



# Organics Recycling Process

1. Collect your food scraps and food-soiled paper products in a counter top bucket.
2. Empty your food scraps and food-soiled paper products into the Blue Bags provided by ERMU.
3. Place your Blue Bag into your garbage cart and place it on the curb on your trash collection day.

Accepted Items	Non-Accepted Items
<p><b>Food Scraps:</b>            Fruits and vegetables            Meat, fish, bones            Bread, pasta and baked goods            Egg shells            Dairy products            Coffee grounds</p> <p><b>Food-soiled paper products:</b>            Paper towels and napkins            Paper plates and cups            Milk and juice cartons            Pizza boxes            Egg cartons            Boxes from frozen and refrigerated foods            Waxed paper and paper containers            Coffee filters and tea-bags</p> <p><b>Other compostable items:</b>            Full vacuum cleaner bags            Dryer lint            Tissues and cotton balls            Floral trimmings and house plants</p>	<p>Styrofoam            Plastics, glass or metal            Plastic bags            Foil-lined containers (juice boxes)            Diapers and wipes            Kitty litter and pet droppings            Grass, leaves and brush*</p> <p>*Yard waste may be deposited at the City of Elk River Maintenance Facility at 19000 Proctor Road. Apply for a FREE Compost Pass inside the office.</p>

## Compostable Bags

Additional compostable Blue Bags for Source Separated Organics participants are sold at Northbound Liquor Store, Westbound Liquor Store, Elk River Municipal Utilities, and Elk River City Hall. The bags come in three sizes to fit a large bin (48 gallon), a medium bin (13 gallon) or a small counter top bucket (2 gallon). Pricing is:

- 25 – 2 gallon bags for \$3.50
- 1 – 13 gallon Blue Bag for \$1.00
- 1 – 33 gallon Blue Bag for \$1.75

\*If purchasing 2-gallon bags from an outside source please verify that they are certified compostable. This certification ensures that the bags will break down in the facility processing the compost. Here in the United States products can be certified through the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI). Please make sure any bags purchases are stamped with this certification label.

For questions, please call the Environmental Department at 763.635.1000 or Elk River Municipal Utilities at 763.441.2020.

