintains a list (see graphic) of Certified Composting Facilities that are available for drop-off and/or pick-up of organic wastes and composted materials.

#### Start a Commercial Compost Facility
If you are interested in starting a commercial composting facility contact the RI DEM at 222-2797.

#### Homeowners
If you are interested in doing your own backyard composting, there are organizations in the state that frequently offer discounted compost bins that turn your yard waste into rich soil. In addition to leaves and other yard debris, many household wastes are organic. These include fruit and vegetable peels and cores, rotting produce, coffee grinds, tea bags, and egg shells. An excellent source of information on backyard composting is the Rhode Island Resource Recovery website at [www.recycleri.org](http://www.recycleri.org).