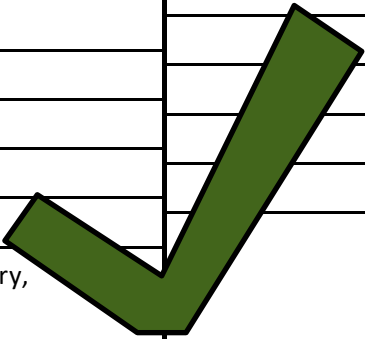


Bloomington Organics — Detailed Acceptable list

Baked goods	Jam and jelly
Bamboo foodservice items	Meat and meat products (including fat and bones)
Berry cartons (paper only)	Melon, pumpkin and gourds
Bones	Nail clippings (no polish)
Candy (remove from wrapper, no gum)	Newspaper that is wet with food or dirt
Cereal	Nuts and nut shells
Certified compostable bags (must be labeled certified compostable)	Oatmeal
Certified compostable food-service items (must be labeled certified compostable)	Oysters, mussels, clams (shells and all)
	Paper bags: lunch sacks, bakery bags (bags cannot be plastic lined)
Cheese	Paper take-out containers and fast food packaging (must be certified compostable)
Chopsticks and coffee stir-sticks (wood only)	Paper plates and cups (must be labeled certified compostable)
Coffee cups (must be labeled certified compostable)	Paper towels and napkins
Coffee grounds and paper filters	Pastries and pies
Coffee pods (must be certified compostable)	Pet food (dry or wet removed from bag or can)
Cork (natural only, plastic corks are garbage)	Pizza delivery boxes (remove stickers, liners)
Corn cobs, husks and silks	PLA plastic (only if labeled certified compostable)
Cotton balls or cotton swabs-paper stem only (no chemicals on them)	Popcorn kernels
Dough	Popsicle sticks and toothpicks (wood only)
Egg cartons (paper only)	Spices (fresh or dried)
Egg shells	Sponges (must be certified compostable)
Facial tissue	Soup (strain liquids down drain first)
Fish and fish parts	Tea bags (not nylon; remove staples; tea bag packaging is trash)
Food - ALL spoiled, moldy, frozen food, dairy, frozen dairy, all fruits and vegetables including peelings and pits, baked goods, sauces, herbs and spices, nuts, seafood and fish including shells and parts, meat including fat and bones, etc.	How to tell if an item is certified compostable:
Flower bouquets (remove ribbon, plastic and metal)	Look for the BPI logo shown at right on the product or product packaging. Or check online at www.bpiworld.org .
Frozen foods (food only, not packaging)	
Fruit, fruit peels, fruit seeds, and pits	Questions? utilitybilling@bloomingtonmn.gov 952.563.8726 blm.mn/organics
Fur - from pet grooming (not fur clothing)	
Grains	
Gravy and sauces	
Grease (small amounts wiped in paper towel is OK)	
Hair - human and pet	
Herbs and spices	
Indoor plants and trimmings (no dirt or outdoor plants)	



Bloomington Organics — Detailed Not Accepted list

Ashes (fireplace, grill, portable fire pit, chiminea)	Glass or metal
Air filters (furnace, humidifier, etc.)	Gum (contains plastic)
Animal waste, bedding, litter, or droppings	Menstrual products (tampons, pads, liners, applicators)
Aluminum foil	Ice cream tubs (paper or plastic)
Automobile and engine fluids (antifreeze, motor oil, etc.)	Incontinence products
Baby, personal and flushable moist wipes	Laminated paper
"Biodegradable" labeled items (without BPI certification)	Latex (balloons and gloves)
Bandages and first-aid items	Liquids (pour non-hazardous liquids down the drain)
Batteries	Litter and street sweepings
Butter wrappers (contains plastic coating)	Markers and pens
Candles and candle wax	Microwaveable popcorn bags (plastic-lined with BPA)
Candy, chip, and granola bar wrappers	Packing peanuts (foam or "degradable")
Cartons (soup, broth, milk, juice, or wine)	Paper that can be recycled
Cat litter of any kind	Parchment and wax paper (unless certified compostable)
Ceramics (mugs, plates, bowls, vases, etc.)	Personal hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, etc.)
Charcoal with lighter fluid	Pesticides (solid and liquids)
Cigarettes, cigars and butts	Pet food bags (plastic or foil lined)
Cleaning products including towels, rags, sponges, etc. soaked with chemical cleaning products	Photos and slides
Condiment packets (plastic and foil including: ketchup, relish, red pepper, parmesan, taco sauce, etc.)	Plastic (all non-certified compostable, including bags and wrap)
Condoms and related products	Plastic lined paper (ex: Asian food pails, ice cream tubs, coffee cups - unless certified compostable)
Construction materials (concrete, sheetrock, etc.)	Remodeling debris
Cotton swabs with plastic middle	Rocks, gravel, soil and dirt
Cosmetics and perfumes	Rubber and rubber bands
Crayons and chalk	Snack and sandwich bags (unless certified compostable)
Dead animals	Soap (liquid, bar, shampoo, dish, dishwasher, laundry)
Dental floss (contains plastic)	Shredded paper (toner ink is made from plastic)
Detergents (liquid, powder, sheets, and tablets)	Star Tribune "oxo-degradable" bags
Diapers (baby, overnight, training, swim, and covers)	Styrofoam™ (egg cartons, packaging, and peanuts)
Dryer lint and dryer sheets (contains synthetic fibers)	Clothing
Dust bunnies	Tape (transparent, Scotch™, electrical, duct, masking, packing, etc.)
Dusting wipes (contains synthetic fibers)	Treated wood (lumber and sawdust), any wood scraps
Fast food wraps and boxes (lining is not compostable)	Vacuum cleaner bags
Feces (human and pet)	Wax (wax paper [unless certified compostable], candle wax, car wax)
Fertilizers (solid and liquid)	Wicker (furniture or wicker scraps)
Frozen or refrigerated food boxes	Wrapping and tissue paper
	Yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, tree and garden trimmings)