



ORGANICS RECYCLING

At Your Business!

Starting This September!

What is Organics Recycling?

Organics recycling is separating organic waste (food waste, paper napkins, etc.) from the trash and keep it out of the landfill. It gets taken to a compost facility where, after 6-9 months, it becomes usable compost that returns the nutrients from the food back to the earth. Organics recycling is also often cheaper to dispose of than trash, there is no state tax on organics recycling like there is on trash. It also lowers greenhouse gas emissions from landfills.

Setup Materials:

Becker County has received a grant from the MN Pollution Control Agency to help start organics recycling. The following materials will be provided by Becker County at no charge for the length of the grant period (until Spring 2027).

- A separate bin with which to collect organics (if needed)
- BPI Certified Compostable liner bags
- Cart(s) for pickup
- Signage and stickers

Process:

- Gather organics in a dedicated bin lined with a compostable bag
 - You can choose to what extent you want to place organics bins
 - List of acceptable materials is on the back of this sheet
- Take bag out to the cart(s) when full or heavy
- Cart(s) will be emptied once a week by Becker County- Pickup will begin the week of September 22, 2025.
- Cost will be FREE for the length of the grant

Want More Information or Ready to Get Started?

Call 218-846-7310 or email envservices@co.becker.mn.us for more information or to schedule a free site visit.

Becker County will advise you on the best way to implement organics recycling for your business and provide training for staff.



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Questions?

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[https://www.co.becker.mn.us/
dept/environmental_services/
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Accepted



All food: Fruit, veggies, meat, dairy, grains



Uncoated, food-soiled paper: Napkins, paper egg cartons, pizza boxes



BPI Certified compostable foodware:
Must have BPI logo



Other compostable items: Coffee grounds/filters, wooden chopsticks/toothpicks, hair



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Not Accepted

Yard Waste: Leaves, branches, grass clippings



Recyclables: Metal, glass, cartons, plastic



Liquids: Cooking grease and oil, drinks



Foodware: plastic or printed coating, non paper



Misc: Styrofoam, gloves, aluminum foil, diapers, pet waste, menstrual products, produce stickers



Watch for products that is labeled
“biodegradable”, “natural”, or “eco-friendly”;
these terms are not regulated and do not
indicate if the product is compostable.
Check for the BPI logo!