Drop-Off Facilities
Guide to dropping off recycling and household hazardous waste

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Residents

Before you visit, find out if we accept your item for disposal. Go to our Green Disposal Guide for households: hennepin.us/greendisposalguide.

Businesses

In general, Hennepin County does not accept waste from businesses, with the exceptions of cardboard, scrap metal, recycling, and organics recycling from small businesses. Check for guidelines.

Businesses include rental properties; condominium, neighborhood, or townhouse associations; governmental entities; home-based businesses; nonprofit organizations; or any other activity intended to produce income. Hennepin County will not accept waste from commercial activities that was generated or stored in a household.

Business options
Go to hennepin.us and search for “Hazardous Waste Disposal Fact Sheet.”

Free product centers

Both facilities have reusable paint, automotive products, cleaners, adhesives and other products available for free. Residents must be 18 years or older to participate.

Limits:

- Aerosol cans: 2 cans per week
- No more than 10 items per week
- Reselling products is prohibited

The county does not guarantee these products or their availability, and items selected by residents are used at their own risk.
Appliances

$15 fee
Brooklyn Park and Bloomington
Households only

Limit
No commercial appliances.

Appliances include microwaves, refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, dishwashers, dehumidifiers, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, furnaces

For a complete list of appliances accepted, go to hennepin.us/greendisposalguide.

Appliances (gas-powered)

$30 each
Air conditioners and full-size refrigerators

$15 each
half-size refrigerators

Bloomington
Households only

Limit
Hennepin County residents only.
Appointment required: 612-348-3777.
Batteries

$ No charge

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households only

Place clear tape over terminals or put in individual plastic bags.

Cardboard

$ No charge

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households and businesses

Limit

Bloomington: Flatten boxes. Preferred size 3’ x 3’. Households limited to one pickup truck load of cardboard per day. Businesses limited to one pickup truck load of cardboard per week. Larger quantities of cardboard should be delivered to Brooklyn Park.

Brooklyn Park: Flatten boxes. No preferred size or limit.
Clothing and linens (non-reusable)

$ No charge  
Brooklyn Park and Bloomington  
Households and businesses

Limit
Must be clean and dry. No moldy items or rags used to clean up motor oil, paint thinner or other hazardous products.

5 plastic bags per visit; maximum plastic bag size 33 gallons.

Items include clothing, linens and accessories not suitable for reuse, including: torn or stained clothing; shoes, belts, and backpacks; blankets, comforters, and sheets; curtains and table cloths, towels, and fabric (2 ft by 1 ft or larger).

Cords and lights

$ No charge  
Brooklyn Park and Bloomington  
Households only
Electronics

$10 fee
for each TV, computer monitor, and laptop.

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington
Households only

Limit
Five of the same type per year (e.g., five TVs per year, five laptops per year, five monitors per year, etc.).

No charge:
Computer peripherals (CPUs, mice, printers, etc.); audio and video equipment; phones (cordless, cell phones, iPhones); rechargeable products (tools, toothbrushes, toys)

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington
Households only

Limit
Five of each type of electronic item per year. Hennepin County is not responsible for any data that is left on electronic devices. For information on how to remove data, check with the manufacturer, a computer retailer or search the web.
Household hazardous materials

Lawn, garden and automotive

$ No charge
Brooklyn Park and Bloomington
Households only

Limit
Materials include paint, stain, varnish, solvents, driveway sealer, and other materials (if five-gallon pails, limit three per year); pesticides; fluorescent bulbs (limit 25 per year); aerosols, pool chemicals; mercury thermometers and thermostats; oil filters; automotive fluids, motor oil (if in five-gallon sized containers or less); gas and fuels (if in five-gallon sized containers or less, and all cans must be left at the facility to be emptied for pick up).

Mattresses and box springs

$20 per piece*
Brooklyn Park
Households only

*All sizes, including futon and crib mattresses. Factory split box springs are considered two pieces.

Limit
No sleeper sofas, Tempurpedic beds, Sleep Number beds, memory foam mattresses, waterbeds, hospital beds, or air mattresses.

Media

$ No charge
Brooklyn Park and Bloomington
Households only

Limit
Jewel cases accepted only if holding DVDs or CDs. No VCR tapes, cassette tapes, or reel-to-reel tapes.

Media includes DVDs, CDs, pen drives, diskettes, thumb drives, flash drives, media storage cards, Blu-ray discs, and video game cartridges.
Needles and sharps

No charge
Brooklyn Park and Bloomington
Households only

Sharps must be stored in a rigid, puncture-resistant, plastic container with a screw-on lid. Label the container, “Do not recycle: Household sharps.” Do NOT use a glass container.

At the county’s drop-off facilities, staff will guide you to the needles and sharps drop-off area. Your sharps must be in a proper container and you will be responsible for placing your container into the drop-off bin.

Note: Sharps will not be accepted if not in a rigid, puncture-resistant, plastic container with a screw-on lid. NO glass containers. Staff will not handle needles and sharps.

Also, do not put unused medicines contained in sharps (epi-pens) in your container.

Organics

No charge
Brooklyn Park and Bloomington
Households and businesses

Limit
Five bags per person per day.

Organics must be generated in Hennepin County and be separated from trash and recyclables. Must also be in a closed BPI-certified bag. Look for the BPI logo.

- All food – fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, bones, dairy products, eggs, egg shells, pasta, beans, rice, bread, cereal, nuts and shells
- Food-soiled paper not coated with plastic – pizza boxes from delivery, napkins, paper towels, paper egg cartons,
- Certified compostable products – compostable paper and plastic cups, plates, bowls, utensils and containers – Look for the term “compostable” or the BPI logo on certified products.
- Other compostable items – coffee grounds and filters, facial tissues, hair and nail clippings, cotton balls and swabs with paper stems, houseplants and flowers, tea bags, wooden items such as chopsticks, popsicle sticks and toothpicks
Propane/gas cylinders

$ No charge
Brooklyn Park and Bloomington
Households only

Limit
No cylinders or tanks larger than one-pound. Only non-refillable containers.

Recycling

$ No charge
Brooklyn Park and Bloomington
Households and businesses

Limit
Businesses are limited to one pickup truck load of recyclables per week.

- Plastics – bottles, jugs, cups, containers (empty, rinsed)
- Metal – food and beverage cans
- Paper – mail, office, school; magazines and catalogs; newspapers and inserts; phone books; boxes like cereal, cracker, gift, toiletry, etc.
- Glass – bottles, jars
- Plastic bags – (clean, dry, placed in open bag)
- Cartons – milk, soup, broth and wine cartons; juice boxes
Scrap metal

$ No charge and no payment
Grills, lawn mowers, pipes and poles, metal shelving, bed frames

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington
Households and businesses

Limit
Must remove all non-metal parts and drain all fluids before bringing scrap metal to facility. You will NOT be allowed to remove non-metal parts and fluids on-site, which includes the recycling area or parking lot.

Tires

$3 each

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington
Households only

Limit
Less than 4 feet in diameter. No commercial tires. No bicycle tires.
Hennepin County Drop-off Facilities

Facility hours
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday... 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday .......................... 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday .............................. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays

Open to residents of Hennepin, Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey and Washington Counties

What to bring:
• Proof of residency, such as a driver’s license or utility bill
• Payment, if applicable – cash, check or credit card

For the most current facility information go to hennepin.us/dropoffs or call 612-348-3777.

Brooklyn Park
Brooklyn Park Transfer Station and Recycling Center
Full and self service areas
8100 Jefferson Highway
Brooklyn Park, 55445

Bloomington
South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-off Center
Full service only
1400 West 96th Street
Bloomington, 55431

Hennepin County
Environment and Energy
hennepin.us/dropoffs
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612-348-3777