

# WORKPLACE COMPOSTING



## Why Manage Organics?

It is estimated that organics, including non-recyclable paper, represent about a third of the material in our waste stream. In many cases, this material ends up in landfills where the valuable nutrients provide no value to the soil. Organic waste management, such as composting, puts the waste to good use by allowing it to return to the food chain as a natural fertilizer. As compost, it can replenish valuable nutrients and aid in creating healthy soils that allow plants to flourish.

Nicollet County is initiating a paper towel composting program in the Nicollet County Government Center, Health and Human Services buildings, and Public Works. Starting in September, receptacles in restrooms will be lined with compostable bags that will accept paper towel waste. Additional containers will be provided for refuse that is non-compostable.

As we go along, we want you to propose improvements and share your ideas and suggestions. Your solutions and actions are what is needed to make this program a success. Working together, the measures we put in place to reduce waste will make a significant environmental impact!

Thank you in advance for your ideas, your cooperation, and also your support!

