

## Require businesses that generate large quantities of food waste to implement food waste recycling by 2020

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners has initiated the process to revise Ordinance 13 to require businesses that generate large quantities of food waste to implement food waste recycling by 2020. The county is seeking guidance on how to engage the business community in crafting this ordinance revision.

### Which businesses would be affected by this requirement?

Staff are proposing the requirements would apply to businesses in the following sectors that generate *one ton (eight cubic yards) of trash or more per week*:

- Restaurants
- Grocery stores
- Food wholesalers/distributors
- Food manufacturers
- Hotels
- Hospitals
- Sports venues
- Event centers
- Caterers
- Food trucks
- Nursing/residential care facilities
- Offices with dining services
- Farmers markets
- Food shelves

### Why this approach to determine which businesses are subject to the requirements?

- Targets facilities likely to generate large quantities of organic materials first.
- Manages processing capacity to avoid overwhelming the existing processors.
- Encourages the development of additional hauling, transfer and processing capacity by starting with large generators and potentially phasing in smaller ones after costs hopefully decrease.
- Initial stakeholder input provided support of this approach.

### What guidance is the county seeking?

- Sectors required to recycle organics
- Using waste generation threshold to trigger requirement
- Standards of compliance
- Process to engage affected members of business community

### How would the county assist with compliance?

- Continue to offer financial assistance, training and support
- Facilitate cooperation with haulers and help businesses address barriers such as space constraints, training challenges and cost effectiveness

### What is the ordinance revision process and timeline?

- Stakeholder engagement: January – March 2018
- Draft ordinance revisions: March – May 2018
- Solicit feedback from stakeholders on ordinance language: early summer 2018
- Staff presents recommendations to board: summer
- Board action – set & hold public hearing: fall
- Board adopts ordinance revisions: late fall 2018

Materials will be posted at

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