



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, ICMA-CM, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: June 11, 2026

Subject: Organics collection discussion

At the May 18 Council work session discussion regarding the 2030 residential organics collection requirement, the City Council requested additional information regarding potential compliance options available to the City.

In response to that direction, staff has invited representatives from Walters Recycling and Refuse and Anoka County to attend the next City Council work session. The purpose of the discussion will be to provide additional information regarding organics collection requirements, available collection models, County expectations, and the feasibility of various compliance approaches within Spring Lake Park's existing open collection system.

Representatives will be available to discuss the food scrap bag collection model currently being implemented in portions of Ramsey and Washington Counties, traditional curbside organics collection programs, anticipated timelines, processing requirements, and other issues identified by the Council during the initial discussion. Council members will also have an opportunity to ask questions regarding costs, implementation considerations, reporting requirements, and how organics collection may be integrated into the City's current refuse collection framework.

No formal action is requested at this time. The purpose of the discussion is to provide additional information and assist the Council in determining how it wishes to proceed with evaluating options for compliance with the 2030 residential organics collection requirement.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.