Who is MNCC?

The Minnesota Composting Council (MNCC) is a non-profit that is dedicated to the development, expansion, and promotion of the composting industry based upon sound science, principles of sustainability, and economic viability. Our non-profit status from the state of Minnesota was granted January 2013, and we became a state chapter of the United States Composting Council (USCC) in December, 2013. We will achieve our mission through:

- Encouraging and guiding research
- Promoting best management practices
- Establishing standards
- Educating professionals and the public, and
- Enhancing product quality and markets

Please consider joining MNCC. There are multiple membership levels to meet every situation.

Why Use Compost?

- Compost is a great soil rejuvenator! The composting process encourages the production of beneficial micro-organisms, which break down organic matter to create humus, a nutrient rich material which helps soils retain moisture.

- Erosion, erosion, go away! Compost has the ability to prevent pollutants in storm-water runoff from reaching surface water resources and reduces erosion and silting.

- Compost suppresses plant diseases and pests and reduce or eliminate the need for chemical fertilizers, while promoting higher annual yields of crops.

- Composting provides a way to reduce the amount of waste that needs to be disposed of while converting it into a product that is useful for gardening and landscaping.

- Composting is a cost effective lawn-greening treatment. Using compost can reduce the need for water, fertilizers, and pesticides!
Minnesota Composts!

Minnesota continues to be a leader in environmental initiatives. There has been a steady increase in organics recycling programs. Contact your city or hauler to find out if there are curbside or drop off programs in your area.

Composting in the Community

Looking for compost? Visit local nurseries, big box retailers, or composter in your area. To find composters in your area visit Find a Composter at www.findacomposter.com.

Local Composting Resources:

Below are some local resources that provide information on the benefits of composting, how to get started, trouble-shooting issues with your backyard compost bin, land management, and more!

**Minnesota Composting Council:** www.mncompostingcouncil.org

**Minnesota Extension:** www.extension.umn.edu

**Land Stewardship Project:** www.landstewardshipproject.org

**Gardening Matters:** www.gardeningmatters.org

**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Resources:** www.reduce.org

For more information on commercial composting, composting research and starting a large scale collection program visit the resources section of the US Composting Council’s website compostingcouncil.org.