



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

Dear North Loop Residents:

The City of Minneapolis recently introduced a pilot program to provide curbside organics recycling to several neighborhoods. All residents in Minneapolis will have curbside organics recycling in 2016, except multi-family housing. There are currently no plans to provide the service to multi-family housing of over four units so your North Loop Neighborhood Association is encouraging residents to take action for their buildings.

We are asking apartments and condominiums to take the first step toward organics recycling by setting up a free consultation on how to incorporate this service. Eureka Recycling, a local zero waste non-profit social enterprise, is available to provide **free consultation** regarding incorporating organics recycling service into building design (taking into consideration current city zoning and regulation) and resident services. They have already helped several of our neighboring businesses (Brave New Workshop, Cowles Center, Gorkha Palace, Red Stag, to name a few) reduce their waste and we hope they can help our residences as well.

Organic materials such as food scraps and yard waste make up 20-30% of disposed waste which can be diverted from landfills to be composted. The EPA identified the benefits of composting to include:

- Enriches soil, helping retain moisture and suppress plant diseases and pests
- Reduces the need for chemical fertilizers
- Encourages the production of beneficial bacteria and fungi that break down organic matter to create humus, a rich nutrient-filled material
- Reduces methane emissions from landfills and lowers carbon emissions.

Several companies in the Twin Cities provide organic recycling services. Listed below are a few who we know have worked in the North Loop Neighborhood previously. After your building's free consultation, please reach out to your preferred vendor to collaborate to provide this valuable service.

Eureka Recycling

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Organix Solutions

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
North Loop Neighborhood Association