

Residential Organics Acceptability List:

YES	NO
Ashes - fireplace, grill, portable fire pit, and chiminea (cold and contained)	Animal food bags (plastic or foil lined)
Baked goods	Animal waste, bedding, litter and droppings
Berry cartons (paper only)	Aluminum foil
Bones	Automobile and engine fluids (antifreeze, motor oil, etc.)
Candy (remove from wrapper)	Baby, personal and flushable moist wipes
Cellulose sponges	Band-Aids™, bandages and first-aid items
Cereal	Batteries
Certified compostable bags (look for ASTM D-6400)	Candles and candle wax
Certified compostable food-service items (look for ASTM D-6400 or D-6868)	Candy and chip wrappers
Cheese	Cartons (soup, broth, milk, juice, or wine)
Chopsticks (wood only)	Cat litter
Coffee filters	Ceramics (mugs, plates, bowls, vases, etc.)
Coffee grounds	Cigarettes and butts
Condiment packets (paper only including: salt, pepper, sugar, sugar substitute, etc.)	Cigars and butts
Cork (natural only)	Cleaning products including towels, rags, sponges, etc. soaked with cleaning products
Corn cobs and husks	Condiment packets (plastic and foil including: ketchup, relish, red pepper, parmesan, taco sauce, etc.)
Cotton balls (without chemicals on them)	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)
Dryer lint	Cosmetics and perfumes
Dust bunnies	Crayons and chalk
Egg cartons (paper only)	Dead animals
Egg shells	Dental floss
Facial tissue	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 and pits, baked goods, sauces, herbs and spices, nuts, seafood and fish including shells and parts, meat including fat and bones, etc.	Dusting wipes
Flower bouquets (remove ribbon and plastic)	Feces (human and pet)
Fondue	Feminine hygiene products (tampons, pads, liners, applicators - paper or plastic)
Frozen foods	Fertilizers (solid and liquid)
Fruit, fruit peels, fruit seeds and pits	Foil and foil-type bags (chips, candy)
Fur - from pet grooming (not fur clothing)	Garden trimmings and waste*
Grains	Gauze
Gravy and sauces	Glass
Hair - human and pet	Grass clippings*
Herbs and Spices	Gum
House plants and flowers	Incontinence products

Residential Organics Acceptability List (continued):

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Indoor plants, trimmings and soil	Laminated paper
Jam and jelly	Latex (balloons and gloves)
Masking tape - paper type, small amounts with no paint (not plastic type)	Leaves*
Meat and meat products (including fat and bones)	Liquids (pour non-hazardous liquids down the drain)
Melon, pumpkin and gourds	Litter and street sweepings
Microwaveable paper packaging (no plastic or foil lining)	Markers and pens
Nail clippings	Metal
Newspaper that is wet with food or dirt	Microwaveable popcorn bags (plastic lined with BPA)
Noodles	Packing peanuts (foam or "degradable")
Nuts and nut shells	Paper than can be recycled
Oatmeal	Personal hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, etc.)
Oysters	Pesticides (soild and liquids)
Paper bags (flour, sugar, cornmeal that are not plastic lined)	Pet food bags (plastic or foil lined)
Paper take-out containers (not plastic lined) (remove metal handles)	Pet waste and waste handling items
Paper plates and cups (plastic lined must meet ASTM D-6868)	Photos and slides
Paper soiled with food	Plastic (all non-certified compostable)
Paper towels and napkins	Plastic flim (bags and wrap)
Pastries and pies	Popcorn bags that go in the microwave
Parchment paper	Plastic lined paper (unless is certified and meets ASTM D-6868 for compostability)
Pencils (no metal, foil or erasers)	Q-tips™ with plastic middle
Pencil shavings	Remodeling debris
Pet food and treats (dry, wet - strain liquides first)	Rocks and gravel
Pickles	Rubber and rubber bands
Pizza boxes	Sandwich bags
PLA (NatureWorks) plastic	Soap (liquid, bar, shampoo, dish, dishwasher, laundry)
Popcorn kernels	Soil and dirt
Popcsicle sticks and toothpicks (wood only)	Star Tribune "oxy degradable" bags
Q-tips™ (cardboard middle only)	Styrofoam™ and peanuts
Sawdust (untreated wood only) (no metal)	Synthetic clothing
Spices (fresh or dried)	Tape (transparent, Scotch™, electrical, duct, packing, mounting, clear, gift wrap, etc.)
Soup (strain liquids down drain first)	Toys
Tea bags (tea bag packaging must be paper only, no plastic or foil lining) (remove staples)	Treated wood (lumber and sawdust)
Tissues and tissue paper	Wax
Wax paper (butter wraps, pastry bags, fast food wappers, etc.)	Wood scraps*
Vacuum cleaner contents (no metal, plastic, or pet litter)	

* These items are great to compost in a backyard compost bin.

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