

Residential Organics Recycling (Made Easy): Resources

Organics recycling sign up

- To sign up for Organics Recycling:
 - Minneapolis Curbside or Drop-off site sign up: Call 311 or sign up online at <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/garbage-recycling-cleanup/organics-recycling/>
 - Hennepin County drop-off sites: <https://www.hennepin.us/dropoffs>
 - Hennepin County organics recycling sign up:
 - Check with your city's solid waste department, your garbage hauler, or the utility bill payer for your building
 - Check Hennepin County's website for more organics recycling info: <https://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/organics-recycling>

How to look up what is accepted or how to dispose of an item:

- To see a list of what is and is not accepted in your green Minneapolis Organics Recycling cart:
<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/garbage-recycling-cleanup/organics-recycling/accepted-organics/>
- To search items on Minneapolis interactive disposal guide:
<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/garbage-recycling-cleanup/disposal-guide/>
- To search Hennepin County's Green Disposal guide:
<https://www.hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide>
- To look up if a food service item is compostable: <https://www.bpiworld.org/>

Backyard composting:

- Hennepin County's 'Compost in your backyard' handout:
<https://www.hennepin.us/-/media/hennepinus/residents/recycling/documents/compost-in-your-backyard.pdf>
- How to purchase a backyard compost bin from Hennepin County:
<https://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/backyard-composting>

Vermicomposting (worm composting):

- MNPCA info and how-to resource for vermicomposting:
<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/living-green/composting-food-scrap-indoors>
- Book on vermicomposting: Worms Eat My Garbage by Mary Appelhof, check your local bookstore, buy online, or available to borrow at Hennepin County Libraries
<https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/v2/search?query=Worms+Eat+My+Garbage&searchType=smart>
- Vermicompost and other compost supplies: EggPlant Urban Farm Supply in St. Paul,
<http://www.eggplantsupply.com/composting-.html>

Electric in-home/countertop food recyclers:

- Electric in-home food composters:
 - <https://pela.earth/lomi>
 - <https://www.foodcycler.com/products>

Other helpful resources and engagement opportunities:

- To become a Hennepin County Master Recycler/Composter:
<https://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/become-master-recycler>
- Hennepin County Zero Waste plan community engagement site:
<https://beheardhennepin.org/zero-waste-future>
- Learn how to support the Compostable Product Labeling Bill:
<http://www.mncompostingcouncil.org/advocacy.html>
- Schedule a group tour at a SET commercial compost site:
<https://www.setmn.com/about-us/tour/>