

MINNESOTA WASTE WISE SUCCESS STORY

Saint Anthony Park United Church of Christ



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Saint Anthony Park United Church of Christ, located in St. Paul, Minnesota, was interested in learning how they could reduce their environmental footprint. Minnesota Waste Wise met with them in the fall of 2019 to kick off their efforts.

Prior to applying for the Biz Recycling Grant, Saint Anthony Park UCC had started to collect food scraps that a staff member was taking to a local organics drop-off site. They had various kinds of bins for recycling and waste without consistent labels.

After their Biz Recycling application was approved, the church was able to start commercial organics recycling services and purchase bins for coordinated collection of organics, trash, and mixed recycling throughout the building. Dollies were purchased for the janitor to efficiently collect various types of waste throughout the building. Additionally, MN Waste Wise provided training sessions to the congregation to teach them recycling best practices. The combination of diverting waste from the trash and switching haulers has saved them \$2,040 per year!

"We are one big step further in 'greening' our church and being good stewards of our planet." – Diane Klinefelter, church member



HIGHLIGHTS

- **Saint Anthony Park UCC** used grant funds to purchase updated bins, waste collection dollies, compostable products, and training for their congregation.
- **1,300 lbs. of organic waste is being diverted** from the trash annually!

