

Residential Organics Drop-Off

What can be included?

YES	NO
Ashes - fireplace, grill, portable fire pit, and chiminea (cold and contained)	Animal waste, bedding and droppings
Baked Goods	Aluminum foil
Berry cartons	Automobile and engine fluids (antifreeze, motor oil, etc.)
Bones	Baby, personal and flushable moist wipes
Candy (remove from wrapper)	Band-Aids, bandages and first-aid items
Cellulose sponges	Batteries
Cereal	Candles and candle wax
Certified compostable bags (look for ASTM D-6400)	Candy and chip wrappers
Certified compostable food-service items (look for ASTM D-6868)	Cartons (milk, soup, broth, wine, etc.)
Cheese	Cat litter
Chopsticks (wood)	Cat dry food and litter paper sacks
Coffee filters	Ceramics (mugs, plates, vases)
Coffee grounds	Cigarettes and butts
Condiment packets (paper including: salt, pepper, sugar, sugar substitute, etc.)	Cigars and butts
Cork (natural only)	Cleaning products, including towels, rags, sponges soaked with cleaning products
Corn cobs and husks	Condiment packets (plastic and foil including: ketchup, relish, red pepper, parmesan, taco sauce, etc.)
Cotton balls	Condoms and related products
100% cotton or wool clothing that cannot be repaired or donated (cut into 4" x 4" pieces)	Construction materials (concrete, sheetrock, etc.)
Dough	Containers (plastic, glass, metal, plastic lined paper)
Dryer lint	Cosmetics and perfumes
Dust bunnies	Crayons and chalk
Egg cartons (paper only)	Dead animals
Egg shells	Dental floss
Facial tissues	Detergents (liquid, powder, sheets and tablets)
Fish and fish parts	Diapers (baby, overnight, training, swim and covers)
Food - ALL spoiled, moldy, frozen food, dairy, frozen dairy, all fruits and vegetables including peelings, baked goods, sauces, herbs and spices, nuts, seafood and fish including shells and parts, meat including fat and bones, etc.	Dry dog food paper sacks
Flower bouquets (remove ribbon and plastic)	Dusting wipes
Fondue	Feces (human and pet)
Frozen foods	Feminine hygiene products (tampons, pads, liners)
Fruit, fruit peels, fruit seeds and pits	Fertilizers - liquid and solid
Fur - from pet grooming (not fur clothing)	Foil and foil-type bags (chips, candy)
Grains	Garden trimmings and waste*
Gravy and sauces	Gauze
Hair - human and pet	Glass

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Herbs and spcies	Grass clippings*
House plants and flowers	Gum
Ice cream	Incontience products
Indoor plants, trimmings and soil	Juice boxes and pouches
Jam and jelly	Laminated paper
Masking tape - paper type, small amounts with no paint (not plastic type)	Latex - balloons and gloves
Meat and meat products - including fat	Leaves*
Melon, pumpkin and Gourds	Liquids (for large quantities of non-hazardous liquids, pour down the drain)
Microwavable food paper packaging (no plastic and not plastic lined)	Litter and street sweepings
Nail clippings	Markers and pens
Newspaper that is wet with food or dirt	Metal
Noodles	Microwaveable popcorn bags (plastic lined with BPA)
Nuts and nut shells	Paper that can be recycled
Oatmeal	Personal hygiene products - toothpaste, soap
Oysters	Pesticides (solid and liquid)
Paper bags (flour, sugar, corn meal)	Pet waste and waste handling items
Paper take-out containers (not plastic lined) (remove metal handles)	Photos and slides
Paper plates and cups (not plastic lined)	Plastic (all non-compostable)
Paper soiled with food	Plastic bags and wrap
Paper towels and napkins	Popcorn bags that go in the microwave
Pastries and pies	Plastic lined paper
Parchment paper	Q-tips with plastic middles
Pencils (with no metal, foil or erasers)	Remodeling waste
Pencil shavings	Rocks and gravel
Pickles	Rubber, rubber bands
Pizza Boxes	Sandwich bags
PLA (NatureWorks) plastic	Soap (liquid, bar, shampoo, dish, dishwasher, laundry)
Popcorn kernels	Soil and dirt
Popsicle Sticks (wood) & toothpicks	Star Tribuen "oxy degradable" bags
Q-tips with cardboard middle	Styrofoam™ and packing peanuts
Sawdust (with no metal - untreated wood only)	Synthetic clothing
Spices (fresh or dried)	Tape (transparent, Scotch™, electrical, duct, packing, mounting, clear, gift wrap, etc.)
Soup - strain liquids down the drain first	Toys
Tea bags	Treated Wood (lumber and sawdust)
Tissues and tissue paper	Wax
Wax paper (butter wraps, pastry bags, fast food wrappers, etc.)	Wood scraps*
Vacuume cleaner contents (no metal, plastic, or pet litter)	

If you have questions regarding compostability of items that are not on this list, contact Kish at kellie.kish@minneapolismn.gov or by calling 612-673-2917.

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