

Celebrate Earth Day 2009

History of Earth Day

Earth Day founder, Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, proposed the first nationwide environmental protest “to shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda.” On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to celebrate the first Earth Day. Earth Day raised awareness about environmental issues and led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species acts. Earth Day is now an annual event celebrated around the world. For a list of events or to find out more visit www.earthday.net



Then and Now

In 1970, trash disposal consisted of widespread burning and burying of residential waste. There were limited opportunities for residential recycling, no public yard waste drop-off sites, and no collection programs for hazardous materials. We now realize that there is no single way to manage waste and that priority must be given to waste reduction, recycling, and composting. Today, curbside recycling pickup is available in all cities and townships in Washington County, there are many year-round and seasonal yard waste drop-off sites, and household hazardous waste can be safely disposed of year-round at the Hazardous Materials Collection Site. Waste remaining is processed at the Resource Recovery Facility in Newport, where trash is made into fuel which is used to produce electricity.

Celebrate Earth Day, Every Day

- 1 Get Rid of Unwanted Mail. Households can significantly reduce their advertising mail by registering with the Direct Marketing Association’s *Mail Preference Service* at www.dmaconsumer.org. Find more opt-out services for mail, catalogues, and credit card offers at www.reduce.org
- 2 Reduce Packaging Waste. Are you paying for trash? Packaging waste makes up 50% of trash by volume. Follow these tips and you’ll see a sizeable difference in your shopping cart and your wallet:
 - Purchase products that are returnable, reusable, or refillable
 - Purchase beverages in concentrate and add your own water
 - Avoid single-serving products in favor of larger servings in bulk
 - Take your own cloth bag so you don’t need paper or plastic
- 3 Recycle at Home and Away. When you trash a single aluminum can, it’s like dumping 6 ounces of gasoline. Keep recycling at home and consider recycling at your next big event. Washington County has containers available to loan to community groups interested in recycling at short-term events. Call 651-430-6655 for more information.
- 4 Buy Less Toxic Cleaning Products. Read the label for these key words: Caution, Warning, Danger, and Poison. Choose the least hazardous product for the job or try making a non-toxic cleaner from scratch.



Looking for more ideas? Visit www.reduce.org for ways to reduce waste, save money, and protect the earth.

Construction Begins on Environmental Center

Construction has begun on the new Washington County Environmental Center in Woodbury. The Environmental Center will replace the current Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility in Oakdale. County HHW operations have outgrown the current site, and the existing lease with the City of Oakdale is due to expire later this year.

The Environmental Center will accept household hazardous waste and electronics. A new recycling drop-off service for residents and small businesses is planned for the Environmental Center. Materials accepted will include mixed paper, cardboard, metal cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastic bottles. The new Center will also feature an expanded Reuse Room where residents can shop for free, useable household products including paint, automotive fluids, and cleaners.

The facility will incorporate a wide range of sustainable building design features and is being built utilizing the Minnesota Sustainable Building

Design Guidelines. Some of these features include a rainwater recycling system, raingardens, recycled-content building materials, low VOC paint, Energy Star appliances, and energy efficient lighting.

The Environmental Center is expected to open in summer 2009 and will be located in Woodbury, near the County's Public Works South Shop. Until then, please continue to use the Hazardous Materials Collection Site in Oakdale (see page 4E/5E). Stay tuned for details!



Free Resources Available for Educators

Two learning kits are available for schools, community groups, and businesses looking for a new way to teach the important issues of recycling, waste reduction, and garbage. Kits can be picked up from three convenient locations: the service centers in Cottage Grove and Forest Lake, as well as the Government Center in Stillwater. Please call the Department of Public Health and Environment at 651-430-6655 if you'd like more information or would like to reserve a kit.

Trash Trunk

New and improved Trash Trunks are now available to educate youth about garbage and waste reduction. The curriculum is broken down into 30 minute lessons that focus on the topics of garbage, resource recovery, landfills, and groundwater. Trunks are filled with curriculum ideas, hands-on activities, books, music, and videos. These interactive, comprehensive lessons are designed for youth, grades K-6.



Recycled Products Kit

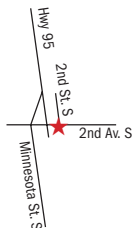
Ever wonder what recycled tires eventually become or what commonly recycled item is used to make clothing? Find the answers to these questions and more by borrowing a Recycled Products Kit. Kits show what items are made from our commonly recycled materials, including new products such as insulation made from denim and countertop material made from compressed paper. Also included are fact sheets, puzzles, and worksheets to help reinforce what the kit teaches.



Yard Waste Dropoff & Compost Sites

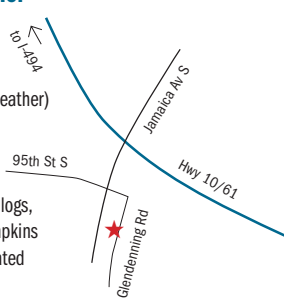
Bayport: River City Services

Location: 201 2nd Ave S
Open to: All Washington County Residents
Phone: 651-430-2809
Dates: Open year-round
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
 Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Accepted: Brush, Christmas trees, stumps, tree waste, treated wood



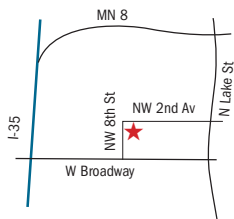
Cottage Grove: Rumpca Companies Inc.

Location: 9600 Glendenning Road
Open to: All Washington County residents
Phone: 651-459-1556
Dates: April 1 - November 1 (dates may vary due to weather)
Hours: M - F: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Sat: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 (In fall, site will close at dusk)
Accepted: Yard waste, leaves, grass clippings, brush, logs, soil/sod, stumps, wood pallets, wood waste and pumpkins (Christmas trees also accepted - call for details). Treated wood is not accepted.
Available: Finished compost, mulch, topsoil, and limestone.



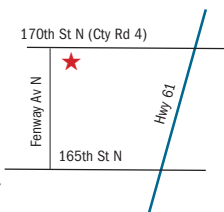
Forest Lake

Location: Bixby Park (Corner of 8th Street NE and 2nd Avenue NE)
Open to: Residents of Forest Lake
Phone: 651-464-3550
Spring: Apr. 3 - May 31
 M & W: 1:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
 Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Summer: June 3 - Sept. 30
 Wed: 1:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
 Sat: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Accepted: Debagged leaves, brush, and trees (no larger than 3" in diameter)
Available: Finished compost



Hugo

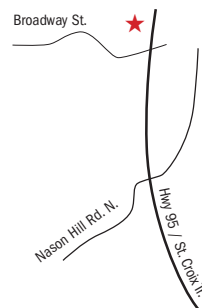
Location: 170th Street N (1/2 mile west of Highway 61 on County Road 4)
Open to: Residents of Hugo
Phone: 651-429-6676
Dates: April 18 - November 15
Hours: Saturday & Sunday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Accepted: Grass clippings, leaves, and soft organic matter
Available: Finished compost



Note: Please contact compost sites for additional information and a list of prices. Dates and hours of operation depend on daylight and weather conditions. Sites are closed on major holidays.

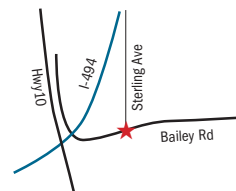
Marine on the St. Croix

Location: North on Highway 95, next to the community drainfield
Open to: Residents of Marine
Phone: 651-433-3636
Dates: April - October
Hours: Wednesday: Noon - 7 p.m. or dusk
 Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Accepted: Debagged leaves and grass clippings
Available: Finished compost



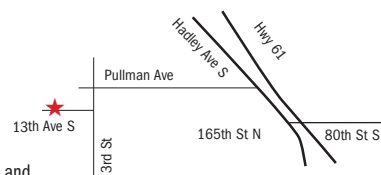
Newport

Location: 1100 Bailey Road
 (Corner of Bailey Road and Sterling Avenue)
Open to: Residents of Newport
Phone: 651-459-5677
Dates: 2nd Saturday in April - 2nd Saturday in November
Hours: Wednesday & Friday: 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Accepted: Grass, leaves and brush



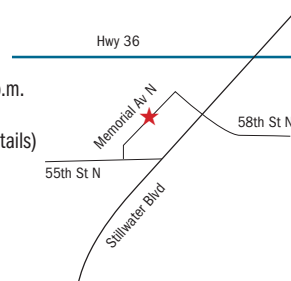
St. Paul Park

Location: Located near Riverside Park. Take 3rd St to 13th Ave and follow the signs.
Open to: Residents of St. Paul Park
Phone: 651-459-9785
Dates: April 6 - November 9
Hours: M & W: 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 Sat: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Sun: 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Accepted: Leaves, grass, garden waste, and brush (no limbs larger than 4" in diameter). Buckthorn is accepted free of charge, but must be separated from other materials.
Available: Finished compost and wood chips



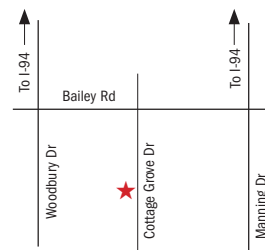
Stillwater: Buberl Recycling and Composting

Location: 5750 Memorial Avenue North
 (Behind Stillwater Motors and west of entrance to Stillwater High School)
Open to: All Washington County Residents
Phone: 651-439-8399
Dates: Open year-round
Hours: Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 (Reduced hours in winter. Call for details)
Accepted: Leaves, grass clippings, brush, stumps, and treated wood (Christmas trees also accepted - call for details)
Available: Finished compost and mulch



Woodbury: Composting Concepts

Location: 4600 Cottage Grove Drive (1/2 mile south on Cottage Grove Drive from Bailey Road)
Open to: Anyone
Phone: 651-436-1213
Dates: April 1 - day before Thanksgiving
Hours: M - Sat 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Wednesday is Senior's Day: 1/2 price, 65 and over (Grass and leaves only)
Accepted: De-bagged leaves and grass, yard waste, brush, and pumpkins (Christmas trees also accepted - call for details)
Available: Finished compost and wood chips





Hazardous Materials Are in Every Home

Disposal options for

Washington County offers dropoff of hazardous materials and electronics for its residents at a year-round site located in Oakdale.

Proof of County residency, such as a driver's license, is required.



Hazardous Materials Collection Site ★

1900 Hadley Avenue N. – Oakdale
(look for Household Hazardous Waste signs)

Hazardous waste dropoff

Tuesdays: 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursdays: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Electronics dropoff

Saturdays only:

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Fees may apply for electronics.

Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's & other major holidays



Check out the **Reuse Room**



Free paint, automotive products, cleaners, and other products. Residents only, 18+.

Hazardous materials Accepted

Household products

- Aerosols
- Cleaners
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Mercury switches & thermometers
- Paint
- Roofing tar
- Thinners and solvents



Automotive products

- Brake fluid
- Car batteries
- Driveway/garage sealers
- Gasoline
- Used oil and filters



Lawn and garden products

- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Pesticides
- Wood preservatives
- Stains



Hobby/recreation products

- Fire extinguishers
- Fireworks
- Glues, paints
- Lighter fluid
- Pool chemicals
- Propane tanks
- Rechargeable batteries
- Used cooking oil



Electronics

- Computers
- Computer monitors
- Peripherals (keyboards, mice, speakers, etc.)
- Printers
- TVs
- DVD & VCR Players
- Fax Machines

Materials Not accepted

- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Construction waste
- Explosives
- Medical waste, including needles
- Tires
- Trash
- Treated wood
- Yard waste

Business waste is accepted from pre-approved Washington County VSQGs only.

Questions? Call 651-430-6655

www.co.washington.mn.us/publichealth

residents

We're Moving! Washington County's year-round Hazardous Materials Collection Site will move to Woodbury in summer 2009. Stay tuned for details!



Water Road

Street N.

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Pack it up. Bring it in.

Do this:

- Please bring only accepted items. *See list at left.*
- Transport items in a paper bag, cardboard box, or plastic tote and put them in the trunk away from children.
- Arrange bottles and cans in a single layer, upright and sealed. Paint cans may be double-stacked.
- All containers must be sealed with a tight lid or cap.
- Label materials that are not in their original containers.
- Oil, antifreeze, and gas containers may be returned for reuse. Put such waste in a clearly marked container, no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
- Bundle fluorescent tubes with rubber bands. Please don't tape.
- Place a piece of tape over contacts for rechargeable batteries to avoid sparking.



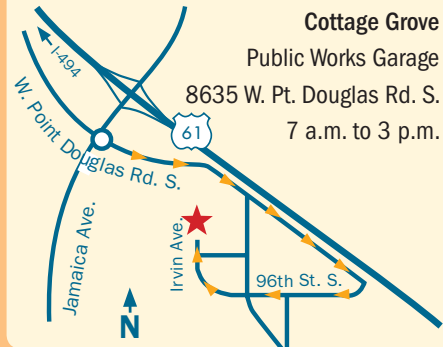
Don't do this:

- **Do not put your items in a plastic bag.** Use a box or a grocery-style paper bag to keep bottles and cans arranged and upright.
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- **Do not mix or combine chemicals!** Pouring chemicals together can be dangerous and prevents recycling.
 - **No empties.** Empty containers may be placed in the trash.

2009 Spring One-Day Collection Events

Saturday, May 2

Cottage Grove
Public Works Garage
8635 W. Pt. Douglas Rd. S.
7 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Saturday, May 2

Forest Lake
Northland Mall
1432 S. Lake St.
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Saturday, May 16

Stillwater
Lily Lake Ice Arena
1208 S. Greeley St.
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Curbside Recycling Pickup: *what, where and when*

All of the cities and townships in Washington County offer curbside pickup of these materials.

Call your collector for sorting details.

Paper



Metal cans

Aluminum,
Tin (steel)



Glass Jars and bottles

(all colors)



Plastic bottles

Plastic bottles with a neck marked: 1 or 2



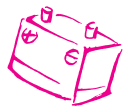
Some collectors accept additional types of plastic bottles. Refer to information provided by your city or recycler.

*Please **do not** recycle motor oil bottles or containers that have held hazardous material



Available in selected cities only

Curbside recycling of:



Car batteries +



Clothing ◆



Motor Oil ◆

City/Township	Collection Days	Collector	Phone
Afton +	Weekly, on trash day	Highland Sanitation	651-458-0043
Bayport	Every other Monday	Allied Waste	651-455-8634
Baytown Twp +	Every Wednesday	Maroney's Sanitation	651-439-7279
Birchwood	Every other Monday	Waste Management	952-890-1100
Cottage Grove	On trash day	Trash Haulers	Hauler
Dellwood	Every other Thursday	Waste Management	952-890-1100
Denmark Twp	2 X Month on trash day	Trash Haulers	Hauler
Forest Lake + ◆ ◆	Every other week on trash day	Forest Lake Sanitation	651-464-2321
Grant	Every other Monday	Waste Management	952-890-1100
Grey Cloud Is Twp	Every Tuesday	Tennis Sanitation	651-459-1887
Hugo +	On trash day	Trash Haulers	Hauler
Lake Elmo	On trash day	Trash Haulers	Hauler
Lake St. Croix Beach	Every other Thursday	Waste Management	952-890-1100
Lakeland ◆	Every Thursday	Maroney's Sanitation	651-439-7279
Lakeland Shores ◆	Every Thursday	Maroney's Sanitation	651-439-7279
Landfall	Every Wednesday	Tennis Sanitation	651-459-1887
Mahtomedi	Every other Monday	Waste Management	952-890-1100
Marine on St. Croix	Every other Monday	Waste Management	952-890-1100
May Twp	On trash day	Trash Haulers	Hauler
Newport	On trash day	Trash Haulers	Hauler
Oak Park Hts ◆	Weekly, on trash day	Veolia ES	651-459-3029
Oakdale	Weekly, on trash day	Trash Haulers	Hauler
Pine Springs	Every other Thursday	Waste Management	952-890-1100
St. Mary's Point	Every other Thursday	Waste Management	952-890-1100
St. Paul Park	On trash day	Trash Haulers	Hauler
Scandia + ◆ ◆	North of Hwy 97: Every Other Fri. South: Every Other Thursday	Forest Lake Sanitation	651-464-2321
Stillwater	Every other week	Waste Management	952-890-1100
Stillwater Twp	On trash day	Trash Haulers	Hauler
West Lakeland Twp	Every other Friday	Waste Management	952-890-1100
White Bear Lake + ◆	Weekly, on trash day	Veolia ES	651-459-3029
Willernie	Every other Monday	Waste Management	952-890-1100
Woodbury	On trash day	Trash Haulers	Hauler



Made in Minnesota... from our recyclables

Thanks to the efforts of Washington County residents and businesses, recycling is not only saving energy and natural resources, it is also providing raw materials needed by Minnesota businesses. These businesses provide about 19,000 jobs and \$64 million annually in state tax revenue. Here is a list of some of the Minnesota companies who use our recyclables to make new products:

Paper



Where it's recycled?

Rock-Tenn,
St. Paul

New products made include: Fast Fact

Ritz Bits and other snack food boxes, Puffs tissue boxes, and corrugated cardboard boxes

Every two years Rock-Tenn recycles enough paper to fill the Metrodome.



Liberty Paper,
Becker

Corrugated cardboard boxes, gift bags & boxes, display packaging, and other presentation packaging

Each year Liberty recycles over 200,000 tons of paper, saving over 3 million trees from being harvested and made into paper.

Glass



Anchor Glass,
Shakopee

New glass containers such as La Croix water and Pepin Heights cider bottles

Look for the Anchor symbol near the base of the container to identify a bottle made at Anchor.

Tin/Steel Cans



AMG Resources,
Gerdau Ameristeel,
St. Paul

Steel rebar, rounds, and other construction materials

Gerdau Ameristeel makes a variety of steel materials including the rebar used in the new I-35W bridge and kickstands for Harley Davidson motorcycles.

Plastic Milk, Soap, and Similar Bottles



Bedford Industries,
Worthington

Plastic lumber, signs, parking curbs, and trail markers

Bedford and Master Mark each recycle over one billion plastic milk and detergent bottles annually.

MasterMark Plastics,
Albany and Paynesville

Plastic lumber, lattice, and lawn edging

Living Green Expo

Save it, try it, learn it, buy it.

May 2-3, 2009 • State Fairgrounds

Come see us at the Rethink Recycling booth (booth B14)



Choose to Reuse

The Twin Cities generate enough waste to fill the Metrodome 11 times every year! You can reduce the amount of trash you generate by choosing to reuse.

Reusing items keeps materials out of the waste stream, saves valuable resources, and saves money! Here are a few simple ideas to get you started.



Buy Used. When deciding to purchase an item, consider buying secondhand. Support your community by shopping at a local thrift store. The following four stores are open to the public. Please call ahead for location, hours, and materials accepted.

Community Helping Hand, Forest Lake
651-464-8150
www.communityhelpinghand.org

Family Pathways, Forest Lake
651-464-4713
www.familypathways.org

Goodwill, Oak Park Heights
651-439-4207
www.goodwill.org

Stone Soup, Cottage Grove
651-458-9786
www.stonesoupthriftshop.org

You can also find great deals at consignment shops and antique shops. Check the yellow pages listings under *Consignment Service* and *Antique Dealers*.

Rent. Why purchase something new if it will only be used once in a while? Rental options are available for many goods, including sports and recreational supplies, power tools, lawn care and home cleaning equipment, and party supplies. Renting gives you the opportunity to test a product first and you won't have to worry about storage space or maintenance.

Share. Rather than buying new, consider sharing items with neighbors, friends, and family. Sharing works great for books, magazines, movies, and toys. You can also share items that are used less frequently, such as lawn and garden tools or snow removal equipment.

Donate. Donating keeps usable products out of your trash and into the hands of someone who needs them. Visit www.co.washington.mn.us and click on *Residential Disposal Guide* for a list of donation opportunities for everything from clothing to building materials.

Twin Cities Free Market. Your trash might be someone else's treasure. The Twin Cities Free Market is a listing service for residents who want to give or get free reusable goods for the home, garage and garden. Visit www.twincitiesfreemarket.org

Test Your Well Water

The Department of Public Health & Environment provides well water sampling kits for Washington County residents. Please contact 651-430-6655 for more information and cost of analysis.

Residents can test their well water for:

- Coliform bacteria
- Nitrate-nitrogen
- Iron bacteria
- Iron
- Lead
- Hardness
- Arsenic
- Fluoride
- Sodium
- Sulfate

Recycle 1 plastic bottle and you save enough power to run a 60-watt light bulb for 6 hours.

Every bottle counts.
It matters more than you think.



To learn more, visit RethinkRecycling.com