

Going Green

2020 Guide to Household Hazardous Waste, Yard Waste,
Waste Reduction, and Recycling Resources



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Now Accepting All Batteries for Recycling

Some batteries can cause fires in the trash if not recycled properly. With so many different kinds of batteries, it can be confusing to know which batteries can be recycled. We're making it simple by accepting all batteries, including single use and rechargeable batteries, for recycling at the Environmental Center.

Learn how to safely store and transport batteries at
www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter



Sign up to receive email updates on environmental services and events by visiting www.co.washington.mn.us. Click on "Notify Me" and subscribe to the Environmental eUpdate.

More info: www.co.washington.mn.us/publichealth

651-430-6655

2020 One-Day Collection Events

Household hazardous waste and electronics only - no recyclables or business waste.



Spring Events:

All spring one-day collection events have been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Fall Events (Saturdays):

Forest Lake - Sept. 12 - 8am - 2pm
19987 Fitzgerald Trail N **

Forest Lake - Sept. 19 - 8am - 2pm
19987 Fitzgerald Trail N **

Hugo - October 3 - 8am - 12pm
6900 137th St N

****Forest Lake enter at Headwaters Pkwy**

Document shredding will be available at all events. All documents will be shredded on-site and recycled. No more than four boxes per customer will be accepted. Shredding capacity is limited and may be reached before the end of the event.

The Free Product Tent will be available at all events. Shop for blended latex paint, household cleaners, automotive supplies, and much more.

Planning for the Future: Northern Environmental Center

To bring services closer to those living in the northern areas of Washington County, the Board of Commissioners approved the development of a year-round Northern Environmental Center.

A location search is currently underway. The goal is to have the Northern Environmental Center open by 2024.

Environmental Center



4039 Cottage Grove Dr · Woodbury, MN 55129 | 651-275-7475

Environmental Center Hours:

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| Tuesdays | 11am – 7pm |
| Thursdays | 8am – 4:30pm |
| Fridays | 8am – 4:30pm |
| Saturdays | 8am – 2pm |

Open to residents of Washington, Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey counties. Proof of county residency, such as a driver's license, is required.

More info:

www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter

Closed on major holidays.

Tips for Safe Transport of Hazardous Materials

- Never mix chemicals.
- Label products that are not in their original container.
- Seal containers tightly to prevent leaks.
- Arrange containers upright in a single layer.
- Place clear packing tape on terminals of non-alkaline batteries to prevent fires.
- Bundle fluorescent tubes with rubber bands. Do not tape.
- Transport items in a paper bag, cardboard box, or plastic tote. No plastic bags.
- Oil, gas, and antifreeze containers (5 gallon or less) can be returned for reuse.



Accepted Items

See website for a full list of accepted items.

Hazardous Materials



HOME IMPROVEMENT

- Paints, stains, varnishes, & preservatives
- Paint removers & thinners

Dried up latex paint is safe to put in trash



AUTO & RECREATION

- Antifreeze
- Motor oil & filters
- Propane tanks
- Vehicle batteries (No hybrid batteries)



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Household cleaners
- Aerosol cans
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Mercury thermometers & thermostats
- All batteries
- New! Vaping devices & e-liquids



YARD & GARDEN

- Insect, roach, & ant killers
- Fertilizers & pesticides
- Weed killers

Electronics



- TVs, DVD & VCR players
- Items with rechargeable batteries
- Phones, cell phones, & fax machines
- Computers, monitors, & accessories
- Microwave ovens

Household Sharps



- Place in a sturdy container with the cap screwed on
- Label container: "HOUSEHOLD SHARPS"

Recyclables



- Bottles, cans, cartons, & plastics
 - Paper & cardboard
 - Holiday lights
 - Household scrap metal
 - Plastic signs
 - Plastic bags & wrap
- Must be clean and dry**

Food Scraps (Organics) • Place in a compostable bag.



- Fruits & vegetables
- Meat, fish, & bones
- Dairy, eggs, & egg shells

See page 5 for more information.

Environmental Center

2020 Shredding Events

June 10 · July 29 · September 23 · November 4

8am - 4:30pm

Documents will be shredded on-site by Shred Right and recycled. CDs, floppy disks, and other media will be accepted for off-site destruction.

Limit: 6 boxes weighing no more than 30 lbs each. These events are free and open to residents and businesses.

- Do not put paper documents in plastic bags: Use boxes or paper bags. Totes and reusable bags will be returned.
- Staples, paper clips, and rubber bands do not have to be removed.

Please remove 3-ring binders, large binder clips, plastics, or metals.

- Do not tape boxes shut.
- Do not mix confidential paper with items that do not require shredding.



Look for items such as latex and oil paints, household cleaners, automotive supplies, and much more. Products are available for eligible residents only.

Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale



Washington County residents save \$20!

Washington County is excited to partner with the Recycling Association of Minnesota to sell discounted compost bins and rain barrels to Washington County residents. After \$20 discount, Home Composter compost bins are \$44 and Rain Catcher rain barrels are \$59.

Pre-ordered items are available for pick-up at the Environmental Center.

Order online at www.co.washington.mn.us (search “compost bins”)

Food Scraps (Organics) Drop-off



Accepted Items

- Fruits & vegetables
- Meat, fish, & bones
- Dairy
- Eggs & egg shells
- Bread, pasta, beans, & rice
- Nuts & shells
- Coffee grounds, filters, & tea bags

Visit www.co.washington.mn.us/foodscraps for a full list.

Get Started in 3 Easy Steps!

1 Sign up online & pick up a free starter kit!

www.co.washington.mn.us/foodscraps

Starter kits are available to Washington County residents only. Limit 1 kit per household.

2 Start collecting food scraps at home

Collect food scraps in a compostable bag inside of your kitchen pail and tie off the bag when full.

3 Bring bagged food scraps to a drop-off site

An attendant will take your bags and give you the same number of new compostable bags in exchange.



Drop-off Locations

- **Environmental Center** (See pg. 2)
4039 Cottage Grove Dr · Woodbury
- **Northern Yard Waste Site** (See pg. 11)
5527 170th St N · Hugo

Search the Disposal Directory for more drop-off locations: recyclesearch.com/wcdd

Recycling at Home

EMPTY AND RINSE CONTAINERS. PLACE ITEMS LOOSE IN THE RECYCLING CART.

Glass

Bottles & Jars



Metal

Food & Beverage Cans



Cartons



Plastic



Bottles & Containers



Paper & Cardboard



DON'T PUT THESE ITEMS IN YOUR RECYCLING CART

**No Plastic
Bags or Wrap**



Take to the
Environmental Center
or a retail drop-off
location for recycling.

No Tangles
(No cords, wire
hangers, or string lights)



Take to the
Environmental Center
for recycling.

**No Shredded
Paper**



See page 4 for 2020
shredding events.

Reuse and Repair

FREE Product Room at the Environmental Center

Take home usable products such as paint, stain, automotive products, household cleaners, and other products for free. See page 2 for location and hours.

Donate & Buy Used

Save money, energy, and natural resources by donating and buying second-hand. Have clothing or household items you want to donate or buy? Check out local thrift stores, consignment shops, donation centers, social media, and yard sales.

Explore reuse opportunities in Washington County:
www.co.washington.mn.us (search “reuse”)



Rent & Share

Save space and money by renting and sharing items.

- Washington County Libraries – Borrow books, audiobooks, music, and movies
- Minnesota Tool Library – Tool lending library located in Northeast Minneapolis
- Minnesota Rental Association – Rental store locator

Online Repair Resources

Search these websites for free repair tutorial videos and guides.

- iFixit.com • RepairClinic.com • YouTube.com



Fix-it Clinics

Bring your broken items to a Washington County Library Fix-It Clinic and get them repaired for FREE. Learn valuable repair skills while working alongside volunteer fixers to disassemble, troubleshoot, and repair your items.

Find dates and locations for Fix It Clinics:
Washcolib.org/Fix-It-Clinic

Furniture and Bulky Items

- These sites offer self-haul options for bulky items. Some of these companies may recycle items, rather than dispose of them.
- Contact sites directly for details.
- Contact your hauler for availability of curbside collection of bulky items.



Appliances

Carpet

Concrete

Advanced Disposal - St. Paul

309 Como Ave • 651-487-8546



Bro-Tex, Inc - St. Paul

800 Hampden Ave • 651-272-7227



Forest Lake Sanitation/SRC - Wyoming

6320 Viking Blvd E • 651-462-1099



Fra-Dor - Little Canada

3101 Country Dr • 651-484-8180



J and J Recycling - St. Paul

607 Barge Channel Rd • 651-227-4457



J.R's Adv. Recyclers - Inver Grove Heights

10619 Briggs Dr • 651-454-9215



Keith Krupenny & Son - St. Paul

565 Barge Channel Rd • 651-457-3680



Recycling and Energy Center - Newport

100 Red Rock Rd • 651-768-6670



Second Chance Recycling - Minneapolis

1179 15th Ave SE • 612-332-0664 (Ext 4)

Twin City Refuse & Recycling - St. Paul

318 W Water St • 651-227-1549



Walters Recycling & Refuse - Blaine

10191 Xylite St NE • 763-780-8464





| Construction/ Demolition | Furniture | Mattresses | Scrap Metal | Tires | Treated Wood |
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Yard Waste Drop-off

Northern Yard Waste Site

The Northern Yard Waste Site is free and open to Washington County residents.

Accepted items

Leaves and Grass • Leaves • Grass clippings • Lake weeds • Garden waste

Brush and Tree Waste • Branches and twigs • Tree waste and shrubs • No stumps

Food Scraps (Organics): See page 5 for details.

LOCATION: 5527 170th St N · Hugo



HOURS:

Summer Hours: April – November

Wednesday..... 11am – 7pm
(or until dusk)

Friday & Saturday... 8am – 4:30pm

Sunday Noon – 4:30pm

Winter Hours: December - March

Saturday 10am – 3pm

Sunday – Friday Closed

Closed on major holidays.

Privately Owned Sites (Open to all County residents)

Cottage Grove: Rumpca Companies Inc.
651-459-1556

Denmark Township: Gertens RES
651-458-4412

City Owned Sites (Open to listed city residents only)

Forest Lake: 651-464-3550

Marine on St. Croix: 651-433-3636

Newport: 651-459-5677

Saint Paul Park: 651-459-9785

Search the Disposal Directory to find more drop-off locations: recyclesearch.com/wcdd



Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Quarantine

To prevent the spread of EAB, please dispose of all tree waste at a yard waste site in Washington County. Visit www.mda.state.mn.us/eab to learn more.

Additional Resources



Environmental Center Tours

Get a behind-the-scenes tour to see how waste is collected, sorted, and shipped. Tours are available to groups of five or more (limit: 25) and are best suited for children eight years old or above.

Call 651-275-7475 for details.

Education Kits

Check out a Recycled Products Kit, Compost Education Kit, or Trash Trunk! Kits are available for teachers, group leaders, green teams, and others to borrow to help teach about waste, recycling, composting, and other environmental topics.

www.co.washington.mn.us (search "education resources")



Free Radon Kits

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers. You can't see, smell, or taste radon, but it could be present at a dangerous level in your home. Free radon test kits are available to Washington County residents for pick-up at locations across the county.

www.co.washington.mn.us (search "healthy homes")

Prevent Food Waste

It's estimated that 40 percent of all food is wasted. Preventing food waste is an easy way to reduce your trash and make sure the resources used to grow our food go to good use! Explore tips and tools to fight food waste at www.SaveTheFood.com.



Environmental eUpdate

Sign up to receive email updates on Washington County environmental services and events, including information about waste, recycling, other environmental health topics.

www.co.washington.mn.us

Click on "Notify Me" and subscribe to the Environmental eUpdate

Additional Resources



Business and Multi-unit Recycling

Your business, organization, school, or apartment building may be eligible for up to \$10,000 to start or improve recycling or organics recycling. An additional \$10,000 may be available for your apartment building.

BizRecycling.com or call 651-266-1199.

Event Recycling

Recycling containers are available for small events such as graduation parties, family reunions, and block parties.

www.co.washington.mn.us
(search "recycling container loan")



Looking for local disposal and recycling options?

Search the Washington County Disposal Directory

Quickly find local disposal and recycling options for items you no longer want or need by searching the Washington County Disposal Directory. Easy to use and mobile friendly, the Disposal Directory is your go-to resource for disposal information in Washington County.

recyclesearch.com/wcdd





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