

**Alden Environmental Conservation Commission
Planning for a Proposed On Site Composting Facility
2001 Honorable Mention Award**

In the belief that yard waste recycling should be strongly considered as part of a comprehensive waste management strategy, the Alden Environmental Conservation Commission has proposed to the Town of Alden the construction of an on site composting facility. Brochures will enhance the public awareness of the plan.

The plan calls for one day a week to be set aside for a chipper to be sent around the area with Saturday morning designated for drop off of other unwanted yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings. Large woody wastes and stumps would be processed using a mobile tub grinder. This would be accomplished with the help of grants and/or subsidized funds.

Technical advantages include the low maintenance factor. The operation does not require full time staff and the machinery used in this process is already owned by the Highway Department.