Curbside organics recycling compared to backyard composting

Organics recycling allows you to conveniently compost more materials without needing to maintain a backyard compost bin.

Compost more

Organics collected through the city program goes to a large-scale, commercial composting facility that kills bacteria and breaks down items that cannot be composted in a backyard compost bin.

Additional materials that can be composted in organics recycling include dairy products, meat and bones, paper towels and napkins, pizza boxes from delivery, and certified compostable products.

Convenient pickup

The city organics recycling program is convenient:

- You just sort it, drop it, and roll it out for collection.
- Your cart will be picked up weekly, year round.
- No need to maintain a compost pile, unless you compost your yard waste.

Backyard composting is still a good option for recycling fruit and vegetable scraps and yard waste into a soil amendment that you can use at home.

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Give back to nature with organics recycling



It's easy to make a difference

More than one-third of our trash is organic materials that can be composted. Recycling organic materials including food scraps, food-soiled paper, and compostable products is as easy way to reduce your trash and protect the environment!

Sign up today!

To sign up, complete and mail the enclosed postcard.

For more information, visit **hopkinsmn.com/863/Organics-Recycling** or call 952-939-1382.

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How does organics recycling work?

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3



Sort it. Separate your food scraps, coffee grounds, paper towels, tissues and other organics into a certified compostable bag.



Drop it. Place your bagged organics in the green organics cart.

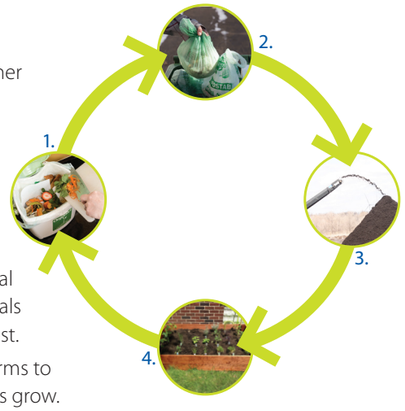


Roll it. Place your organics cart out for weekly collection.

Organics are a resource, not a waste!

The organics recycling cycle:

1. You separate your food waste and other compostable items into an organics container in your home.
2. You put your organics, bagged in certified compostable bags, into your organics recycling cart.
3. Your hauler picks up your organics recycling and brings it to a commercial composting facility, where the materials are recycled into nutrient-rich compost.
4. Compost is used in gardens and at farms to add nutrients to the soil to help plants grow.





Need a reason to participate in organics recycling?

For your kids. To reduce waste. For the plants in your garden. Because it's the right thing to do. Everyone has their own reason to take part in the organics recycling program. Figure out your reason, then sign up today.

Sign up now for 2022!

Because more than one-third of our trash is organic material that can be composted, signing up for organics recycling is one of the easiest things you can do to reduce your trash and make a difference!

- Residents with city recycling service can sign up for organics recycling.
- Like traditional recycling, whether you choose to do organics recycling or not, everyone pays a monthly rate on their utility bill for organics recycling. The charge for organics recycling is **$5.50 per month**.
- You will receive a 32-gallon organics recycling cart that will be picked up weekly.

There are three ways to sign up for organics recycling:

1. Complete and return the enclosed postcard
2. Visit **hopkinsmn.com/863/Organics-Recycling**
3. Call 952-939-1382

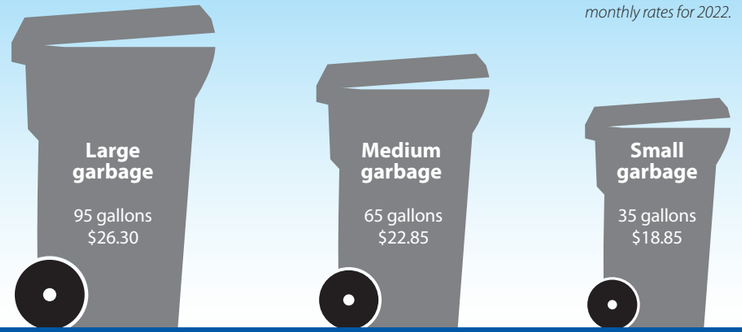
Spread the word

The organics recycling program will begin in January 2022. Once you sign up, spread the word! Encourage your friends and neighbors to sign up as well.

Save money by reducing your trash

Did you know? You can save money on your utility bill by switching to a smaller garbage cart. Switch to a smaller cart by contacting the utility billing department 952-548-6332.

Based on upcoming monthly rates for 2022.



For a detailed list of materials accepted and more information about organics recycling, visit **hopkinsmn.com/863/Organics-Recycling**.

What is accepted?

All food



- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, fish and bones
- Dairy products
- Eggs and egg shells
- Pasta, beans and rice
- Bread and cereal
- Nuts and shells

Certified compostable products



- Compostable paper and plastic cups, plates, bowls, utensils and containers.

Look for the term "compostable" or the BPI logo on certified products.

Food-soiled paper



- Napkins and paper towels
- Pizza boxes from delivery
- Paper egg cartons

Other compostable household items



- Coffee grounds and filters
- Facial tissues
- Cotton balls and swabs with paper stems
- Houseplant trimmings
- Wooden items such as chopsticks, popsicle sticks and toothpicks

Yes, sign me up for organics recycling!

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