



NEW NORTHWEST MN 6 COUNTY

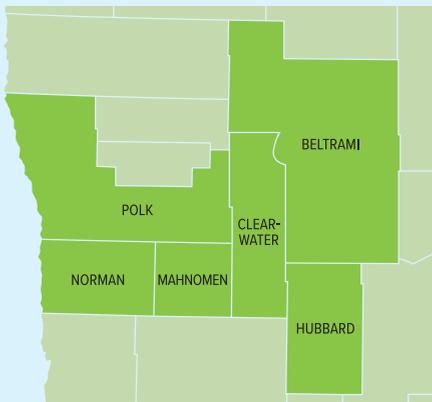
Organics Recycling PROGRAM

Feed the Earth, Not the Landfill

HOW IT WORKS:

Polk County will utilize artificial intelligence robots to identify and remove food scrap bags from the rest of the trash at the Polk County Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Fosston, MN. Food scrap bags are specially designed to withstand the collection process and remain intact for removal at the MRF. The robots are trained to identify these bags and remove them from the rest of the trash. The separated bags will be aggregated and hauled to the Polk Compost Facility in Crookston, MN. Over 20% of household trash is food scraps, like fruit peels, eggshells, coffee grounds, bones and more. By separating your food scraps, you can help turn them into soil instead of waste. This program was partially funded by a grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

PARTICIPATING COUNTIES:



PICKUP PROGRAM

FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS TO GET STARTED:

1. Order your supply of food scrap bags.
2. Collect your food scraps in these bags. At least once a week, or when the bag is full, tie a knot at the top to close the bag.
3. Place your food scrap bag inside your trash cart or dumpster for collection.
4. Done! The food scraps will be composted.



All food items are accepted. This is a list of common food scrap items:



Coffee grounds filters, and tea leaves



Fruits and vegetables (including peels, pits and rinds)



Dairy products (including cheese and yogurt)



Nuts and nut shells (except black walnut shells)



Bread, tortillas, pasta, rice and cereals



Eggs and eggshells



Moldy or rotten food



Meat and seafood (including bones, scales and shells)



Beans and lentils



BPI Certified Compostable Products



Corn cobs, corn husks and popcorn kernels



Pastries, pies, dough and candy



Herbs and spices



Seeds (including bird seeds)



Pet food



Paper Towels, Napkins, Hand Towels

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