

### Not accepted in organics:

Yard waste • bandages • diapers and sanitary 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” •

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# ORGANICS COLLECTION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



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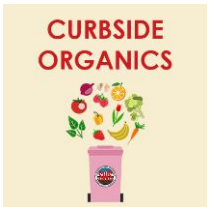
# TIPS FOR COLLECTING ORGANICS AT HOME



Use a kitchen pail with a vented lid and line it with a compostable bag. Vented containers allow moisture to evaporate, which will reduce odors and help your compostable bags hold up longer. Tips for collecting organics at home.



Drain excess liquids before placing food scraps in your collection container. You can also keep “wet” organics in your refrigerator or freezer, or place paper towels or newspaper at the bottom of your container. This all helps to slow the decomposition of food, reduce odors, prevent flies, and help compostable bags last longer.



Know what is accepted for organics recycling and keep non-compostable materials out. Receiving organics free of contamination allows local composters to consistently produce clean, nutrient-rich compost that people want to purchase and use. If you aren't sure what to do with an item, refer to the organics recycling

guide or put it in the trash.



Focus on collecting food. Spoiled food and food scraps are the most common material in the trash and the most nutrient-rich material in the composting process, which makes them the most important material to collect for organics recycling.



Label your containers so everyone in your household knows how to sort their waste. Order free labels for your recycling, organics recycling and trash bins at [hennepin.us/organics](http://hennepin.us/organics). Remember to collect organics (and recycling) throughout your

home, including in the bathrooms, bedrooms, and office! **\*NOTE: SWS organics cart is required with this service\***

## ANSWERS TO FAQ'S

### HOW OFTEN IS MY ORGANICS CART PICKED UP?



The organics will be picked up weekly, on the same day as garbage service year-round. **\*SWS organics cart is required with this service \*2 cart swaps are allowed for the life of the account for trash, recycling, yardwaste, and organics carts. (Once the 2 complimentary swaps are used a cart fee will be applied to the account for any additional swaps of bins.)**

### CAN I USE REGULAR PLASTIC BAGS TO COLLECT ORGANICS AND WHERE CAN I PURCHASE CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE BAGS?



No, Plastic bags are NOT compostable and are a contaminant. Utilize paper grocery bags or bags labeled “BPI” certified compostable or cedar grove. *Compostable bags can be purchased at Cub Foods, Home Depot, Target, Ace Hardware, Menards, any home improvement store.*

**\*NOTE: Hennepin County does NOT sell bags at the Environmental center in Bloomington.**

*BPI certified compostable bags are not recycling they are made of a bio-degradable compostable material and can't be re-melted/molded into thermoplastics as it contaminates the palmers.*

### 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 into organics cart.