

Compostable Plastic Bags are Required!

From Curbside Yard Waste Collection As of January 1, 2010

Anoka County residents who bag their yard waste are required, by state law, to put their yard waste out for pick up in compostable bags - either paper or compostable plastic bags*.

Banning conventional plastic bags from yard waste programs enhance the quality of finished compost. In addition, it saves a lot of money in processing and operational costs that were previously required to remove plastic contamination.

Compostable bags include paper Kraft bags (large brown paper bags) or compostable plastic bags. Compostable plastic bags are usually clear or tinted a shade of green, white, or pink; and can be found at most home improvement, grocery, and hardware stores. See list to the right for retail outlets that carry certified biodegradable bags in Anoka County.



The Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) and the United States Composting Council (USCC) created the compostable logo above to label bags that have met the ASTM D6400 standard for compostable bags and films. For yard waste to be collected curbside, the bags must have this logo.

***Note:** This rule will not impact your service if you place your yard waste loose in a cart, or take it to a compost site and remove the yard waste from the bag(s) yourself.

Retail Outlets for Certified Compostable Bags in Anoka County:

Anoka County staff obtained information for this publication by researching various directories. Any omissions or inaccuracies are unintentional.

For additional listings, we recommend the local phone books.

Grocery Stores:

Coborns Incorporated
County Market
Cub Foods
Festival Foods
Grassroots Coop
Rainbow Foods

Home Improvement Stores:

Ace Hardware Stores
Do It Best Hardware Stores
Ham Lake Hardware Hank
Home Depot
Lowe's Home Improvement
Menards
Mills Fleet Farm
True Value Hardware Stores

Other:

Northland Landscaping and Nursery
Target Stores
Wal-Mart Stores

Manufacturers who market their products as 'degradable' or 'recycled plastic' without the compostable logo do not meet the ASTM D6400 standard and are therefore not accepted in yard waste collection. Make sure the bags you purchase have the USCC and BPI Compostable logo on the packaging and the bags for use in your yard waste collection.

**Accepted
With Compostable Logo**



**Not Accepted
No Compostable Logo**



For more information contact Anoka County at
www.AnokaCounty.us/recycle or call 763-323-5730.