

## City of Minneapolis, Minnesota

Population: 400,000

Households serviced: 107,000

Households participating in organics: 55,049 (51.11%)

Program type: All pay, must opt-in to get a cart

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## Program overview

Residential curb and alley collection where all residential customers pay for the program through their solid waste and recycling base fee, but they must sign up to get a cart.

- 32 gallon carts given to single-family and duplexes. 64-gallon carts for larger buildings.
- Residents who sign up are given a welcome kit that includes a refrigerator magnet, Home Setup Tips guide, and a starter set of compostable bags.
- Organics are collected weekly by City and contractors using semi-automated trucks with cart flippers. Collection crews check every cart and leave educational tag and leave cart and contents if contamination is found.
- 20 Organics drop-off sites are available for residents in larger multi-unit buildings without City collection service.
- Commercial organics services are limited to small businesses who can use carts for collection with once a week pickup. Private haulers also offer commercial organics collection.



## Materials accepted

- All food scraps, kraft paper bags, and BPI certified compostable bags and food-service items.
- Yard waste collected separately (in resident owned bins, bundled or bagged).

## Contamination rate

- 1% contamination—verified through sorts of truck-loads of organics each year.
- Plastic-lined paper makes up the majority of contamination.
- [See the City's 2021 Organics Sort Result summary.](#)



## Composting

City contracts with private company, [Specialized Environmental Technologies](#) (SET), for composting. Compost site is located approximately 30 miles from Minneapolis. Organics are composted in aerated static piles.

SET participates in the USCC's STA program.



## Compost use

- Through the contract, the City receives 600 tons of compost to distribute for free or low-cost to community gardens around the City.
- Contract includes up to 500 tons of compost for experimental projects and research.
- Working on increasing the amount of compost used in Public Works projects and getting participants access to compost.



## Most successful component about program

- Continued promotions to areas with lower sign-ups and a focus on multi-cultural outreach and education.
- Use Minneapolis residents participating in the program in advertising campaigns and educational materials.
- Educational materials pre-translated to reduce language barriers.
- Outreach and education at 70-100 neighborhood and community events each year.
- Bus tour to the compost site each year.



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**Toda tipo de comida:**

- Alimentos frescos
- Comida preparada
- Comida congelada
- Comida enlatada
- Comida seca
- Comida para mascotas
- Comida para animales
- Comida para peces
- Comida para aves
- Comida para ganado
- Comida para cerdos
- Comida para vacas
- Comida para caballos
- Comida para conejos
- Comida para aves de corral
- Comida para animales salvajes
- Comida para animales domésticos
- Comida para animales de compañía
- Comida para animales de granja
- Comida para animales de caza
- Comida para animales de laboratorio
- Comida para animales de investigación
- Comida para animales de exhibición
- Comida para animales de entretenimiento
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