



## Organics

### Join your neighbors to keep food scraps out of the trash

The number one item in our trash is food. That's why over 10,000 Dakota County households have registered to participate in the free organics drop-off program. There are 11 organics drop off sites located throughout the county — in Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Farmington, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Mendota Heights, Rosemount (two) and West St. Paul.

Across the locations, more than 40,000 pounds of food scraps are collected each week. Collected material goes to an industrial compost facility and is turned into compost – a nutrient-rich soil additive - used in gardening and landscaping.

Bringing organics to a drop-off site is easy and can dramatically reduce waste. The typical household can divert up to one-third of trash by delivering items such as food scraps, spoiled produce, coffee grounds and bones.

To sign up, visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us) and search *organics*, email [organics@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:organics@co.dakota.mn.us) or call 952-891-7557. All registered participants receive helpful tips and compostable bags to use at home.

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