

HENNEPIN COUNTY
MINNESOTA



Business recycling: Apply for bins and compostable bags

2021 guidelines

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Introduction

Businesses and organizations produce more than half of the waste generated in the county. Recycling programs conserve natural resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. They can also help a business' bottom line and demonstrate commitment to the community. The county provides free resources and assistance for small businesses and non-profit organizations to start or improve recycling and organics recycling.

Applicants may select up to \$3,000 worth of containers and BPI-certified compostable bags (organics programs require collection bins to be lined with compostable bags) from the county's product list. Only products listed in the application may be selected—there are no exceptions or substitutions. Compostable bags are only available to applicants starting new organics-for-composting programs, not organics programs that are already in place. Hennepin County Environment and Energy will purchase the containers and compostable bags, on behalf of the applicant, and products will be delivered to the address provided in the grant application unless noted otherwise.

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until Monday, November 15, 2021, or until the annual program budget is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

Eligible applicants: non-profits, small businesses* and multifamily properties located in Hennepin County.

*For purposes of this grant, *small business* is defined as having gross annual revenue/receipts no greater than \$1 million on average over the past three years. Hennepin County reserves the right to verify any information supplied, by means it deems appropriate, to determine the accuracy and truth of an applicant's gross annual revenue/receipts submitted for this grant.

Applying

Prior to applying, applicants must contact county staff through the [business recycling request form](#) for a consultation that may require a site visit to assess container needs and, if applicable, compostable bag needs. In order to qualify for compostable bags, you must provide a quote or other documentation from a licensed hauler that supports your intent to start organics recycling. You may request up to a 3-month supply of compostable bags.

Email the following to businessrecycling@hennepin.us

- your completed application
- substitute W9 vendor form
- If requesting compostable bags: documentation of pending organics service

After your application is reviewed, county staff will contact you to discuss next steps. Upon application approval, county staff will order the items to be shipped to your business address.

The county reserves the right to refuse funding or to partially fund an application.

Application information

The application will be provided after you contact county staff through the [business recycling request form](#) for a consultation. The application will ask you for the following information. We have provided this as a preview of the application.

Applicant information:

You will be asked to provide information about the following (more detail on the application).

- Business/organization name, address, and contact information
- Short summary of what your business/organization does
- Number of staff/residents at your site
- Short description of your current recycling system
- Short description of education you provide
- Information on your current waste hauling (locate a recent waste hauling invoice for this information)

Equipment selection:

You will select types and quantities of containers. Be prepared to specify where you will place each container. For compostable bags, you may request up to a 3-month supply.

Here are the containers and compostable bags you will select from:

Blue recycling container	Size options
	Size: 11" x 8" x 12" Capacity: 3.5 gallons
	Size: 14.5" x 10.5" x 15" Capacity: 7 gallons
	Size: 15" x 11" x 20" Capacity: 10 gallons
Green organics container*	Size
	Size: 12" x 9" x 9" Capacity: 2.25 gallons *Bags also available for this container

<p>Green organics container*</p> 	<p>Size options</p> <p>Size: 11" x 8" x 12" Capacity: 3.5 gallons *Bags also available for this container</p> <p>Size: 14" x 10" x 15" Capacity: 7 gallons *Bags also available for this container</p> <p>Size: 16" x 11" x 21" Capacity: 10 gallons *Bags also available for this container</p>
<p>Blue recycling container (and optional lid)</p> 	<p>Size</p> <p>Size: 20" x 11" x 30" Capacity: 23 gallons</p>
<p>Green organics container*</p> 	<p>Size</p> <p>Size: 20" x 11" x 30" Capacity: 23 gallons *Bags also available for this container</p>
<p>Blue recycling container (and optional lid)</p> 	<p>Size options</p> <p>Size: 22" (diameter) x 28" (height) Capacity: 32 gallons</p> <p>Size: 24" (diameter) x 31.5" (height) Capacity: 44 gallons</p>
<p>Green organics container*</p> 	<p>Size options</p> <p>Size: 22" (diameter) x 27" (height) Capacity: 32 gallons *Bags also available for this container</p> <p>Size: 24" (diameter) x 31.5" (height) Capacity: 44 gallons *Bags also available for this container</p>

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