

Managing yard waste in Hennepin County



Yard waste—such as grass clippings, leaves and branches—is a valuable resource that can add nutrients into your yard or be recycled into compost.

It is illegal to put this kind of waste in your household garbage.



City residents only: yard waste drop-off sites

Call **first** to confirm hours of operation.

Golden Valley yard waste events

Parking lot at Brookview Park, south of Highway 55 at Winnetka Avenue
763-593-8030

See Golden Valley's website for schedule of events: goldenvalleymn.gov/325/Yard-Waste-Disposal

City of Medina yard waste site

Medina City Hall
2052 County Road 24, Medina
763-473-4643

Medina and Loretto residents only.
Open every day 7 a.m. – 7p.m.

Brush/compost site access card required for entry. Request a card and review accepted materials at medinamn.us/compost/

City of Minnetonka yard waste site

Minnetonka Public Works
11522 Minnetonka Boulevard,
Minnetonka
952-988-8400

Minnetonka residents only.
Open April to November.

City of Plymouth yard waste site

14900 23rd Avenue North, Plymouth
763-509-5940

Plymouth, Medicine Lake, Wayzata and Long Lake residents only.
Open April to November.

St. Louis Park brush drop-off site

6215 Cedar Lake Road, St. Louis Park
952-924-2562

St. Louis Park residents only
Open seasonally. Call or visit website for hours: stlouispark.org

Use compostable bags

If you bag yard and garden waste for curbside collection in Hennepin County, use either paper or certified compostable plastic bags (identified with the BPI compostable logo). Check with your local retailer. Contact your hauler for specific requirements for your service.



Examples of paper and compostable plastic bags accepted for curbside pickup.

Fees apply: yard waste drop-off sites

Note: Hennepin County does NOT operate a yard waste drop-off site. Refer instead to the locations listed below.

Call first for materials they accept, requirements and fees.

Ceres Mulch

3825 85th Ave. N
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
763-488-5621

Open to the public
April 1 to October 31
Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
November 1 to March 31
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
May and June, open Saturdays
7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Accepted: Tree logs and branches.
NOT accepted: Dirt, leaves, and rocks.

Maple Grove Yard Waste Site

10300 Maple Grove Parkway,
Maple Grove, MN 55369
763-420-4886

Maple Grove, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Crystal, Dayton and New Hope residents at no charge. General public may have fees—call first for fees. Rogers residents need a City Hall issued permit.

Open April 1-November 30
Monday to Saturday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.;
Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Accepted: Dirt, leaves, rock aggregate under 2 inches in diameter, tree logs and waste under 10 inches in diameter.

SKB Malcolm Avenue Transfer Station

630 Malcolm Ave. SE,
Minneapolis, MN 55414
612-331-4610

Open to the public
Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(year round);
Saturday 7 a.m. - Noon
(April-November only)

Accepted: Leaves, tree branches and logs.
NOT accepted: Dirt, rocks.

The Mulch Store

Open to the public
Locations in
Burnsville, 952-890-9375
Open Monday to Friday,
7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Minnetrista, 952-446-1056
Open Monday to Friday,
7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shakopee, 952-445-2139
Open Monday to Friday,
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays, closed.

Accepted: Dirt, leaves, tree branches and logs.
NOT accepted: Rocks.

Options for managing yard waste

- **Curbside pick-up:** Contact your waste hauler or city recycling coordinator to see if they offer curbside pickup.
- **Yard waste drop-off sites:** Hennepin County does NOT operate a yard waste drop-off site. To find drop-off sites available to you, see the listings inside this brochure or go to hennepin.us/yardwaste.
- **Compost in your backyard:** Use a compost bin for your garden, yard and food waste. More information about backyard composting can be found here: hennepin.us/composting.
- **Leave grass clippings on your lawn:** This practice will add valuable nutrients and can reduce the need for fertilizers.

Protect Minnesota's water. Sweep up! Rake up! Pick up!

Storm drains flow directly to local lakes, rivers, and wetlands. Don't let trash and extra organic pollutants go down the drain. Keep your storm drains clear of leaves, pet waste, and other debris to reduce water pollution.



Learn more about volunteering to Adopt-a-Drain: mn.adopt-a-drain.org/

Ash tree waste removal

Any ash tree that is not being treated will eventually need to be removed. Trees should be removed by a reliable, insured, ISA-certified arborist. Dead trees should be removed before they become hazards. Working with your neighbors to hire a company to remove trees on multiple properties can help reduce your individual costs.

Ash tree waste should be disposed of at yard waste sites within the county and shouldn't be transported outside of the Twin Cities metro area to avoid spread of emerald ash borer.

More information on identifying ash trees and the emerald ash borer can be found at hennepin.us/ashtrees.