

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA



# Multifamily bin and compostable bag grants

## 2023 guidelines

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### Overview

Hennepin County is offering a grant program for multifamily properties to improve recycling and reduce contamination or to start organics recycling.

### Recycling requirements

Property owners, managers, and associations are required to provide residents with the opportunity to recycle traditional mixed recyclables (paper, plastic, cartons, glass, and metal). Responsible parties must enter into an agreement with a hauler or arrange service through a city contract to provide collection service to collect mixed recyclables from each building.

Multifamily properties are not required to offer organics recycling service to their residents. Organics, which includes food scraps and food-soiled paper, make up about a third of residential garbage, and some multifamily properties elect to offer organics recycling. Although organics is not required, the county provides free resources and assistance to help.

For more information on recycling requirements for multifamily properties, review [Hennepin County Ordinance 13](#).

### Funding availability

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until Monday, November 13, 2023, or until the annual program budget is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

### Eligible applicants

Apartments, condos, and townhome associations located in Hennepin County. Applications should have the approval of an authorizing person who can enter into agreements with Hennepin County, such as but not limited to property owners, managers, and association board directors.

### Eligible expenses and requirements

Applicants may select up to \$3,000 worth of bins and BPI-certified compostable bags (organics programs require collection bins to be lined with compostable bags) from the county's product list included in the application.

Only products listed in the application may be selected. There are no exceptions or substitutions. There is a separate grant program for multifamily properties that allows funding for items other than bins and compostable bags. Access information about both grant programs at [hennepin.us/apartmentrecycling](https://hennepin.us/apartmentrecycling).

Bins for public spaces such as mail rooms or activity/party rooms are encouraged. In addition, bins can also be selected to set up a floor-by-floor collection system to make collection easier.

All bins must be properly labeled with Hennepin County signage or other approved recycling labels upon receiving the bins and prior to setting out bins for use. Free resources are available to Hennepin County residents to improve recycling in apartments, condos, and townhome associations. [See what's available and order free resources.](#)

Compostable bags are available to applicants starting new organics for composting programs. Properties with existing organics programs are only eligible for bins and bags to expand organics to new units or areas.

You may request up to a 6-month supply of compostable bags and countertop bins for up to 50% of the property's units. If you wish to request bins and bags for more than 50% of the property's units, you must provide supporting documentation that shows that more than 50% of property units agree to participate in organics recycling.

### Applying

Prior to applying, applicants must contact county staff through the [multifamily recycling grant inquiry form](#) for a consultation that may require a site visit to assess bin needs and, if applicable, compostable bag needs.

After your application is reviewed, county staff will contact you to discuss next steps. Upon application approval, county staff will order the items and have them shipped to the property address listed by the applicant.

The county reserves the right to refuse funding or to partially fund an application.

### Application information








The following information will be required when applying:

- Multifamily property name, address, and contact information
- Number of residential units on the property
- Short description of your current recycling system
- Short description of education you will provide to residents
- Information on your current waste hauling (refer to a recent waste hauling invoice for this information)
- Substitute W9 vendor form

Upon the conclusion of the project, at 12 months from the date of Terms of Agreement, the applicant agrees to provide hauling data and fill out a survey detailing their experience with the grant program.

### Equipment selection

You will select types and quantities of bins as part of your application. Be prepared to specify where you will place each bin. For compostable bags, you may request up to a 6-month supply for up to 50% of the property's units.

<b>Blue recycling bin</b>	
	Size: 11.5" x 8" x 12" Capacity: 3 gallons
	Size: 14.5" x 10.5" x 15" Capacity: 7 gallons
	Size: 16.5" x 12" x 18" Capacity: 10 gallons
<b>Blue recycling bin (and optional lid)</b>	
	Size: 20" x 11.5" x 30" Capacity: 23 gallons
<b>Blue recycling bin</b>	
	Size: 22" (diameter) x 28" (height) Capacity: 32 gallons
	Size: 24" (diameter) x 31.5" (height) Capacity: 44 gallons
<b>Outdoor recycling bin</b>	
	Size: 42" x 20" x 20" Capacity: 50 gallons
<b>Green organics countertop bin with lid</b>	
	Size: 12" x 9" x 9" Capacity: 2.25 gallons
<b>Green organics bin with lid</b>	
	Size: 14" x 10" x 15" Capacity: 7 gallons
	Size: 16" x 11" x 21" Capacity: 10 gallons
<b>Green organics bin (and optional lid)</b>	
	Size: 20" x 11" x 30" Capacity: 23 gallons

## Contact information

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