



# 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

## Certified compostable products



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

## Food-soiled paper



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

## Other compostable household items



- Coffee grounds and filters
- Hair and nail clippings
- Houseplants and flowers
- Toothpicks and popsicle sticks

## Not accepted

glass • plastic and Styrofoam™  
• food wrappers and stickers •  
diapers • animal waste • products  
not certified compostable

# Tips for collecting organics at home



Use a vented container lined with a compostable bag to allow moisture to evaporate. This will reduce odors and help your compostable bags last longer.



Keep “wet” organics in your refrigerator or freezer. This helps to slow the decomposition of food, reduce odors, and prevent flies.



Keep non-compostable materials out. Organic material free of contamination is required for clean, nutrient-rich compost. If you aren't sure if an item is compostable, put it in the trash.



Focus on collecting food. Food scraps are the most common material in the trash and the most nutrient-rich material in the composting process.



Label your containers so everyone in your household knows how to sort their waste. Order free labels at [hennepin.us/organics](https://hennepin.us/organics).

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