

Composting and Organics



Did You Know?

- Grass clippings & fallen leaves that make their way to the storm water infrastructure can carry harmful nutrients to our lakes and water ways.
- Yard waste in landfills takes up already limited space and creates acidity. Acidity causes other chemicals to spread more quickly. This is called leachate and can quickly increase water pollution. ~epa.gov
- 50% of what is hauled to landfills in summer & fall months is yard waste. ~mpca
- It is illegal to dispose of yard waste with household garbage. ~ Minn. Stat. §115A



Some waste haulers offer compost bins on a seasonal basis. Contact your Garbage/Recycle Hauler to learn what they offer, or visit the Important Phone Numbers page of waconia.org for a full list of licensed haulers.

Benefits of Bagging Grass Clippings:

- Clippings can be pretty messy immediately following lawn mowing and track grass indoors, pools, etc.
- They break down quickly so are great for composting.
- Use it as mulch in your garden to help with weed prevention and lock in moisture.
- Prevents clippings from getting blown into the street.

Not just yard waste is compostable! Some food and other home organics make great compost for your gardens! For more information on home composting and composting bins, visit the Carver County Environmental Center www.recyclecarver.org

2017 Compost Schedule

310 10th Street East

8-12	8:00am—12:00pm
8-17	3:30pm—7:00pm
8-26	8:00am—12:00pm
9-09	8:00am—12:00pm
9-23	8:00am—12:00pm
10-05	3:30pm—7:00pm
10-07	8:00am—12:00pm
10-19	3:30pm—7:00pm
10-21	8:00pm—12:00pm
10-28	8:00am—12:00pm
11-02	3:30pm—7:00pm

City Compost Service:

The City of Waconia offers a Compost Drop-Off site that is open on designated days from Spring-Fall.

Materials approved for disposal are: Grass, Leaves, Garden Waste & Brush

- Brush should be cut down so it is no larger than 3' in diameter & 4' in length
- Cost is \$1/Bag or \$10 per truck/trailer load
- Compostable Bags only
- Proof of Waconia residency required

