

Food Scraps and So Much More...

The advantage of commercial composting is the wide range of organics that can be recycled. Because more heat is generated in large compost piles many more items can be broken down safely and efficiently than in a backyard compost pile.

PUT IT IN!

Food Scraps and Leftovers

- Fruits and peels
- Vegetables
- Meat
- Bones
- Fish
- Dairy
- Eggshells
- Cut Flowers
- Coffee Grounds & Filters
- Bread & Grains
- Tea Bags

Food Soiled Paper and Compostable Packaging

- Paper egg cartons & bags
- Paper towels/napkins
- Pizza boxes
- Toilet paper rolls
- Used tissues
- Shredded paper



BPI Certified Compostable Food Service Items*

*LOOK FOR THESE LOGOS:



LEAVE IT OUT

- No Yard Waste
- Metal
- Glass
- Plastic
- Liquids
- Styrofoam
- Plastic Bags
- Plastic lined paper products

For a comprehensive list check out the full "Acceptable and Unacceptable" list in your Starter Kit and at mankatozerowaste.com.

Why Recycle Organics?

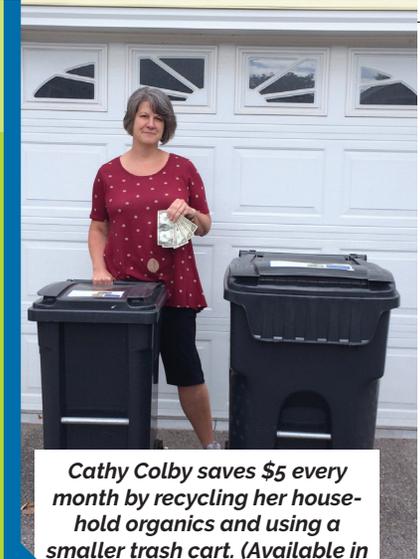
It's a simple thing we can do with good results for our planet.

Over one-third of our trash is made up of organics that could be composted.

When we compost, we...

- Keep organic waste out of the trash and landfill.
- Reduce garbage disposal waste going to wastewater treatment plants.
- Create a nutrient rich product to add to soil.

And



Cathy Colby saves \$5 every month by recycling her household organics and using a smaller trash cart. (Available in Mankato and North Mankato.)

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to live in the city limits to drop-off my food scraps?

Not necessarily. You can sign-up in the city (Mankato, North Mankato or Lake Crystal) that matches your mailing address.

What happens to my organics?

They are trucked to MFS Compost near Good Thunder where they will be turned into compost in 4-6 months.

Is there a charge?

No. Renters or home-owners can use this as a city provided service.

When can I drop off my organics?

Once you've signed up, anytime during daylight hours.

Why can't pet waste be included?

It's prohibited by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for containing illness causing bacteria.

Do scraps need to be bagged?

Yes. Either in a paper sack or a BPI compostable bag. Pizza boxes and paper egg cartons can be left unbagged. (See enclosed coupon page for where to find some compostable bags/products.) **NO regular plastic bags, please.**



More Tips?

Visit mankatozerowaste.com for more info and a page on "How to get started."

