

## Drop Off Locations:

Elk River Yard Waste Site	Elk River City Hall	Sherburne County Public Safety - Zimmerman
19000 Proctor Road NW Elk River, MN 55330	13065 Orono Parkway NW Elk River, MN 55330	26750 5 <sup>th</sup> Street West Zimmerman, MN 55398
5:30 am – 10pm**	Sunrise to Sunset	Sunrise to Sunset

Sherburne County Public Works - Becker	Palmer Township Hall
10705 125th Ave SE Becker, MN 55308	4180 105 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE Clear Lake, MN 55319
Sunrise to Sunset	Sunrise to Sunset

\*Please be aware these dumpsters are for organics recycling only. All sites are monitored, please do not leave items other than your organic waste. Dumpsters are clearly labeled "Organics Only."



# ORGANICS

## RECYCLING DROP-OFF PROGRAM



### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



- Food Scraps
- Fruits & Vegetables
- Breads/Pasta
- Dairy Products
- Meat/Fish/Bones
- Pizza boxes
- Food-soiled Paper Products (BPI compostable)
- Paper towels/Napkins/Tissues
- Paper plates/Cups (BPI compostable)
- Coffee grounds/Paper filters
- Egg shells/Paper egg cartons (without plastic coating)
- Certified BPI Compostable food service items
- Cotton balls
- Houseplant trimmings and flowers
- Wooden items (chopsticks, popsicle sticks, and toothpicks)
- Tea bags (no plastic/synthetic tea bags, remove staples)



### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Styrofoam
- Plastic bags
- Yard Waste
- Plastic-coated items
- Diapers/Sanitary products
- Pet waste/Pet bedding
- Grease/Oil/Liquids
- Foil-lined Containers
- Recyclable items
- Cleaning or baby wipes
- Dryer lint and dryer sheets
- Fast food wrappers
- Frozen food boxes
- Microwave popcorn bags
- Gum
- Cigarette butts
- Paper with a shiny, smooth coating (unless it's BPI certified)
- Products labeled "biodegradable"
- Wax paper or parchment paper (unless it's BPI certified)

### SITE ETIQUETTE

- You are under video surveillance. **DO NOT** dispose of any trash or unacceptable items in or around the dumpster
- Close the lid of dumpster when finished dropping off your organics
- Participants must be enrolled in Sherburne County's program
- For a complete guide visit:  
<https://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/1494/Organics-Recycling-Drop-Off-Program> or scan the QR code



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Sherburne County is offering a free organics recycling drop off program for all County residents. By utilizing food waste from your home, organics recycling converts material that is otherwise trash into compost which can be used as fertilizer. Reduce your trash and increase your recycling by participating.

### Why Participate?

**REDUCE WASTE:** Food waste is one of the largest items in landfills.

**REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS:** Decomposition of organics in a landfill produces methane, a greenhouse gas.

**CREATE FERTILIZER:** Food waste is a valuable material that if properly collected can be converted into nutrient-rich compost.

**SAVE MONEY:** Reduce your weekly trash quantity.

### How to sign up? It's free!

When you sign up for the Sherburne County Organics Recycling Program, you will receive a 3.5 gallon bucket with lid, countertop organics collection bin, and a free year supply of 60 compostable bags. These bags are made from BPI certified materials and are both durable and compostable.

In order to sign up and receive your free starter kit, be sure to stop by the Sherburne County Government Planning & Zoning Department or call the front desk at 763-765-4450 to coordinate your bin pick up. Quantities are limited to one starter kit per household.



### Start collecting organics at home!

Line your countertop organics container with a BPI-certified compostable bag (NO PLASTIC BAGS!). Fill with food scraps and other accepted items. Once full, tie off the bag and place it in the 3.5 gallon bucket for easy transport to one of our drop-off sites. At the drop-off site, place your bag(s) in the dumpster labeled "Organics Only".