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Organic Waste Pickup Available to Seward Businesses

Area businesses are working with Hennepin County and local service providers including Randy's Sanitation, Eureka Recycling and Boone Trucking to setup scheduled organic waste pickup. Businesses who already use the service are reducing their waste bills by up to 75% and diverting garbage from methane producing landfills to be composted and reused for road construction and landscaping. In addition to the typical food waste, certain paper products such as pizza boxes and napkins are accepted. Tracy Singleton at the Birchwood Cafe is on board with Eureka and Boone:

"At the Birchwood, we are super excited to be able to now reduce the amount of trash we throw away by composting ALL our food scraps. We've always been concerned that our to-go containers are recyclable and we've always recycled glass and cans and plastic and cardboard but now, by taking a closer, more discriminating look at what we are throwing in our trash we can make purchasing decisions about supplies based on the end use of the packaging; does it reduce our trash; can we reuse or recycle it? The whole staff is really embracing the transition and altering previously held views of "there is a trash can; feed it." Now we think, "there is a trash can, let's put as little in that as possible and compost the rest!" As the folks at Eureka Recycling say, "Waste is a Choice." It's empowering to know we're choosing to put less garbage in landfills and instead turning our waste into compost that can be re-used."

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An article on Randy's Sanitation can be found online at:

<http://www.startribune.com/local/minneapolis/16161907.html>

Randy's Sanitation website has more information including a list of accepted waste:

<http://www.randyssanitation.com> (click on Organics Recycling tab)

Eureka Recycling website:

www.eurekarecycling.org