

Organics drop off is different from backyard composting.

Dakota County organics drop-off sites let you also compost meat, bones and dairy products. Organics brought to a drop-off site are taken to a commercial compost facility that maintains higher temperatures to kill bacteria and break down more materials than a backyard compost pile. You can still use your backyard composter for fruits, veggies and yard waste.



Turn your food scraps into something good



at an organics drop-off site near you

Questions?

Email: organics@co.dakota.mn.us

Call: 952-891-7557

Web: www.dakotacounty.us, search *organics*



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It's free and easy to drop off your organics.

1 Sign up

If you're a Dakota County resident, you can sign up for free organics drop off.

- Online: www.dakotacounty.us, search *organics*
- Call: 952-891-7557
- Email: organics@co.dakota.mn.us



2 Collect

- Place an organics container (not provided) in your kitchen, pantry or other convenient location and line the container with a paper or certified compostable bag. Compostable bags are free at all Dakota County organics drop-off sites or use any bag that has the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) logo.
 - What's accepted:
 - Bakery and dry goods
 - Eggs and eggshells
 - Coffee grounds
 - Meat, fish and bones
 - Dairy products
 - Fruits and vegetables
- A more detailed list will be mailed to you when you sign up and is available online.

3 Drop off

- If using a locked site, use the access code provided to enter the drop-off site and drop off one or more bags as frequently as needed.
- Take a free compostable bag to begin collecting again.



Why drop off your organics?

More than one-third of what is being thrown in the trash could be composted — that's nearly nine pounds per household every week. Instead of trashing it, turn food scraps into rich compost — a soil additive that increases the nutrients in soil, reduces erosion and decreases the need for chemical fertilizers.

When you drop off your organics everyone benefits — you, your community and the environment.

