

## Mary Holm

I am in support of curbside compost pickup (free? or paid for by the state of MN?). We do have compost bins and a large garden compost pile in our backyard, but we cannot compost food waste there, nor much paper waste. We used to have organic compost pickup by our former garbage hauler, but they sold the company and the new company charged about three times as much, so we have been taking our food compost to the Minnetonka City site every week. We are close enough, and retired, so as not to be terribly bothered by this change from weekly pickup, but most people are not in this situation and probably just throw their food waste into the garbage again. There should be a real effort at public education on managing household waste--and a way for everyone to afford doing it! We need to get real about how to change our habits in this world so that humanity may survive and live in a far healthier, once again more beautiful, and equitable and caring world.