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# **Convenient Curbside Composting in Wayzata**



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Randy's Environmental Services is changing the way they recycle organics. The separate organics waste cart and pick-up are gone, and one less truck will be traveling your street. The new <u>Blue Baq Organics™</u> <u>Curbside Composting System</u> began in January 2013, using the same truck that picks up your regular household trash. <u>Click here to watch a How-To video from Blue Baq Organics</u>.

To enjoy the benefits of Blue Bag Organics, Wayzata residents must sign up. Call 763-972-3335 or email <a href="mailto:custserv@randyssanitation.com">custserv@randyssanitation.com</a> and say, "Please sign me up for Blue Bag Organics."

### Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: If I participate in the program, what new items

#### will I receive?

When you indicate your desire to participate, Randy's Environmental Services will deliver to you:

- A 32-gallon Blue Bags Organics can and lid.
- Sixty 32-gallon Blue Bags Organics compostable can liners per year (a \$72 value).
- A ventilated kitchen compost bucket (an \$11 value).
- A coupon for a complimentary bag of Blue Bag Premium Compost (a \$4 value).

### Q: What makes the Blue Bag Organics liners different than other bags?

Each Blue Bag Organics liner is made from a proprietary blend of bioplastics composed of corn syrup and polymers. These are renewable ingredients, unlike the petroleum used to make typical plastic bags that don't biodegrade. Later, microbes found in soil devour the Blue Bag Organics bags and convert them to compost.

# Q: Will these bags tear, rip or fall apart easily? Can they withstand extreme temperatures?

The proprietary resin makes Blue Bag Organics bags durable and shelf-stable. They can withstand sunlight and rain. But when they are buried at an industrial composting facility, especially under warm compost soil, Blue Bag Organics bags disintegrate in about 45 days.

# Q: Under the new program, how do I dispose of my household's food waste?

On trash day, hand tie the Blue Bag Organics can liner containing your household's food waste and **place it inside your regular refuse cart.** Randy's will separate from other trash at their facility. Then your organics are off to a composting facility.

## Q: What happens to my organics waste? Where does it go?

When Blue Bag Organics bags are buried at an industrial composting facility, the bags and their contents disintegrate in less than two months, turning into nutrient-rich compost that is bagged and sold at your local garden center.

# Q: What is compostable? What's not?

Food waste and food-soiled paper are called organic waste because they are compostable. <u>Click here</u> for a detailed list of what can and cannot be composted.

## Q: Will the organics smell?

Organics will smell the same as your household trash. Remember, it is the same waste you have now, just separated into containers.

To minimize odors, remember to put in food-soiled paper products or line your container with a paper bag to absorb liquid from food waste, line your container with a compostable plastic bag to contain liquid, empty your container frequently and rinse it out occasionally.

### Q: Is organics recycling better than using the garbage disposal?

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Yes, recycling organic waste into compost is more cost-effective and environmentally friendly than using a garbage disposal.

It takes energy and resources to process out solids including food waste at wastewater treatment plants. Food waste can also overload your septic system and cause problems.

# $\ensuremath{\mathbf{Q}}\xspace$ Whom do I call if I have questions or want to sign up for the organics program?

You can call Randy's Environmental Services at 763-972-3335 or email <a href="mailto:custserv@randyssanitation.com">custserv@randyssanitation.com</a>. For more information on the Blue Bags Organics Curbside Composting System, visit <a href="mailto:bluebagorganics.com">bluebagorganics.com</a>.

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