


Food Scraps Drop-off Program

Ramsey County Waste Reduction Advisory Committee

5/7/24

John Springman

Food Scraps Collection:

- 7 yard waste sites +
- 10 standalone sites (24/7) 

Free Food Scraps Collection Sites

These sites are open year-round, 24 hours a day.

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| 1 COMO PARK
1149 Beulah Lane
Saint Paul | 6 ROSEVILLE
2580 Dale St.
Roseville |
| 2 FALCON HEIGHTS
2077 Larpenteur Ave. W.
Falcon Heights | 7 SAINT ANTHONY
3301 Silver Lake Road NE
Saint Anthony |
| 3 HIGHLAND PARK
800 S. Snelling Ave.
Saint Paul | 8 VADNAIS HEIGHTS
3595 Arcade St. N.
Vadnais Heights |
| 4 MAPLEWOOD
2100 White Bear Ave.
Maplewood | 9 WHITE BEAR LAKE
3950 Hoffman Road
White Bear Lake |
| 5 NEW BRIGHTON
700 5th St. NW
New Brighton | 10 UNION PARK
Corner of Carroll Ave.
and N Griggs St.
Saint Paul |

Food Scraps Collection ONLY

Accepted:



Visit RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps for a full list.

NOT Accepted:



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For a detailed list: RamseyRecycles.com



Food Scraps - Accepted/Not Accepted

Yes	No
Meat, fish, bones, fats, grease	Plastic bags
Dairy products	Non-BPI Certified paper/plastic products
Fruits & veggies (prepared/expired)	Raw fish animal carcasses
Grains/cereals	Traditional recyclables (clean paper/cardboard, etc.)
Sauces, soups and vegetable oil	Plastic-lined paper (freezer boxes, etc.)
Waste paper products (napkins, tissues)	Personal hygiene products and diapers
Coffee and paper filters	Pet wastes
BPI – Certified products	Clothing (including 100% cotton)
	Yard waste



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2023 Collection Data

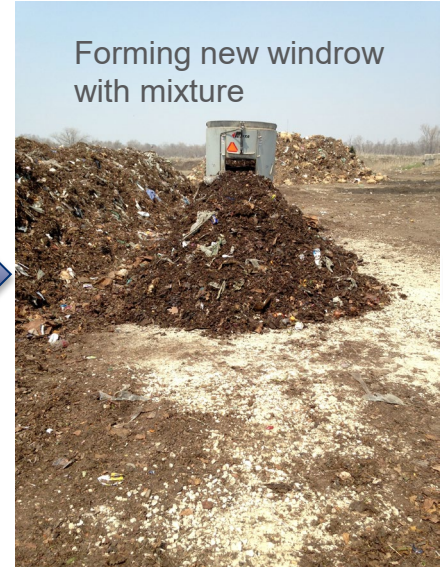
- Yard waste sites: 1,041,019 lbs.
- 24/7 sites: 2,022,478 lbs.
- **TOTAL: 3,063,497 lbs.**

- Hauled to private composter in Rosemount

- Approximately 300 cubic yards of food scrap compost is purchased from metro composters and distributed to community gardens each spring



Commercial Organics Composting Facility



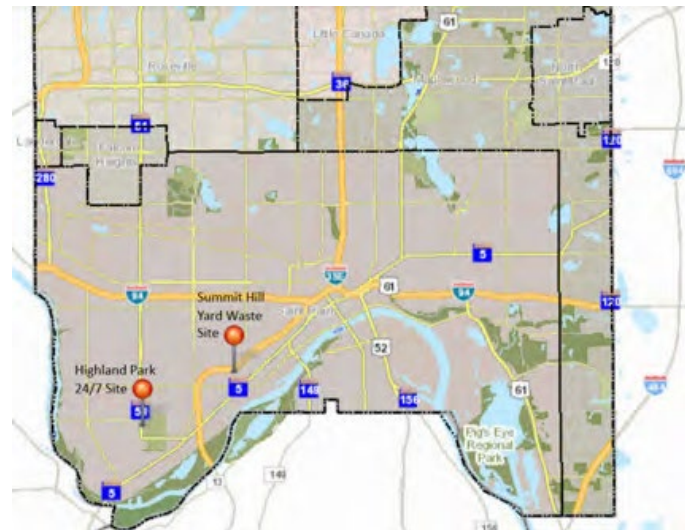
2022 Food Scraps Waste Sort

Sorted food scraps for contamination:

- Summit Hill Yard Waste site
- Highland Park 24/7 site

PROCESS:

1. Collected & weighed food scraps prior to sorting
2. Deposited samples in separate piles on ground
3. Opened every bag and sorted all loose materials
4. Weighed contamination to determine % of total weight.



2022 Food Scraps Waste Sort (continued)

Results: Contaminants included:

- Plastic-lined paper: To-go containers, paper cups, food wrappers, shiny paper plates, ice cream tubs, pizza box liners, etc.
- Recyclables: Cardboard/boxboard/cartons, newspapers in bulk, plastic bottles and cups, to-go containers, yogurt cups, aluminum cans, etc.
- Other: Non-BPI certified compostable bags, utensils, straws, non-recyclable or compostable plastic cups and containers, sauce packets, etc.



Food scraps in plastic bags
(inside a compostable bag!)



Shredded paper in plastic bag



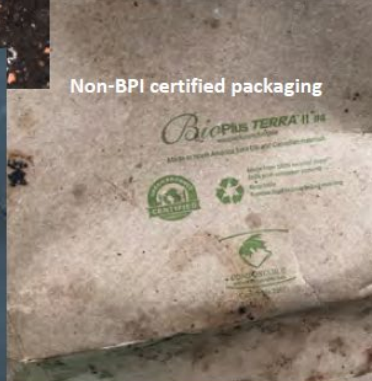
Non-BPI certified bag



Bacon still inside plastic packaging



Non-BPI certified foil packaging



Non-BPI certified packaging



Non-BPI certified bag



Pet bedding and feces in
non-BPI certified bag

2022 Food Scraps Waste Sort (continued)

Results:

Percent Contamination

Percent Contamination by Weight	HIGHLAND PARK 24/7 SITE	SUMMIT HILL YARD WASTE SITE	TOTAL (both sites)
Plastic-Lined Paper (lbs.)	8.8	18.4	27.2
Recyclables (lbs.)	1.7	1.3	3
Other Contaminants (lbs.)	17.5	63.3	80.8
Total Contamination (lbs.)	28	83	111
Organics Weight (lbs.)	4,190	9,230	13,420
Total Contamination (%)	0.67	0.90	0.83



THANK YOU!

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