

Answers to FAQs

How often is my organics cart picked up?

Weekly, on the same day as garbage during the growing season (first full week of April through the week of Thanksgiving), and every other week during the winter.

Can I use regular plastic bags to collect organics?

No. Plastic bags are not compostable and are a contaminant. Utilize paper grocery bags or bags labeled “BPI Certified Compostable.”



Where can I purchase Certified Compostable bags?

Cub Foods (Chanhausen), Home Depot (online), Lakewinds Food Co-op (Chanhausen), Merlin’s Ace Hardware (Chanhausen), Target (Chaska & Chanhausen), Carver County Environmental Center (Chaska)

Will it smell?

Organics won’t smell any more than your garbage. Remember, with organics recycling, you are simply moving the organic materials from your garbage cart into your organics cart.

What if I already utilize a backyard compost bin?

You can compost more materials through curbside organics recycling because large-scale composting sites maintain higher temperatures than backyard compost bins. These materials include meat, bones, dairy products, non-recyclable paper and compostable plastics.

For more FAQs, tips, and resources, go to recyclecarver.org and search “organics.”

Organics collection is in your neighborhood.



Suburban Waste Services offers the curbside co-collection of food scraps, non-recyclable paper and yard waste.

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How to participate

Contact Suburban Waste Services to sign up! You will be provided with a 35, 64, or 96 gallon yard waste cart. Once you receive your cart, **follow these three simple steps!**

1 Collect food scraps, food-soiled paper, and plant waste in any container or bag in your home.



- Line your container with a newspaper, paper bag, or certified compostable bag.
- Store raw meat scraps in the freezer to prevent odors.
- Kitchen containers and bags are available for purchase at the Carver County Environmental Center.

2 Empty household organics into your yard waste cart.



- Empty your organics into the yard waste cart provided by Suburban Waste Services.
- It's okay to put the newspaper, paper bag, or compostable bag into the cart.
- Grass clippings, leaves and yard waste should be placed in the same cart. Do not include pet waste.

3 Place your yard waste cart at the curb for collection.



- If leaves and yard waste do not fit in your cart, set them out in a paper lawn and leaf bag or certified compostable bag.
- Bundle twigs with twine.
- Contact Suburban Waste Services for collection details.

What goes into the cart

Food scraps



Non-recyclable paper



Leaf + yard waste



Recyclables

Metal, glass,
plastic, cartons,
clean paper + cardboard



Trash

Plastic bags, wrappers,
plastic packaging, pet waste,
medical waste and diapers

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