

# Curbside Organics Recycling

## Facts about Curbside Organics Recycling

- 30% or more of the trash we set out each week is compostable.
- Curbside commercial composting is done at a higher temperature and therefore more items can be composted than can be done in a backyard pile. For example, mango seeds and chicken bones.

## How Curbside Organics Recycling Benefits you:

- Minnesota landfills are full, and no one wants a new one in their backyard. No one wants to have landfill expansion and cleanup as their legacy to their grandchildren either.

## How Curbside Organics Recycling Benefits the Environment:

- Composting is one of the tenants of zero waste and helps us meet our climate action goals.
- Curbside composting significantly reduces the weight and volume of the trash sent for incineration or landfill.
- While composting does produce CO<sub>2</sub>, it produces significantly less methane than landfills do, and methane is a key driver of global climate change.
- Compost offers a significant answer to climate change mitigation. Compost's return to the soil serves as a "carbon bank," helping to store carbon thereby removing it from the atmosphere.
- Composting regenerates trash into a highly useful product that all gardeners know and love. It is full cycle recycling.

We don't need a handful of people doing zero waste perfectly.  
We need millions of people doing it imperfectly."