

# Organics Newsletter

March 2022

## 14 TONS of Organics!

### *Stevens County organics update*

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the Stevens County Organics Program has collected **26,280 lbs (13.4 tons)** of Organics to deliver to the Glacial Ridge Compost Facility.

This success comes from Engebretson Disposal, Pope Douglas Solid Waste Management and our many Stevens County program participants: Don's Café, City of Morris City Hall, Hancock Public School, Legacy Assisted Living, The Met Lounge & Fireside, Morris Area Elementary School, Morris Area High School, Old #1, Pizza Hut, Stevens County Courthouse, Stevens County DAC, Stone's Throw Café, Willie's SuperValu, and the University of Minnesota Morris.

With funding and supplies from Stevens County, participants have been successfully educating their staff and sorting their waste streams through the new program since December 2021.

Program participants have seen a decline in the amount of trash they are throwing away, an increase in awareness and curiosity about organics, and in some cases have reduced costs attributed to waste.

A big congratulations and thank you to all organics participants for making the start of this program so successful!

Are you interested in utilizing Stevens County funding to get your organization set up for Organics success?

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## Household Organics Spring 2022

In Spring of 2022, Stevens County will be building multiple Organics Drop Sites across Stevens County. These drop sites will be fenced in areas with multiple 65-gallon green organics carts open to the public.

Once constructed, community members are welcome to drop off their organics in paper or BPI certified organics bags.

BPI certified bags are already available for purchase at Willie's, Town & Country, and ACE Hardware.



# MAES Organics Success!

## *Students & Staff Sort Some Snacks*

Students and staff at Morris Area Elementary School have been participating in Stevens County Organics program for over a month!

This program comes as no surprise to older students at MAES, for they have sorted lunch waste in the past. From 2017-2020 UMN Morris Facilities Management worked with the MAES kitchen staff to dispose of cafeteria organics for composting at the UMN Morris compost facility.

With new signage and some daily practice, MAES students have quickly turned into waste experts!

When students are dismissed from lunch they walk through the waste line, putting away silverware, emptying milk cartons, and then placing their lunchtime waste in the appropriate containers.

Students know that milk cartons are recycled, wrappers are thrown in the trash, and food and napkins are put into the organics.

A special thanks to Jeremy, Sandy, Betty, and the entire MAHS Lunch Staff for their support in re-starting organics sorting at MAES!



**For news, updates, signage, how-to's, or questions on the Organics Program visit: [co.stevens.mn.us/organics](https://co.stevens.mn.us/organics)**

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