

## FAQs

### How often is my organics cart picked up?

Organics is a weekly service, on the same day as your normal service day.

### Can I use regular plastic bags to collect organics?

No, plastic bags are not compostable and are a contaminant. You may utilize paper grocery bags or bags labeled “BPI Certified Compostable”



### Where can I purchase Certified Compostable bags?

You can find the compostable BPI certified bags at most hardware or grocery stores.

### Will the organics smell?

Organics won't smell any more than your garbage. Remember, with organics recycling, you are simply moving the organic materials from your garbage cart to your organics cart.

### What if I already utilize a backyard compost bin?

You can compost more materials through curbside organics recycling because large-scale composting sites maintain higher temperatures than backyard compost bins. These materials include meat, bones, dairy products, non-recyclable paper and compostable plastics.

**For more FAQs and resources, please visit the Hennepin County website.**

# Organics collection is in your neighborhood



Suburban Waste Services offers curbside organics collection; collection of food scraps, food soiled paper, certified compostable products and other household items.

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[suburbanwastemn.com](http://suburbanwastemn.com)

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# How to Participate

Contact Suburban Waste Services to sign up!

You will be provided with a 35 gallon organics cart. Once you receive your cart, follow these three simple steps!

## 1. Collect food scraps, food-soiled paper and plant waste in any container or bag in your home.

- Line your container with a newspaper, paper bag, or certified compostable bag.
- Store raw meat scraps in the freezer to prevent odors.

## 2. Empty household organics into your 35-gallon SWS organics cart.

- Empty your organics into the your 35 gallon organics cart provided by Suburban Waste Services.
- It's okay to put the newspaper, paper bag, or compostable bag in the cart.

## 3. Place your 35 gallon organics cart curbside by 7am on your regular service day.

Contact Suburban Waste Services for collection details.

# Organics Recycling Guide

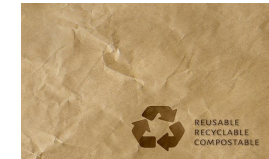
**Food Scraps:** fruit • vegetables • meat • fish • bones • dairy products • eggs & egg shells • pasta • beans • rice • bread • cereal • nuts & shells



**Food soiled paper:** pizza boxes from delivery • napkins • paper towels • paper egg cartons



**Certified compostable products:** compostable paper • plastic cups, plates, bowls, utensils & containers.



**Other compostable household items:** coffee grounds • coffee filters • hair & nail clippings • cotton balls • cotton swaps • paper stems • household plants & flowers • wooden items such as chopsticks, popsicle sticks, & toothpicks.



### Not accepted:

Yard waste • bandages • diapers • menstrual products • animal and pet waste • litter or bedding • cleaning or baby wipes • grease or oil • Styrofoam • dryer lint and dryer sheets • recyclable items (cartons, glass, metal, paper, plastic) • frozen food boxes • microwave popcorn bags • gum • fast food wrappers • products labeled “biodegradable”

For a complete list, please visit the Hennepin County website.

