

MN WASTE WISE SUCCESS STORY

Chick-Fil-A Maplewood



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Chick-Fil-A, a fast food restaurant chain with a franchise location in Maplewood, had been interested in reducing their trash as a way to save money but didn't know where to begin.

After hearing from the White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce that a BizRecycling grant could help get them started, Chick-Fil-A Maplewood connected with Waste Wise and submitted a grant application in February 2019 to add organics collection bins to the kitchen. Soon after the application was approved, the shop converted some of its trash bins to organics bins and began collecting food scraps. Since starting an organics program (three 64 gallon carts picked up weekly), the restaurant has diverted an estimated 36,400 pounds of food waste out of the trash annually.

"Chick-fil-A Maplewood leadership and team members wanted to reduce our waste to the landfill. We partnered with the MN Waste Wise Foundation to come up with different recycling practices that we could incorporate into our restaurant. We noticed that organic waste was a huge opportunity for our business. We developed a plan and incorporated organic recycling into our restaurant. It has been a huge success! Not only did we reduced our waste to the landfill, but we also reduced our waste/recycling costs." – Bob Lee, Owner



HIGHLIGHTS

- **700** pounds of organics diverted from the trash each week