



Organics Recycling Guide

Food



Certified compostable products



Look for the BPI logo on certified products. Only items with this logo are accepted.

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



Find a detailed list of accepted and not accepted items by scanning

the QR code or at hennepin.us/organics#what-to-compost

Not accepted

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

Tips for collecting organics at home



Use a vented container lined with a paper bag or certified 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.



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



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.



Label your containers so everyone in your household knows how to sort their waste. Order free labels at hennepin.us/organics.

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