

**Proclamation observing
“International Compost Awareness Week 2026”**

Whereas, the Composting Council Research and Education Foundation, along with Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom and other countries have declared the first full week of May to be the annual International Composting Awareness Week; and

Whereas, composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil, conserving water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, decreasing erosion, reducing water consumption and non-point pollution and decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers; and

Whereas, composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse and recycling, and since organic materials make up approximately 30% of the material in our trash, composting is a significant way for St. Louis Park to reduce waste and to help Minnesota reach state recycling goals; and

Whereas, organics materials such as food scraps, compostable paper, compostable products and yard waste have all been composted and converted into a nutrient rich soil amendment known as compost; and

Whereas, local governments, highway departments, soil conservation service and extension offices and public works professionals can have significant impact on clean water, soil and climate change by using compost for public works projects; and

Whereas, composting creates green jobs and infrastructure for cities and states who implement composting programs; and


Whereas, International Compost Awareness Week is a publicity and education initiative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use; and

Whereas, this year’s theme “Compost! Feed the Soil that Feeds Us” was selected to highlight the role compost plays in sustaining life on land,

Now therefore, let it be known that the City of St. Louis Park, in recognition of the efforts of the US Composting Council, the Minnesota Composting Council, soil conservation stewards, residents, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, public workers, composters, gardeners and plant growers everywhere, hereby proclaim the week of May 3 – 9, 2026, as International Compost Awareness Week.



Wherefore, I set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of St. Louis Park to be affixed this 20th day of April 2026.



Nadia Mohamed, Mayor