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# The City of Orono Organics Recycling Guide



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- Animal waste, bedding, litter and droppings
- Ashes (fireplace, grill, portable fire pit, chimney)
- Baby, personal, and flushable moist wipes
- Band-Aids™, bandages, and first-aid items
- “Biodegradable” labeled items without BPI certification
- Candles and candle wax
- Ceramics (mugs, plates, bowls, vases, etc.)
- Charcoal (if it contains chemicals for easy lighting)
- Cigarettes or cigars
- Cleaning products (including towels, rags, sponges, etc. soaked with cleaning products or chemicals)
- Condiment packets (plastic and foil including: ketchup, relish, red pepper, parmesan, taco sauce, etc.)
- Condoms and related products
- Containers (plastic, glass, metal, cartons)
- Crayons and chalk
- Dead animals
- Dental floss (contains plastic)
- Diapers (even if branded “compostable”)
- Dryer lint and dryer sheets (contains synthetic fibers)
- Dusting wipes (contains synthetic fibers)
- Fast food wrappers/packaging (contains plastic lining), unless BPI certified
- Fertilizers (solid and liquid)
- Frozen food containers/packaging
- Gauze and bandages
- Grass clippings (leave on lawn or dispose of as YardWaste)
- Gum (contains rubber/plastic)
- Hygiene products (tampons, pads, liners, applicators -paper or plastic)
- Ice cream tubs (paper or plastic - both are plastic lined)
- Leaves (leave on lawn or dispose of as Yard Waste)
- Liquids (pour non-hazardous liquids down the drain)
- Microwave popcorn bags (contains plastic lining)
- Paper not certified compostable (e.g. coffee cups, take-out containers, plates, bowls)
- Parchment paper (unless BPI certified compostable)
- Plastic bags (unless BPI certified compostable)
- Plastic utensils (unless BPI certified compostable)
- Refrigerated or frozen food boxes (contains plastic)
- Rocks and gravel
- Rubber and rubber bands
- Shredded paper
- Snack and sandwich bags (unless BPI certified compostable)
- Soap (liquid, bar, shampoo, dish, dishwasher, laundry)
- Star Tribune “oxo-degradable” bags
- Stickers, including fruit stickers
- Street sweepings (contains salt and chemicals)

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- Styrofoam (egg cartons, packaging, and peanuts)
- Textiles
- Treated wood (lumber and sawdust)
- Wax paper (unless BPI certified compostable)
- Wicker (furniture or scraps)
- Wrapping Paper
- Yard waste of any kind, including soil and dirt



*“When in doubt, throw it out.”*

*\*This list & information was adapted for Orono from Richfield, MN's list*  
Look for this logo to verify if a product is certified compostable or visit: [www.BPIworld.org](http://www.BPIworld.org)

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