Plate to Garden Compost

“This is a wonderful teaching opportunity that requires hands on assistance from students and staff”.

If you are interested in setting up a Plate to Garden Compost fundraising event, please contact:

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A new fundraising opportunity that helps the environment!
Closing the Loop on Organics Recycling

The Minnesota Composting Council has designed a program that allows your organization to close the loop on organics recycling by returning the organic material collected in your cafeteria or from your community as finished compost.

The organic materials collected are brought to a large-scale compost facility that turns it into a rich soil amendment, more commonly known as compost. That compost is returned to you so your organization can offer it at a low cost to families, staff or your whole community.

The Minnesota Composting Council Will Provide:

Everything you will need to make a successful compost distribution program including:

- Coordinating delivery of compost.
- Providing specially designed bags that are easily filled with up to 20 lbs. of compost.
- Supplying signage and tools for the day of the event.

Your Organization is Responsible For:

- Location and advertising for the event.
- Volunteers to fill bags during the event.

Benefits of Compost

The most obvious benefit of composting is that compost is great for the garden. Whether added to seed-starting mixes, container plantings, garden beds, or lawns, compost does several important jobs:

- Microorganisms in compost help break down organic matter into plant-available nutrients, so plants grow stronger.
- When added to the soil, compost increases the amount of moisture the soil retains, so you have to water less.
- Compost can help prevent erosion.

The recommended sale price for Plate To Garden Compost is $3.50 per bag. All proceeds after expenses are retained by your organization. Expenses include delivery of compost and compost bags. A ten cubic yard load of compost is sufficient to fill 500 bags. Visit [www.mncompostingcouncil.org](http://www.mncompostingcouncil.org) for more information.