



# ORGANICS RECYCLING

*At Your Home!*

***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 cheaper to dispose of than trash, and it lowers greenhouse gas emissions from landfills! With the assistance of grant funds from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, organics recycling will be available in Becker County this September.

## **How to collect food scraps and compostables at home**

- Line container with BPI certified compostable bag (1 roll provided in free kit) or a brown paper bag
- Collect food scraps and other compostable items in container (more details of what is accepted on back)
- Switch out bag once a week, or as soon as you notice the bag starting to break down
- Put bag in another container/bucket to prevent leaking and aid in transport
- Bring to a County drop site near you

## **Drop off your compostables at a County recycling drop site near you!**

### **Detroit Lakes**

M State- 900 St Hwy 34

Davis Ave- 504 Davis Ave

Ice Arena/County Fairgrounds- 1308 Rossman Ave

### **Audubon**

Near Orton's Gas Station- 129 2nd St

### **Lake Park**

Behind the American Legion- 2051 2nd St



**A FREE starter kit** of a kitchen pail, starter roll of organics bags, and informational pamphlets will be available on Thursday, September 18!



## **Want to be informed about the rollout of the Organics Recycling Program?**

Fill out this form through the link or QR code to sign up for email updates:

<https://forms.office.com/g/F45HVU637d>



## **Questions?**

Contact: 218-846-7310 or

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Website: [https://www.co.becker.mn.us/dept/environmental\\_services/organics\\_recycling.aspx](https://www.co.becker.mn.us/dept/environmental_services/organics_recycling.aspx)



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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!