

City of Hutchinson's Curbside Organics Program

Food Scraps and Yard Waste Collection



Dear Hutchinson Residents,

We are happy to share some good news!

Over the past year, nearly 2 in 3 of City residents have gotten into the habit of regularly placing food scraps in their organics carts and keeping carts free of contaminants like plastic bags, glass, and other non-compostable items. This is a HUGE step forward, and it's all thanks to you.

To help eliminate trash from polluting our organics collection, the City recently switched to providing small compostable bags designed specifically for kitchen food scraps. This change has made a noticeable difference! We're now seeing a lot less trash in our collection, making our compost much cleaner than a year ago. We're excited to see the positive impact these small compostable bags have had on our contamination rate.

If you're one of the few who is still unsure about what belongs in your organics cart (remember, it's the cart with the green lid), please ask! Even small mistakes contaminate the entire organics collection and there is no way to pull out all the plastic and trash. We do our best at CreekSide, but the truth is we depend on each of you.

Hutchinson's organics program is one of the oldest and first of its kind in the country. Cities from across the country are looking to us for guidance, so now's the time for each of us to take pride in this unique Hutchinson service.

Here are **three easy things** you can do to show your support for this program:

- 1) **Join** hundreds of other Hutch residents who have already signed up for our monthly "Compost It Right" e-newsletter. It's full of organics collection and composting tips, important program updates, and links to local events that you can participate in. Visit <https://hutchinsonmn.gov/composting> and sign up on the bottom of the page.
- 2) **Follow** the Compost It Right page for useful reminders on Facebook. Don't forget to share its posts with friends and family in town!
- 3) **Be proud** of Hutchinson's organics collection service. It will be a national model once we get our contamination rate below 5%. Visit our Compost It Right! page (<https://hutchinsonmn.gov/composting>) to double check that you are not accidentally putting contaminants in your cart. Please only use your organics cart correctly to help us achieve this goal.

Thank you for partnering with us and let's see if we can continue to reduce our organics cart contamination!

Warm Regards,
CreekSide Soils
City of Hutchinson

