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: www.hennepin.us/greendisposalguide

Hennepin County will not accept waste from businesses – which includes condominium, neighborhood, or townhouse associations; governmental entities; home-based businesses; nonprofit organizations; rental properties; 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:

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
- Treated wood
- Yard and tree waste

For more information about Hennepin County Drop-off Facilities: Go to: www.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.
Electronics

Cost: $10 fee –
- TVs
- Computer monitors
- Laptops

No charge –
- Computer peripherals: CPUs, mice, printers, etc.
- Audio and video equipment
- Phones-cordless, cell phones, iPhones
- Rechargeable products-tools, toothbrushes, toys

Where: Accepted at Brooklyn Park and Bloomington facilities
Who: Households only
Limit: Five of the same type per year

Batteries

Cost: No charge
Where: Accepted at Brooklyn Park and Bloomington facilities
Who: Households only
Limit: Place clear tape over terminals or put in individual plastic bags

Media

Cost: No charge
Where: Accepted at Brooklyn Park and Bloomington facilities
Who: Households only
- Computer disks, DVDs, CDs, Blu-ray discs, video cassettes, audio cassettes
- Game cartridges
- Secure Digital (SD) memory cards, flash drives
- Plastic cases, jewel cases
- Ink jet and laser toner cartridges
- Vinyl records

Propane/gas cylinders

Cost: No charge
Where: Accepted at Brooklyn Park and Bloomington facilities
Who: Households only
Limit: Only one-pound, non-refillable containers
Household hazardous materials, lawn, garden, automotive

Cost:  No charge
Where: Accepted at Brooklyn Park and Bloomington facilities
Who: Households only
Limit: See limits on paint and fluorescent bulbs
• Paint, stain, varnish, solvents (if five-gallon pails, limit three per year)
• Pesticides
• Fluorescent bulbs (limit 25 per year)
• Aerosols
• Pool chemicals
• Mercury thermometers and thermostats

Appliances

Cost: $15 each
Where: Accepted at Brooklyn Park and Bloomington facilities
Who: Households only
Limit: No commercial appliances
• Microwaves
• Refrigerators, freezers
• Water heaters
• Dishwashers
• Dehumidifiers
• Washers, dryers
• Stoves
• Air conditioners
• Furnaces

For a complete list of appliances accepted, go to www.hennepin.us/greendisposalguide

Gas-powered appliances

Cost: $30 each – Air conditioners and full-size refrigerators
       $15 each – Half-size refrigerators
Where: Accepted at Bloomington facility only
Who: Households only
Limit: Hennepin County residents only.
       Appointment required: 612-348-3777
**Tires**

Cost: $3 each  
Where: Accepted at Brooklyn Park and Bloomington facilities  
Who: Households only  
Limit: Less than 4’ in diameter; no commercial tires

**Scrap metal**

Cost: No charge and no payment for scrap metal  
Where: Accepted at Brooklyn Park and Bloomington facilities  
Who: Households and businesses  
Limit: Must remove all non-metal parts and drain all fluids before bringing scrap metal to facility. You will NOT be allowed to remove non-metal parts and fluids on-site, which includes the recycling area or parking lot.

- Grills  
- Lawn mowers  
- Pipes and poles  
- Metal shelving  
- Bed frames

**Mattresses and box springs**

Cost: $15 per piece – all sizes (including futon and crib mattresses). Factory split box springs are considered two pieces.  
Where: Accepted at the Brooklyn Park facility only  
Who: Households only
Recycling

Cost: No charge
Where: Accepted at Brooklyn Park and Bloomington facilities
Who: Households and businesses
Limit: Businesses limited to one pickup truck load of recyclables per week. See limits for plastics, paper and plastic bags at [www.hennepin.us/greendisposalguide](http://www.hennepin.us/greendisposalguide).

- Plastics – Bottles, jugs, cups, containers (empty, rinsed)
- Metal – Food and beverage cans
- Paper – Mail, office, school; magazines and catalogs; newspapers and inserts; phone books (limit 100); shredded paper in closed paper bag; 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

Cardboard

Cost: No charge
Where: Accepted at Brooklyn Park and Bloomington facilities
Who: Households and businesses
Limit: Bloomington: Flatten boxes. Preferred size 3’ x 3’. Households limited to one pickup truck load of cardboard per day. Businesses limited to one pickup truck load of cardboard per week. Larger quantities of cardboard should be delivered to the Brooklyn Park Transfer Station.

Brooklyn Park: Flatten boxes. No preferred size or limit.

Cords and lights

Cost: No charge
Where: Accepted at Brooklyn Park and Bloomington facilities
Who: Households only
- Electric cords and string/holiday lights
Organics

Cost: No charge
Where: Accepted at Brooklyn Park facilities ONLY Tuesday-Friday
Who: Households and small businesses only
Limit: Not accepted on Saturdays.
Must be generated in Hennepin County.
Accepted from county residents and small businesses only.
Must be separated from trash and recyclables.
Five bags per person per day.
Must be in a closed, BPI-certified bag.
Look for the BPI logo.

- All food – fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, bones, dairy products, eggs, egg shells, pasta, beans, rice, bread, cereal, nuts and shells
- Food-soiled paper – pizza boxes from delivery, napkins, paper towels, paper egg cartons, parchment paper
- Certified compostable products – compostable paper and plastic cups, plates, bowls, utensils and containers. Look for the BPI or Cedar Grove logos or the term “compostable” on certified products.
- Other compostable items – coffee grounds and filters, hair and nail clippings, cotton balls and swabs with paper stems, houseplants and flowers, tea bags, wooden items such as chopsticks, popsicle sticks and toothpicks

Needles and sharps

Cost: No charge
Where: Accepted at Brooklyn Park and Bloomington facilities
Who: Households only
Limit: 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 (epi-pens) in your container.
Hennepin County Drop-off Facilities

**Brooklyn Park**
Brooklyn Park Transfer Station and Recycling Center
*Full and self service areas*
8100 Jefferson Highway
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

**Bloomington**
South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-off Center
*Full service only*
1400 W 96th St.
Bloomington, MN 55431

**Facility hours**
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ..... 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday ................... 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday ....................... 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays
Open to residents of Hennepin, Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey and Washington Counties

**What to bring:**
- Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill
- Payment, if applicable – cash, check or credit card

For the most current facility information go to www.hennepin.us/dropoffs or call 612-348-3777.