

# Going Green

2017 Guide to Household Hazardous Waste, Yard Waste,  
Waste Reduction, and Recycling Resources



## One-Day Remote Collection Events for 2017

### Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics, and Shredding

Open to households only, no businesses.



#### Spring Events:

##### Hugo · Sat, April 22

8am – 12pm  
6900 137th St N

##### Mahtomedi · Sat, April 29

8am – 2pm  
1520 Mahtomedi Avenue

##### Cottage Grove · Sat, May 6

7am – 3pm  
8635 W Pt Douglas Rd S

##### Stillwater · Sat, May 20

8am – 2pm  
1208 S Greeley St

##### Forest Lake · Sat, June 3

8am – 2pm  
19955 Forest Rd N\*\*

\*\* Enter at Headwaters Pkwy

#### Fall Events:

##### Forest Lake · Sat, September 9

8am – 2pm  
19955 Forest Rd N\*\*

##### Forest Lake · Sat, September 16

8am – 2pm  
19955 Forest Rd N\*\*

##### Hugo · Sat, October 14

8am – 12pm  
Hugo Public Works Garage  
6900 137th St N

\*\* Enter at Headwaters Pkwy

Paper shredding will be offered at all remote events. No more than 4 boxes per customer will be accepted. Shredding capacity is limited by the size of the truck and may be reached before the end of the event.

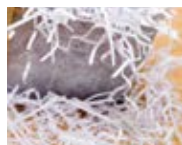
## Document Shredding at the Environmental Center

**Wednesdays (8am - 4:30pm): April 19, June 14, Sept. 6, Nov. 8**

**Washington County Environmental Center**

4039 Cottage Grove Drive · Woodbury

Bring your personal and confidential papers to be shredded on-site by Shred Right. Staples and paper clips do not have to be removed. CDs, floppy disks, and other media will also be accepted for off-site destruction.



The event is free and open to residents and businesses. Bring up to 6 boxes for shredding, weighing no more than 30 lbs each. More information: [www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter) or call 651-275-7475.

## Going Green

Welcome to the Washington County Going Green Guide. This brochure is published annually to help you recycle and reduce household waste so less goes in the trash. In addition to recycling at home, the guide also offers information on recycling at work, yard waste, special events, education resources, and the Environmental Center.

## New Online Help



The Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment has launched a redesigned disposal directory to help residents with the task of discarding unwanted items – highlights include:

- Streamlined look for easier searching
- Information on where to dispose of uncommon and unique items
- Mobile-friendly design

Check out the new directory at: [www.recyclesearch.com/wcdd](http://www.recyclesearch.com/wcdd) and share your thoughts by tweeting @WashCtyRecycles.

## Connect with Us!



Sign up to receive email updates on environmental services and events by visiting [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us). Click on “Notify Me” and subscribe to the Environmental eUpdate.

More info: [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us)

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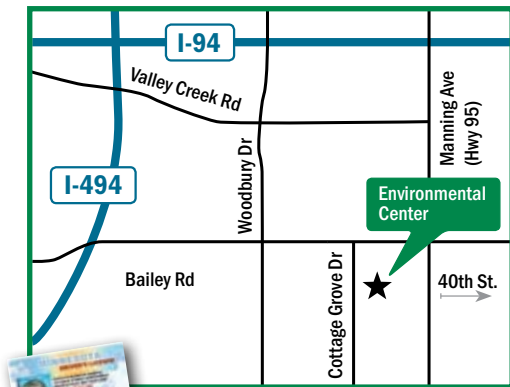
# Environmental Center

## What We Accept at the Environmental Center



If you have household hazardous waste, electronics, or recyclables that you need to get rid of, you can bring them to Washington County's Environmental Center in Woodbury. It is as easy as driving through and dropping it off.

**4039 Cottage Grove Drive • Woodbury, MN 55129 | 651-275-7475**



### Environmental Center Hours:

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Tuesdays</b>  | <b>11am - 7pm</b>   |
| <b>Thursdays</b> | <b>8am - 4:30pm</b> |
| <b>Fridays</b>   | <b>8am - 4:30pm</b> |
| <b>Saturdays</b> | <b>8am - 2pm</b>    |

*Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day & other major holidays.*

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.

### Stop by the FREE Product Room



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

### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

**Home Improvement:** • Paints, stains, varnish, preservatives • Paint remover/thinner

**Yard & Garden:** • Insect/roach/ant killer • Fertilizers/pesticides • Weed killer

**Auto & Recreation:** • Antifreeze • Motor oil and filters

• Propane tanks • Rechargeable batteries

**Household Items:** • Items with rechargeable batteries • Household cleaner

• Aerosol cans • Mercury thermometers & thermostats • Fluorescent bulbs

### ELECTRONICS

• TVs, DVD & VCR players • Phones, cell phones & fax machines

• Computers, monitors and accessories • Microwave ovens

### SHARPS AND SYRINGES

• Place in a sturdy container with a cover such as a detergent bottle.

• Label container: "HOUSEHOLD SHARPS"

### RECYCLING

• Bottles, Cans, Cartons & Plastics • Paper & Cardboard • Plastic bags

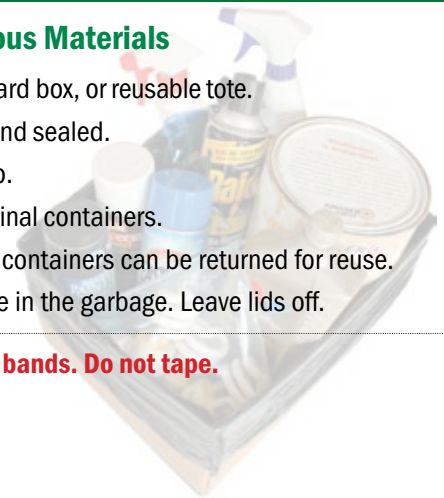
• Holiday lights • Plastic signs • Household scrap metal.

### Coming to the Environmental Center?

#### Tips for Safe Transport of Hazardous Materials

- Transport items in a paper bag, cardboard box, or reusable tote.
- Bottles and cans: single layer, upright and sealed.
- Seal all containers with a tight lid or cap.
- Label materials that are not in their original containers.
- 5 gallon or less oil, gas, and antifreeze containers can be returned for reuse.
- Dried and empty latex paint cans: place in the garbage. Leave lids off.

- **Bundle fluorescent tubes with rubber bands. Do not tape.**
- **Do not put your items in a plastic bag.**
- **Do not mix or combine chemicals!**



**Does your business have a recycling program? Are you sure you're recycling all you can? Perhaps your business is interested in building a recycling or organics program but you need help getting started. The experts at BizRecycling® will help you design and start a successful recycling program that best fits your business's needs.**

As a program of the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board, BizRecycling® helps local businesses save money while helping the environment. Your business can access grant funding of up to \$10,000, free labels and containers and assistance from one of the program's recycling experts. To date, BizRecycling® has worked with over 400 businesses in the East Metro from large, multi-campus corporations to small cafés on starting or improving their recycling programs.



BizRecycling® is excited to launch its updated website, BizRecycling.com. Hear from other East Metro business leaders about how their new or improved recycling programs are saving them money, find grant application forms, read a weekly blog with tips and highlights from East Metro business successes, and learn what it means to work with BizRecycling®. Check it out at BizRecycling.com.

To get started, go to BizRecycling.com (click "Contact Us") or call 651-266-1199.

## Recycling at Home



**Plastic & Glass Containers · Cans · Boxes · Cartons · Paper**

Curbside recycling is offered in all cities and townships in the county. Some recyclers accept additional materials. Call your recycling collector for more information.

## Furniture and Other Bulky Items

Many trash haulers pick up furniture and other large household items. Call them first to see what they collect and if there are additional fees. These sites offer self-haul options for bulky items. Contact them for hours, directions, and disposal costs.

**Advanced Disposal · St. Paul**  
309 Como Ave · 651-487-8546

Appliances, Carpet, Furniture, Construction/  
Demolition, Mattresses, Scrap Metal, Tires,  
Treated Wood

**Bro-Tex, Inc · St. Paul**  
800 Hampden Ave · 651-272-7227

Carpet

**Forest Lake Sanitation/SRC · Wyoming**  
6320 Viking Blvd E · 651-462-1099

Appliances, Concrete, Carpet, Furniture,  
Construction/Demolition, Mattresses,  
Scrap Metal, Tires, Treated Wood

**Fra-Dor · Little Canada**  
3101 Country Dr · 651-484-8180

Concrete

**J and J Recycling · St. Paul**  
607 Barge Channel Rd · 651-227-4457

Appliances, Concrete, Carpet, Furniture,  
Construction/Demolition, Mattresses,  
Scrap Metal, Tires, Treated Wood

**J.R'S Adv. Recyclers · Inver Grove Heights**  
10619 Briggs Dr · 651-454-9215

Appliances, Scrap Metal

**Keith Krupenny & Son · St. Paul**  
565 Barge Channel Rd · 651-457-3680

Appliances, Concrete, Carpet, Furniture,  
Construction/Demolition, Mattresses,  
Scrap Metal, Tires, Treated Wood

**Second Chance Recycling · Minneapolis**  
1179 15th Ave SE · 612-332-0664 (Ext 4)

Mattresses

**Twin City Refuse & Recycling · St. Paul**  
318 W Water St · 651-227-1549

Appliances, Concrete, Carpet, Furniture,  
Construction/Demolition, Mattresses,  
Scrap Metal, Tires, Treated Wood

**Walters Recycling & Refuse · Blaine**  
10191 Xylite St NE · 763-780-8464

Appliances, Concrete, Carpet, Furniture,  
Construction/Demolition, Mattresses,  
Scrap Metal, Tires

**Recycling & Energy Center · Newport**  
100 Red Rock Rd · 651-768-6670

Appliances, Furniture, Mattresses, Tires

## Recycling & Energy Center

### Do You Know Where Your Garbage Goes?

Trash from Washington and Ramsey County homes and businesses is delivered to the Recycling & Energy (R&E) Center in Newport which processes it into a fuel for Xcel Energy's Red Wing and Mankato power plants. The R&E Center is owned by Washington and Ramsey counties and processes over 1,000 tons of trash each day, enough to cover a football field six feet high.



Opened in 1987 and celebrating its 30 years of operation in 2017, the R&E Center:

- processed over 11 million tons of trash.
- prevented the use of 100 acres of landfill space that would have been piled with trash four stories high.
- removed from the trash and recycled about 329,000 tons of metals. This equates to about \$52 million in revenues from the sale of these metals.
- annually produces electricity to power over 20,000 homes.

Additional information about the R&E Center can be found at [www.morevaluelesstrash.com](http://www.morevaluelesstrash.com)

## Reuse Opportunities

**Thrift stores and donation centers in Washington County include:**

**Community Helping Hand:** 405 15th St SW · Forest Lake · 651-464-8150

**Family Pathways:** 935 South Lake St · Forest Lake · 651-464-4713

**Goodwill:** 7375 Hardwood Court · Cottage Grove · 651-769-6813

197 19th St SW · Forest Lake · 651-464-4003

5899 Nova Scotia Ave · Oak Park Heights · 651-439-4207

10450 Hudson Rd · Woodbury · 651-731-7942

**Savers:** 8401 Tamarack Rd · Woodbury · 651-294-0880

**Stone Soup:** 950 3rd St #120 · St. Paul Park · 651-458-9786

In addition to thrift stores and donation centers, collection bins for clothing and household items are located in several communities.

## Unused Medications Drop Off



Washington County residents can dispose of their unused and expired medications at year-round drop boxes.

### What is NOT accepted?

- No medications from businesses.
- No needles, used Epi-pens, syringes, lancets or thermometers. Bring to the Environmental Center.
- No liquid chemotherapy drugs. Bring to the Environmental Center.

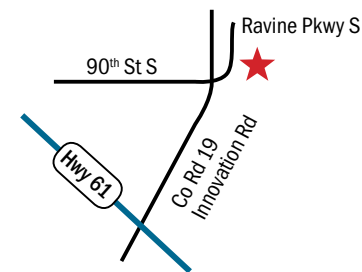
**For more information:**  
[www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us)  
(search "unused medications")

### Drop Box Locations

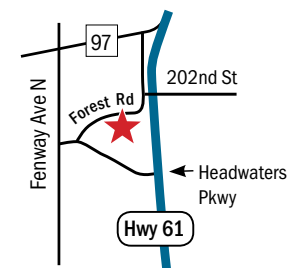
**Open 8am – 4:30pm**

**Monday through Friday**

**Cottage Grove** · South Service Center  
13000 Ravine Pkwy S · Cottage Grove

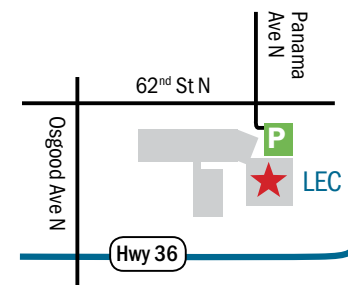


**Forest Lake** · Headwaters Service Center  
19955 Forest Rd N · Forest Lake



**Stillwater** · Law Enforcement Center

Sheriff's Office · 15015 62nd St N · Stillwater



## Yard Waste Dropoff & Compost Sites



Bring your leaves, grass clippings, and other plant materials to a yard waste or compost site. **It is illegal to put yard, garden, and tree waste into the garbage.** All sites listed accept leaves and grass clippings. Contact sites directly for other materials accepted, hours, and fees. Some waste haulers also pick up yard waste.

**For curbside collection, residents must use compostable bags or a yard waste cart.**

### Privately Owned Sites (Open to all residents)

**Cottage Grove** **Rumpca Companies Inc.**  
9600 Glendenning Rd  
651-459-1556

**Denmark Township** **Gertens RES**  
12119 70th St S  
651-458-4412

**Woodbury** **Composting Concepts**  
4600 Cottage Grove Dr  
651-769-0531

### City Owned Sites (Open to listed city residents only)

**Forest Lake** 20001 Forest Blvd N  
651-464-3550

**Hugo** 170th St N  
651-762-6300

**Marine on St. Croix** 18000 St Croix Trail N  
651-433-3636

**Newport** 1100 Bailey Rd  
651-459-5677

**Saint Paul Park** 13th Ave and 1st St  
651-459-9785

**Don't Bag It** - Grass clippings can be left after mowing to conserve moisture and supply nutrients for a healthy lawn. Backyard composting is another great way to reduce the amount of yard and garden waste.

The Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) will be selling compost bins this spring for pick-up at various locations throughout the twin cities area. For ordering and pick-up information, visit [www.recycleminnesota.org](http://www.recycleminnesota.org).



## Tour and Education Resources

### Environmental Center Tour

Ever wonder what happens to products dropped off at the Environmental Center? Get a behind-the-scenes tour to see how waste is collected, sorted, and shipped.

Two tours per week are open to groups of five or more, up to 25 people. Tours typically last one hour and are best suited for adults and children eight years or older.

Please call 651-275-7475 for more information or to schedule a tour.



### R&E Center Tour

Take a tour of the R&E Center in Newport and see how our garbage is processed. See real-time video feeds of trash being tipped, conveyed, and shredded into a fuel used to produce electricity. Schools are eligible for reimbursement of transportation costs.

Call 651-266-1199 to learn more or schedule a tour. Additional information can also be found at: [www.morevaluelesstrash.com/tours](http://www.morevaluelesstrash.com/tours)

### Educational Tools Available

Recycled Products Kits, Compost Education Kits, and Trash Trunks are available for teachers, group leaders, green teams, and others to borrow to help teach about waste, recycling, composting, and other environmental topics. For more information or to preview the guidebooks for each resource, go to [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us) and search "education resources"



### Other resources

Rethink Recycling.com provides information on regional recycling opportunities as well as waste reduction tips for home and work.



Rethink Recycling is your go-to guide for waste and recycling in the Twin Cities.

[www.rethinkrecycling.com](http://www.rethinkrecycling.com)



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