It takes only two months to take food waste like an apple core, corn husks or salad scraps and convert it to nutrient-rich compost to help grow more apples. Or corn. Or lettuce.

And Blue Bag™ Organics Curbside Composting makes food waste recycling easy for you and your household.

The secret to our Blue Bag Organics Curbside Composting system is the special Blue Bag Organics liner. It’s made from corn syrup and polymers. These renewable ingredients make Blue Bag Organics bags durable. They can withstand sunlight, rain and snow. And they can stretch to resist most tears and punctures.

But when they are buried at an industrial composting facility, Blue Bag Organics bags and their contents disintegrate in less than 60 days, turning into nutrient-rich Blue Bag Premium Compost that is sold at your local garden center.

Discard food waste and food-soiled paper from meals, your refrigerator and the pantry into a kitchen compost bucket, separate from your other household trash. Use a kitchen scraps recycling setup that is most convenient for you and your household. You may already have a ventilated kitchen compost bucket for your kitchen scraps. Some households prefer to line the compost bucket with newspaper, a paper bag or an empty paperboard ice cream container. These paper items are compostable right along with the kitchen scraps. Or you may prefer to line your compost bucket with a 3-gallon compostable bag certified by the Biodegradable Products Institute. A list of BPI-certified bags can be found at bpiworld.org. Please don’t use plastic shopping bags or other kinds of plastic bags. They will not compost. You may use any sturdy washable container as a kitchen compost bucket. A plastic ice cream bucket or plastic gallon milk jug with the top cut off works well, along with newspaper or a paper bag placed in the bottom to absorb liquids. Empty your kitchen compost bucket into the Blue Bag™ Organics composting system — a covered blue can that’s lined with a Blue Bag Organics BPI-certified bag. Unlike most plastic trash bags, the Blue Bag Organics liner is specially made to be compostable. All your household’s organics, including flattened and folded pizza boxes, go into that special Blue Bag Organics liner. Cereal boxes can still go into your paper recycling. For trash day, hand tie the Blue Bag Organics liner and place it inside your regular garbage cart for curbside pickup. We’ll separate all Blue Bag Organics from other trash at our facility. And off they’ll go to a composting company. ORGANICS Recycling

Food waste and food-soiled paper are called organic waste. It includes:

- Spoiled leftovers
- Meat and meat bones
- Poultry and poultry bones
- Fish and fish bones
- Vegetable scraps
- Fruit scraps
- Egg and nut shells
- Fruit stones
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Tea leaves and tea bags (staples removed)
- Butter and margarine wrappers
- Dairy products
- Paper cups and plates
- Paper towels and napkins
- Waxed paper and parchment paper
- Wax-coated paperboard packaging and containers
- Refrigerated foods
- Frozen foods
- Takeout and to-go containers
- Pizza boxes

These items should not go into your kitchen compost bucket or Blue Bag Organics liner. They do not compost.

- Twist ties
- Aluminum foil
- Foil-lined cartons, containers or packaging
- Cooking oils, fats or grease
- Staples
- Plastics
- Styrofoam
- Personal sanitary products
- Diapers or wipes
- Pet droppings or kitty litter
- Glass or metal
- Clothes
- Cigarette butts
- Rocks or bricks

Yard waste (grass clippings, flowers, leaves, brush and branches) and recyclable paper are picked up separately from Blue Bag Organics.

TO ORDER YOUR TRASH SERVICE WITH BLUE BAG ORGANICS, please call Randy’s Environmental Services at 763-972-3335.

ABOUT TWO MONTHS LATER, RECYCLED FOOD WASTE FROM HOUSEHOLDS LIKE YOURS WILL BE CONVERTED TO COMPOST AND SOLD AT A LOCAL GARDEN CENTER.