

How to sign up

Residents with the city's solid waste service can sign up by visiting www.stlouispark.org/organics or calling utility billing at 952.924.2111. The city provides compostable bags, a wheeled cart and weekly collection at no additional cost.

Multifamily residents who do not receive city solid waste service can sign up to participate at one of several city operated drop-sites. Visit www.stlouispark.org/MFrecycling for more information.

Tips

Focus on food scraps



Focus on collecting food. Food scraps are the most common material in the trash and the most nutrient-rich material in the composting process. If you're still unsure if an item is accepted, contact public works staff at 952.924.2562 or recycling@stlouispark.org.

Lose the liquids and keep it cool



When collecting organics, don't include liquids. Liquids sitting in a compostable bag will weaken the bag. Also, allow warm foods, coffee grounds and tea bags to cool before placing them in the bag.

Don't overfill bags



Heavier bags are more likely to tear. Letting organics sit in the bag too long will weaken the bag, so make sure to take it out at least once per week. Only fill the bag two-thirds full so it's easier to tie.

Use a vented container to help control odors



Air flow helps reduce odors. Purchase a kitchen pail with a vented lid or make your own by reusing an empty plastic or metal container (ice cream pails or coffee containers work well) and cutting slits in the lid.

Organics guide



All food

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, fish and bones
- Dairy products
- Eggs and egg shells
- Pasta, beans and rice
- Bread and cereal
- Nuts and shells



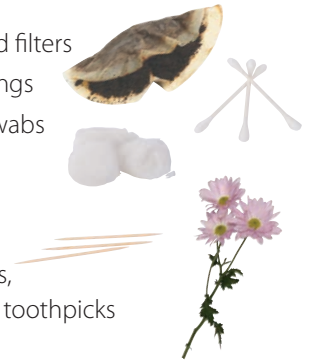
Food-soiled paper

- Pizza boxes from delivery
- Napkins and food-soiled paper towels
- Paper egg cartons



Other compostable household items

- Coffee grounds and filters
- Hair and nail clippings
- Cotton balls and swabs with paper stems
- Houseplants and flowers
- Wooden chopsticks, popsicle sticks and toothpicks



Certified compostable products

- Compostable paper and plastic cups, plates, bowls, utensils and containers



Compostable products must have the BPI logo on the product or the package it is sold in.

Not accepted

Yard waste: grass clippings, leaves, sticks

Recyclables: cartons, glass, metal, paper, plastic

Trash: animal waste, litter or bedding, cleaning and baby wipes, diapers, dryer lint, dryer sheets, fast food wrappers, foam packaging, frozen food boxes, grease or oil, gum, microwavable popcorn bags, menstrual products, paper ice cream tubs, paper towels used with cleaning chemicals products labeled "biodegradable" that are not certified compostable

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