

Food Scraps and So Much More...

The advantage of commercial composting is the wide range of organics that can be recycled. Because more heat is generated in large compost piles many more items can be broken down safely and efficiently than in a backyard compost pile.

PUT IT IN!

Food Scraps and Leftovers

- Fruits & peels
- Vegetables
- Meat
- Bones
- Fish
- Dairy
- Eggshells
- Cut flowers
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Bread & grains
- Tea bags

Food Soiled Paper and Compostable Packaging

- Paper egg cartons & bags
- Paper towels/napkins
- Pizza boxes
- Toilet paper rolls
- Used tissues



BPI Certified Compostable Food Service Items*

*LOOK FOR THESE LOGOS:



LEAVE IT OUT

- No yard waste
- Metal
- Glass
- Plastic
- Liquids
- Styrofoam
- Plastic bags
- Plastic lined paper products (Shredded paper can be taken to the recycling building at Ponderosa Landfill.)

For a comprehensive list check out the full "Acceptable and Unacceptable" list in your Starter Kit and at mankatozerowaste.com.

Why Recycle Organics?

It's a simple thing we can do with good results for our planet.

Over one-third of our trash is made up of organics that could be composted.

When we compost, we...

- Keep organic waste out of the trash and landfill.
- Reduce garbage disposal waste going to wastewater treatment plants.
- Create a nutrient rich product to add to soil.

And

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to live in the city limits to drop-off my food scraps?

You must live within the city limits in Mankato and N. Mankato. Lake Crystal accepts organics from people outside of the city limits.

What happens to my organics?

They are trucked to a composting facility near the Twin Cities where they will be turned into compost in 4-6 months.

Is there a charge?

No. Renters or home-owners can use this as a city provided service.

When can I drop off my organics?

Once you've signed up, anytime during daylight hours.

Why can't pet waste be included?

It's prohibited by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for containing illness causing bacteria.

Do scraps need to be bagged?

Yes. Either in a paper sack or a BPI compostable bag. Pizza boxes and paper egg cartons can be left unbagged. **NO regular plastic bags, please.**

More Tips?

Visit mankatozerowaste.com for more info and a page on "How to get started."



Cathy Colby saves \$5 every month by recycling her household organics and using a smaller trash cart. (Available in Mankato and North Mankato.)



How do I sign up?

In **Mankato** call the 311 City Line (507-387-8600) or go to www.mankatomn.gov to sign up on-line.

North Mankato residents can sign up with April at City Hall, 507-625-4141.

In **Lake Crystal** call City Hall for sign up, 507-726-2538.

Organics Recycling for Composting



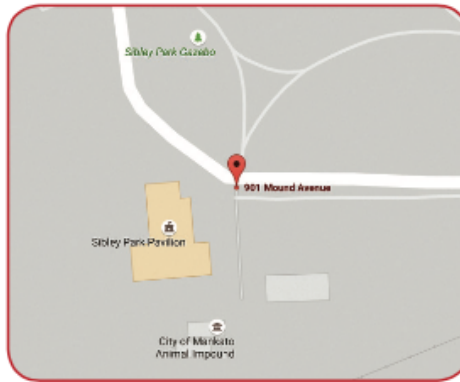
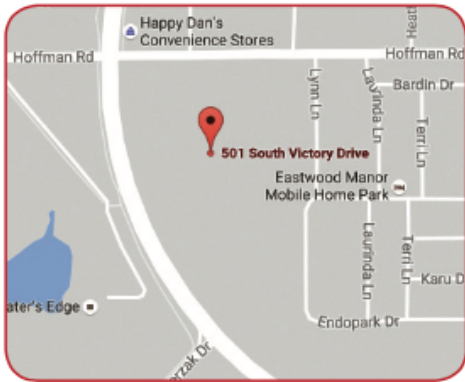
It's as easy as 1,2,3!

2 Mankato dumpster locations:

Public Works Center,
501 S. Victory Dr.



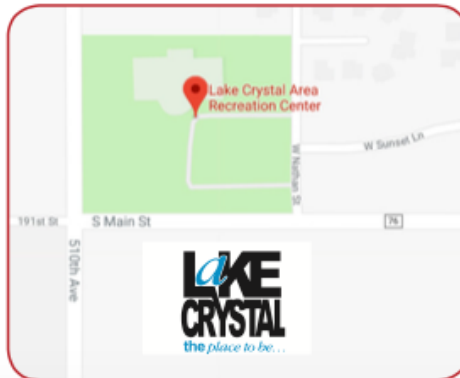
Sibley Park, 901 Mound Ave
(near Animal Impound)



North Mankato
Riverbend Recycling Center
600 Webster Avenue



Lake Crystal
Recreation Center
621 W. Nathan St



Sign up with your city and collect your organics from kitchen and bathroom.



Place your organics in paper bags or compostable bags.



LOOK FOR THESE LOGOS:



COMPOSTABLE
IN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES



Take bagged organics to the dumpster in your city during daylight hours (sites and signups on back)



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