

# Organics Recycling Guide



## All food

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, fish and bones
- Dairy products
- Eggs and egg shells
- Pasta, beans and rice
- Bread and cereal
- Nuts and shells



## Food-soiled paper

- Pizza boxes from delivery
- Napkins and paper towels
- Paper egg cartons



## Certified compostable products

- Compostable paper and plastic cups, plates, bowls, utensils and containers

Look for the term “compostable” or the BPI logo on certified products.



## Other compostable household items

- Coffee grounds and filters
- Hair and nail clippings
- Cotton balls and swabs with paper stems
- Houseplants and flowers
- Tea bags
- Wooden items such as chopsticks, popsicle sticks and toothpicks



**Not accepted:** Yard waste • 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”

# Tips for collecting organics at home

1.



Use a kitchen pail lined with a compostable bag to collect food scraps, paper towels and food-soiled paper.

2.



Keep “wet” organics in a container in your refrigerator or freezer until you are ready to bag your organics for collection.

3.



Convert your existing garbage can into an organics bin and use a smaller garbage can.

4.



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

5.



Collect organics (and recycling) throughout your home. Don't forget about the bathrooms, bedrooms, laundry room and office!

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