

 **WELCOME TO ORGANICS RECYCLING IN ANOKA COUNTY**

Thank you for your interest in starting organics recycling! Diverting food scraps from your trash will reduce landfill use, is good for the environment, and you may save money on your trash bill.

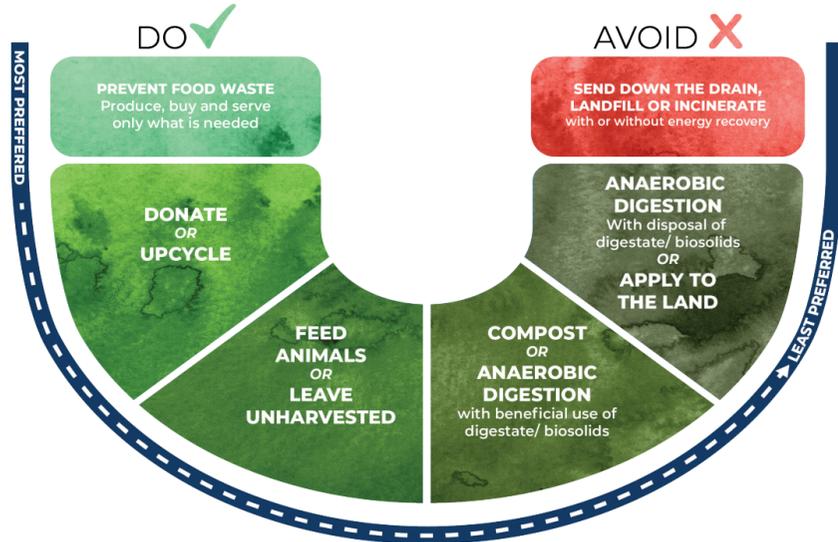
Read on for best practices and tips to make food scraps recycling at your home successful.

**What is organics recycling and why do it?**

Organics are natural materials that completely break down to make compost. Organics recycling does not take the place of traditional recycling of cardboard, metal, glass and certain plastics. Instead, organics recycling is a way to recycle your food waste and non-recyclable paper products like paper towels, napkins, facial tissues, delivery pizza boxes and coffee filters into usable compost.

**WASTED FOOD SCALE**

How to reduce the environmental impacts of wasted food.



Organics include all food scraps, paper towels, tissues, and BPI-certified compostable products.



- Breads, cereal, & grains
- Dairy products
- Coffee grounds & paper filters
- Eggs, eggshells, & paper egg cartons
- Paper towels, napkins, & tissues
- Meat, poultry, & fish
- Fruits, vegetables, peels, pits, & rinds
- House plant clippings
- Certified compostable products such as compostable food ware and bags labeled with a Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) logo



**IF IT'S NOT ON THE LIST DON'T PUT IT IN YOUR ORGANICS BIN**



**SIGN UP & START TODAY**

Follow the four easy steps below.

1. Scan the QR code or visit [AnokaCountyMN.gov/Organics-Food-Scraps](http://AnokaCountyMN.gov/Organics-Food-Scraps) to sign up.
2. Pick up a FREE organics starter kit.
3. Collect organics in BPI-certified compostable bags.
4. Take organics to a drop-off location.



Scan QR to register!



**REMEMBER**

- Organics **must** be put in **BPI certified** compostable or brown paper bag; this will eliminate pests and odors.
- **Do not** put metal or plastic twist ties on your compostable bag, just tie it closed.
- **"When in doubt, throw it out!"** Please make sure what you are including in your organics bin is accepted. When items that are not allowed are included in your organics, it is considered contaminated and cannot be processed.

**HELPFUL TIPS**

-  If you are unable to make regular trips to an organics drop site, consider putting your bags of organics in the freezer until you can take them to avoid odor and pests.
-  Consider having 2 organics bins at home- 1 for kitchen waste and 1 for bathroom waste like facial tissues, q-tips, etc.



Below are the food scraps drop-off locations in Anoka County.  
Sign up at [AnokaCountyMN.gov/organics](http://AnokaCountyMN.gov/organics) for the program closest to you.



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**ORGANICS CURBSIDE COLLECTION OPTIONS**  
For more information, contact your city.

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Your guide to Anoka County's  
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