

The Earth Tub Has Landed

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Food Co-op General Manager, is on
much anticipation, the Co-op's mass
driver is anxious to have this 750-po
other deliveries.

She asks, "Nora, can you go rent a fo
I reply, "Yes, right away."

Kenna hesitantly asks, "Do you know
I hesitantly reply, "No, but I'm sure I

Mark."

I had Mark in mind since he is an experienced forklift driver. Within 30 minutes
constructed gravel pad. A crowd had gathered on the Co-op loading dock, the ex
There were cheers, photographs and congratulations, all this elation in the name
With the Earth Tub, we will turn all the Co-op's kitchen scraps, spilled fo
and save landfill space at the same time.

The road to composting at the new Co-op location has been a long one a
the Moscow Food Co-op in conjunction with PCEI (Palouse Clearwater
Center, wrote a grant to the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). Th
composting system at the Co-op using the Earth Tub. This spring the gra
In June, I was asked to be the "Co-op Compost Champion." My mission
Tub. There were necessary approvals needed from the City of Moscow,
and nitrogen on such a large scale, many phone conversations ensued wi
Technologies.

We ordered the Earth Tub and it was assembled and shipped from Port 1
Before we can begin depositing food waste into the Earth Tub, we must
turn the compost. Our hope is to have everything up and running by the
out a way to pay for the electrical and construction upgrades necessary to
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