

ORGANICS RECYCLING & LARGE SCALE COMPOSTING



ALL  IN
TOWARD
ZERO
WASTE



The average Minnesota household throws away \$100 worth of food every month – contributing to 34 million tons of food-waste rotting in U.S. landfills each year. Properly disposing of our food scraps and other compostable items is the first step we can take in our goal towards zero waste. By supporting our efforts through our **new Organics Recycling Program** and large-scale composting methods – we can all take part in reducing pollution, conserving natural resources, and helping to make a **better Minnesota**.

LARGE SCALE COMPOSTING PROCESS

1 ORGANIC WASTE

Food scraps, paper food packaging, and organic material are picked-up from collection sites and are dumped at the compost facility.

2 MIXING DRUMS

Organic waste is mixed with yard waste to create a balanced mix of carbon to nitrogen - Helping organic waste breakdown into compost.

3 TURNING & AERATION

Organic waste is laid into rows for aeration, and turned one or more times for 30 days or up to a year!

4 COMPOST CURATION

Newly developed compost is allowed to cool and breakdown for one to four months, producing beneficial, nutrient rich compost.

5 DISPOSE WASTE

Any non-compostable materials are removed and then properly disposed of.

6 FINISHED COMPOST

Finished compost is transported back to the Capitol for flower beds and landscaping uses right here on the Capitol Grounds!