

# 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.



# Options for managing yard waste

- **Curbside pick-up** – Contact your waste hauler. City recycling contact info can be found at: [hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/residential-recycling](https://hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/residential-recycling)
- **Yard waste drop-off sites** – Hennepin County does NOT operate a yard waste drop-off site. To find more information about drop-off sites nearest you, see the list on page 3 or go to [hennepin.us/yardwaste](https://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](https://hennepin.us/composting)
- **Leave grass clippings on your lawn** – This practice will add valuable nutrients and can reduce the need for fertilizers.

## Compostable bag law

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.

# 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.

## Yard waste drop-off sites open to all Hennepin County residents

### Ceres Mulch

3825 85th Ave. N  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443  
763-425-8822

Open to the public

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (seasonal)  
Saturday 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. (through May and June)

### Maple Grove Yard Waste Site

10300 Maple Grove Parkway N.,  
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 to dump.

Open April 1-November 30

Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.;  
Sunday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

### SKB Malcolm Avenue Transfer Station

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

Open to the public

Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. (year round);  
Saturday 7 a.m. - Noon (April-November only)

### The Mulch Store

Locations in  
Burnsville, 952-736-1915  
Empire Township, 651-423-4401  
Minnetrissa, 952-446-1056  
Shakopee, 952-445-2139

Open to the public

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.;  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

# Protect Minnesota's lakes, rivers and streams



Proper disposal of yard waste impacts the health of local waterways. After a rain fall, the runoff on your street washes through the storm sewers and into your local lakes and rivers—carrying an overload of nutrients from yard waste, dirt, debris, and other pollutants.

You can make significant impact on pollution coming from your streets and improve the health of your local waterways by taking these steps.

- Don't blow or rake grass clippings and leaves into the street or waterways. Leave them on your lawn, compost them or bag them up.
- Pick up pet waste and put it in the garbage. Don't put pet waste in your compost.
- Use phosphorus-free fertilizer to help prevent rapid algae growth in our rivers and lakes. Sweep up fertilizer spills from hard surfaces.
- Direct gutter downspouts into your lawns, gardens or rain barrels.



- Keep a healthy and low maintenance lawn. Mow at a higher setting or plant no-mow grass.
- Plant native flowers and plants and consider installing a raingarden. They require less maintenance than turf grass and have deep roots to absorb excess water.

## Ash tree waste removal

- The emerald ash borer is a destructive tree pest that attacks and kills ash trees. To prevent the spread of the emerald ash borer, a quarantine is in place for Hennepin County and other counties in Minnesota. Waste from ash trees cannot be hauled out of the contiguous quarantine areas. Some waste haulers and sites cannot accept ash tree waste.
- Ash tree waste should be taken to the closest disposal site within the quarantine area to minimize the spread of emerald ash borer.
- More information on identifying ash trees, the emerald ash borer, updated quarantine area, and a list of ash tree waste disposal sites is available at [mda.state.mn.us/eab](http://mda.state.mn.us/eab)