

Organics Newsletter

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Fried Fish to Fresh Compost

Organics recycling at the SMS Fish Fry!

On April 1st community members gathered at the Morris American Legion for the Annual St. Mary's School Fish Fry Fundraiser. New this year was the opportunity for organics recycling. Organics compostable dinnerware was donated by AgCountry and purchased from UMN-Morris, Organics carts were delivered by Engbretson Disposal, and compostable bags were provided by the Stevens County Organics program.

SMS students of all ages bussed tables and sorted waste, finding that most waste was organics recyclable and very little was trash. A huge congrats to the SMS Fish Fry Co-Chairs for including organics recycling into their planning. When all waste would have been trash in previous years, this year 130 gallons of organics were collected in comparison to only 34 gallons of trash!



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

Contact Sydney at (320) 208-6574 or sydneybauer@co.stevens.mn.us



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Organics at your event?

Are you interested in providing organics recycling at your event?

With funding through Stevens County it is quick and simple to get bins, bags, and support for organics recycling!

Curious how this could work for you? Email or call Sydney Bauer to learn more and plan a zero-waste event!



Drop sites coming soon!

How to prep for household organics recycling

Organics drop sites are getting prepped and ready across Stevens County. The first drop site to be built will be located at the City of Morris Shop next to the Engebretson's cardboard and recycling roll off dumpsters.

The drop site will be a fenced in area with multiple green organics recycling carts sitting inside. Once open, residents are welcome and encouraged to bag up organics in paper or BPI certified compostable bags to drop off.

A handy household organics recycling guide has been prepared in English and Spanish to help households get started! You can find that guide [here](#) or by going to co.stevens.mn.us/organics.

If you would like to be updated once the first Stevens County Organics Drop Site is up and running, fill out the form at:

co.stevens.mn.us/1147/Contact-Us



Want to start practicing organics at your house?

Quick Tips to start Household Organics Recycling:

1. Place a container of your choice in a convenient place for collecting organics recyclables. Line your container with a paper bag or a BPI certified compostable bag (regular trash bag until drop sites are built).
2. Collect organics.
3. Tie the bag shut and bring it to a Stevens County Organics Drop Site (toss in your garbage until drop site is built).
4. Tell your neighbors!

All organics to be recycled must be bagged in either paper or BPI certified compostable bags. You can purchase BPI compostable bags at Willies, ACE Hardware, and Town & Country.



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