

# ORGANICS

## RECYCLING PROGRAM

- Recycle your food waste rather than adding it to your trash. Discard food waste and food-soiled paper from meals, your refrigerator and pantry into a compost bucket separate from your household trash.
- All organic materials must be in sealed BPI certified compostable bags or paper bag. No other bags will be accepted for drop off.
- Bring your bagged organics to the Coon Rapids Recycling Center during regular hours and drop in designated container.
- Organics materials are recycled into compost at a commercial compost facility, which is a valuable resource to improve soil, reduce erosion and decrease the need for fertilizers.

The Coon Rapids Recycling Center is conveniently located near the intersection of Hanson Boulevard and 111th Ave.

### QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Recycling Coordinator at:

**Phone:** 763-767-6485

**Email:** [csinclair@coonrapidsmn.gov](mailto:csinclair@coonrapidsmn.gov)

## Recycle Coon Rapids

### April-September

Tue, Thu: 1-7 p.m.

Wed, Fri, Sat: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### October-March

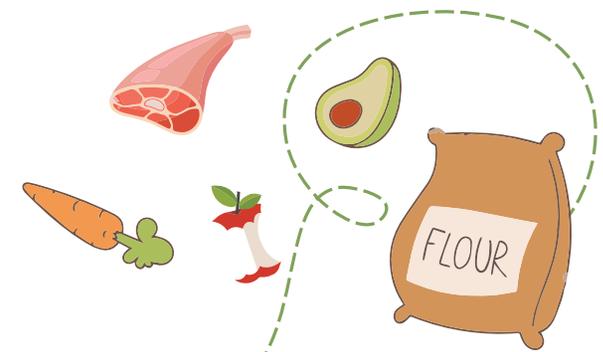
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### Coon Rapids Recycling Center

1831 111th Ave. NW, Coon Rapids, Minnesota 55433

[www.coonrapidsmn.gov/recycling](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov/recycling)



## Coon Rapids Organics Recycling Program



# HOW IT WORKS...



Be sure all material is in a sealed BPI certified compostable bag or brown paper bag. No other bags are accepted and all material must be in a closed bag.



BPI Compostable Bags and Kitchen Compost Buckets are available for purchase at the Recycling Center:



13 gal (qty 25/roll):	\$10
3 gal (qty 25/roll):	\$4.50
Kitchen Bucket:	\$8

Organic recycling is different from backyard composting in that it includes all food waste.

Organic recycling includes meat scraps, bones, and prepared food with animal bi-products (such as oils, etc). These items can NOT be included in a backyard compost system.

Adding non-recyclable paper (facial tissue, paper towels, paper napkins, delivery pizza boxes) and other dry items will absorb wetness from food waste and help your bags last longer. Experiment to find what works best for your household.



# WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED WITH ORGANICS?

Organics include meat, dairy, fruit and vegetables, breads, some non-recyclable and food-soiled paper, and BPI (Biodegradable Products Institute) and Cedar Grove certified compostable products (e.g. plates, cups, straws and other biodegradable products). Participating in an organics program is one more way you can reduce your trash.

**Yes**

- Dairy products
- Eggs and egg shells
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Paper towels, napkins and tissues
- Meat, poultry and fish including bones
- Wooden items: popsicle sticks, chopsticks and toothpicks



Fruits, vegetables, peels, pits and rinds

Certified compostable products: bags, paper plates, cups and utensils

Non-recyclable, uncoated paper products: delivery pizza boxes and paper egg cartons



**All coated paper products** which are not certified compostable: fast food cups, wrappers and boxes, refrigerator and freezer food boxes, milk and other beverage cartons, candy wrappers

### Clothing

**Plastic:** K-cups, straws, stickers on produce, Styrofoam™

**Glass of any kind**

**Metal of any kind:** aluminum foil, twist ties

### Wax paper and parchment paper

**Grease and oil**

**Diapers, diaper wipes, sanitary products and pet waste**

## DID YOU KNOW...

- A four-person family loses \$1,500 a year on wasted food; saving that would basically be a raise.
- 20% of food purchased never gets eaten.
- 90% of Americans throw away food too soon.
- 30% of what is thrown away can be composted.

## PREVENT FOOD WASTE

Cook it, store it, freeze it, share it. Just don't waste it. To find out how you can prevent food waste, go to [anokacounty.us/organics](http://anokacounty.us/organics).

Even with the best laid plans, some food waste can occur. The good news is these food scraps can be turned into compost.