

# WHY COMPOST FOOD WASTE?

Up to 30% of what you throw in the trash is organic waste. By composting your household organics, such as food waste, you are helping to keep it out of landfills while also helping to create valuable soil amendments that can be used in landscaping and gardening.



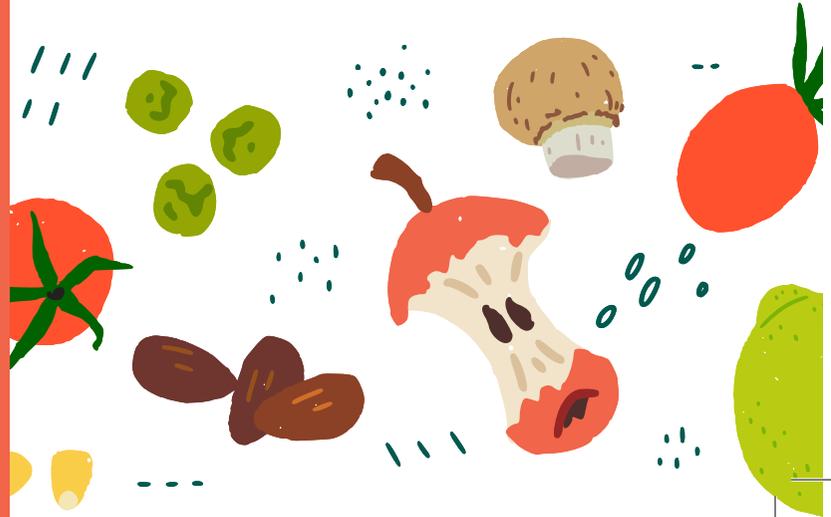
## HOUSEHOLD ORGANICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

**Free for Residents of  
Scott County!**  
*Registration Required*



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As a tribe committed to being a good neighbor and good steward of the earth, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) has partnered with Scott County for a free residential food waste drop-off program for Scott County residents. By collecting and composting food scraps from your kitchen, you can reduce greenhouse gases and help create nutrient-rich soil amendments. Do your part to be more environmentally friendly, starting with organics recycling at home. Together we can keep organics out of the trash—and put this waste to better use!



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### SIGN UP

If you are a Scott County resident and would like to register for the Household Organics Recycling Program, visit [smscorf.com/household-program](https://smscorf.com/household-program).

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### START COLLECTING

Upon signup, residents will receive a free starter kit that includes program information, one food waste collection bucket, and a 25-count box of compostable food waste bags. The collection buckets are specially designed to minimize odors while you are collecting. To further reduce odors, you can freeze your organics until you are ready to drop off at the SMSC Organics Recycling Facility.

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### DROP OFF

A readily accessible, enclosed dumpster will be available for program participants during regular business hours at the SMSC Organics Recycling Facility. To drop off, simply check in with the scale attendant, head over to the designated dumpster, and ditch your scraps.

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### REPEAT!

It's that easy! Continue collecting and recycling to your heart's content, and encourage fellow Scott County residents to do their part to keep organics out of the trash.



## ACCEPTABLE:

- ✓ Fruits and vegetables
- ✓ Meat, fish, and bones
- ✓ Dairy products
- ✓ Eggs and eggshells, and paper egg cartons
- ✓ Bread and cereal
- ✓ Nuts and shells
- ✓ Soiled napkins and paper towels
- ✓ Coffee grounds and filters
- ✓ Tea bags with paper filters
- ✓ Certified compostable or PLA cups, plates, bowls, and utensils
- ✓ Houseplant trimmings



## UNACCEPTABLE:

- ✗ Grease or oil
- ✗ Cartons (milk cartons, juice boxes, soup, and wine cartons)
- ✗ Diapers and sanitary products
- ✗ Animal waste and litter
- ✗ Refrigerated and frozen food boxes
- ✗ Microwave popcorn bags
- ✗ Fast food wrappers
- ✗ Cleaning or baby wipes
- ✗ Containers that aren't BPI-certified as compostable
- ✗ Recyclable items such as glass, metal, paper, or plastic
- ✗ Yard waste

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM, VISIT [SMSCORF.COM/HOUSEHOLD-PROGRAM](https://smscorf.com/household-program).