

WHY recycle food waste?

Separating food waste scraps from your garbage is easy. Less waste goes to the landfill, and valuable nutrients are recycled to make Garden Green® a nutrient-rich compost produced by the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD).

The food scraps you drop off are taken to the WLSSD Organics Composting Facility where they are mixed with shredded yard trimmings and carefully composted. WLSSD can even compost those items not recommended for backyard composting like meat, fish, bones and cheese.



Food Waste Recycling: what, how, where and when



Carlton County
Zoning
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Transfer Station 218-879-9089
Office 218-384-9176
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WHAT food waste is acceptable?

YES - Recycle These!

- Meat and fish scraps, fat, bones
- Spoiled or moldy food (no liquid)
- Eggshells
- Tea bags, coffee grounds and filters
- Fruits and vegetables, peels and pits
- Cheese and butter
- Baked goods, dough, pasta, rice
- Anything that is/was edible

NO - Put These in the Trash!

No loose food scraps, must be bagged!

No liquids

No plastic bags, containers or wrap

No pet wastes or kitty litter

No diapers

No dirt, stones or rocks

HOW to collect food waste?

- Food waste needs to be collected in compostable bags. Compostable bags are provided free of charge at the Carlton County Transfer Station. Ask at the cashier window for bags. Four bags are allotted per visit (subject to change).
- No plastic bags will be accepted!
- No loose food scraps will be accepted!
- To keep costs down and allow for free bags, please use the provided bags for only food waste.
- The compostable bags fit 1-2 gallon scrap containers.
- Keep a food scrap container near the kitchen sink for easy access.
- Wrap smelly food, such as fish, in newspaper. Freeze until you are ready to drop it off. Place it, paper and all, in the compostable bag.

WHERE and WHEN to drop off food waste?

Carlton County Transfer Station

1950 Highway 210

Carlton, MN 55718

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Secure your food waste in the provided compostable bags. Gently place in the designated container and close the lid.
- Never leave food waste outside of the bin.
- Don't forget to get compostable bags for your next visit!