WHY COMPOST?

Organics material makes up about 25% of the University’s Municipal Solid Waste stream, making it the most dominant waste type by weight with about 1,600 tons recovered each year.

RECYCLING SAVES MONEY!
Trash disposal costs the University $72 a ton, versus only $25 a ton for Organics Recycling.

WHERE DOES IT GO?
All organic material generated on the Twin Cities Campus is brought to the Hennepin County Drop-Off Facility in Brooklyn Park.
The organic waste then travels to the Mulch Store in Burnsville, Minnesota. Their facility recycles the waste on a large scale, which allows them to process meat, dairy, and some types of paper waste.

After a few months, the organic waste breaks down into the nutrient-rich material that is compost, which can be purchased by consumers and returned to the ground.

Composting is great for the economy and the Earth, and shows the University’s commitment to sustainability!

QUESTIONS?

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**COMPOST THIS!**

- Tea Bags
- Coffee Filters & Grounds
- Dark & Brightly Colored Paper
- Paper Towels, Napkins, & Tissues
- Food-Soiled Paper & Cardboard
- Includes Eggs, Cheese, Meat & Bones
- All Food Scraps Without Wrappers

**TRASH THAT!**

- Non-Compostable Hot & Cold Coffee Cups
- Oatmeal Packets
- Tea Wrappers
- Candy & Condiment Wrappers
- Yogurt Cups & Lids
- Plastic Coated Dining Ware
- Paper Beverage Cartons & Frozen Food Boxes
- Microwave Popcorn & Bags