

Organics Recycling Guide



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



Food-soiled paper

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



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.



Other compostable household items

- Coffee grounds and filters
- Facial tissues
- Hair and nail clippings
- Cotton balls and swabs with paper stems
- Houseplants and flowers
- Tea bags
- Wooden items such as chopsticks, popsicle sticks and toothpicks



Not accepted: Yard waste • diapers and sanitary products • animal and pet waste, litter or bedding • cleaning or baby wipes • grease or oil • Styrofoam™ • dryer lint and dryer sheets • recyclable items (cartons, glass, metal, paper, plastic) • frozen food boxes • microwave popcorn bags • gum • fast food wrappers • products labeled “biodegradable”

Tips for collecting organics at home

1.



Use a kitchen pail lined with a compostable bag to collect food scraps, paper towels and food-soiled paper.

2.



Keep "wet" organics in a container in your refrigerator or freezer until you are ready to bag your organics for collection.

3.



Convert your existing garbage can into an organics bin and use a smaller garbage can.

4.



Label your containers so everyone in your household knows how to sort their waste. Order free labels for your home recycling, organics and trash bins at hennepin.us/recycleeverywhere.

5.



Collect organics (and recycling) throughout your home. Don't forget about the bathrooms, bedrooms, laundry room and office!

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