

HENNEPIN COUNTY  
MINNESOTA



# 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](https://hennepin.us/greendisposalguide).

Household hazardous waste accepted from Hennepin, Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey, Scott and Washington County households.

# 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](https://hennepin.us) and search for "Hazardous Waste Disposal Fact Sheet."

## NOT ACCEPTED at Hennepin County Drop-off Facilities:

- Ammunition
- Asbestos
- Business hazardous waste
- Carpet
- Concrete, asphalt
- Construction materials
- Empty gas cans
- Explosives
- Furniture
- Garbage
- Medicines
- Radioactive waste
- Remodeling debris
- Wood
- Yard and tree waste

For more information about Hennepin County drop-off facilities, go to [hennepin.us/dropoffs](https://hennepin.us/dropoffs).

# 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



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Households only

## Limit

No commercial appliances.

Appliances include air conditioners (including wall and window units), appliance compressors, bilge pumps, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, freezers, furnaces, gas-powered appliances, garbage disposals, heat pumps, hot water heaters, ice makers, microwaves, pool heaters (natural gas), ranges, refrigerators, stackable washers and dryers (treated as one unit), stoves, sump pumps, trash compactors, washers, and water coolers.

For a complete list of appliances accepted, go to [hennepin.us/greendisposalguide](https://hennepin.us/greendisposalguide).



# Appliances (gas-powered)



\$30 each

Air conditioners and  
full-size refrigerators

\$15 each

half-size refrigerators



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Households only

## Limit

Hennepin County residents only.

Appointment required: 612-348-3777.



# Ballasts



No charge



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Households only

Ballasts from lamps and light fixtures. Separate bulbs and ballasts from fixtures before coming to the drop-off facility. Staff will not separate the ballasts from light fixtures for you.



# Batteries



No charge



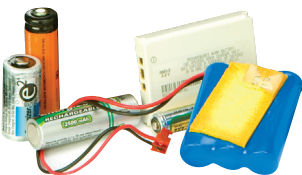
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Place clear tape over terminals or put in individual plastic bags.

Batteries include alkaline batteries, button batteries, rechargeable batteries, and standard vehicle batteries.



### Limit

No electric vehicle (EV) batteries.



### Damaged lithium ion batteries

Due to potential fire hazard, bring bulging or damaged lithium ion batteries immediately to a Hennepin County Drop-Off Facility. Place damaged lithium ion batteries individually in a clear plastic bag.

# Cardboard



No charge



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Households and  
businesses

## Limit

Cardboard must be 3 feet x 3 feet or smaller sized.

Remove all packaging material from cardboard, including Styrofoam™ and plastic wrap. Styrofoam can go into the garbage. The plastic wrap, if separated first, can be brought in for plastic wrap recycling.

Moldy cardboard NOT accepted.

## Bloomington Drop-off Facility limit:

one pickup truck load of cardboard per visit from households.

Larger quantities of cardboard from households should be delivered to the Brooklyn Park Transfer Station.



# Cords and lights



No charge



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Households only

Electrical cords, extension cords, phone chargers, power strips, and string or holiday lights are accepted for recycling.



# Electronics



**\$10 fee**

for each TV, computer monitor, and laptop.



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**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)



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**Households only**



**Data**

Your identity and other personal information can be stolen from a computer, cell phone, or other data storage devices. Before recycling your electronics, protect yourself from identity theft by removing personal data and your files. For information on how to remove data, check with the manufacturer, a computer retailer or search the web.

Hennepin County is not responsible for any data that is left on electronic devices.

When recycling computer peripherals (CPUs, mice, keyboards, etc.) please remove batteries first and recycle separately.

# Household hazardous materials

Lawn, garden and automotive



**No charge**



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**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).



# Lightbulbs: Fluorescent and LED



**No charge**



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**Households only**

## Limit

NO incandescent or halogen bulbs accepted.  
25 fluorescent or LED bulbs per household accepted per 12 month period.

Fluorescent light bulbs of all shapes and sizes are accepted, including circles, compact fluorescent bulbs, tubes and u-shaped; high intensity discharge (HID) bulbs. LED bulbs are accepted.

Place fluorescent or LED bulbs in their original packaging to prevent breakage. If you no longer have the original packaging, cushion bulbs using blankets, towels or newspaper. Do not tape bulbs together.

Hennepin County also accepts broken fluorescent bulbs – place the broken pieces in a sealed plastic bag first.



# Mattresses and box springs



\$25 per piece\*



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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



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Households only

## Limit

Remove DVDs and CDs from plastic and jewel cases. Hennepin County does not accept plastic and jewel cases—they can be given away or put in the garbage.

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





# Needles and sharps



No charge



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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 (example: epi-pens) in your container.



# Organics



No charge



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## Limit

Organics are accepted from Hennepin County households and small businesses only. Limit of five bags per day per Hennepin County household or small business. Organics must be brought in BPI-certified compostable plastic bags. No paper bags.

- All food: fruits and vegetables, meat, fish and bones, dairy products, eggs and egg shells, pasta, bread, beans, rice, nuts and shells
- Food-soiled paper: 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 BPI logo on certified products
- Other compostable household items: coffee grounds and filters, cotton swabs with paper stems, hair and nail clippings, houseplants and flowers, wooden chopsticks, popsicle sticks and toothpicks



# Propane/gas cylinders



No charge



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Households only



## Limit

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

No gas grill tanks or helium tanks.

# Recycling



No charge



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## Limit

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

- Plastics – bottles, jugs, clear 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



**Note:** Shredded paper is not accepted. Find a list of companies who offer shredding and/or recycling services at: [hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide/items/confidential-paper](https://hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide/items/confidential-paper)

# Scrap metal



No charge and  
no payment\*



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\*Must remove all non-metal parts and drain all fluids before bringing scrap metal to facility. Grills, lawn mowers, pipes and poles, metal shelving, bed frames, snowblowers, treadmills

## Limit

Scrap metal must be in pieces sized 4 feet or less. You will NOT be allowed to remove non-metal parts and fluids on-site, which includes the recycling area or parking lot.



# Tires



\$5 each



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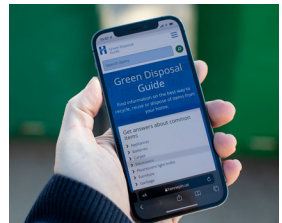
## Limit

Tires less than 4 feet in diameter, up to 16 tires per load. Limit of 32 tires per household per year. No commercial tires. No bicycle tires.



# Green Disposal Guide

Find the best way to recycle, reuse or dispose of items from your home:  
[hennepin.us/greendisposalguide](https://hennepin.us/greendisposalguide)



# Hennepin County Drop-off facilities

## Facility hours

Tuesday to Saturday . . . . . 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays

## What to bring:

- Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill
- Payment, if applicable – cash, check, debit or credit card

## Keeping safe

- Residents should remain in their vehicles unless otherwise directed by staff
- Items should be stored in the trunk of the vehicle, bed of truck, or in a trailer. Staff will remove items.

**For the most current facility information** go to [hennepin.us/dropoffs](http://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

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