Hennepin County



Drop-off facilities

Guide to dropping off recycling and household hazardous waste

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Residents

Hennepin County households may drop off recycling and household hazardous waste.

Household hazardous waste is also accepted from households in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties.

Businesses

In general, Hennepin County does not accept waste from businesses, with the exceptions of cardboard, scrap metal, recycling, and organics recycling from small businesses.

Business options

Go to **HennepinCounty.gov** and search for "management and disposal of hazardous waste."

About this booklet

This booklet includes information on many items accepted at our drop-off facilities.

- If there are any fees for dropping of materials
- If the materials are accepted at our facility in Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, or both
- If the materials are accepted from households or households and small businesses

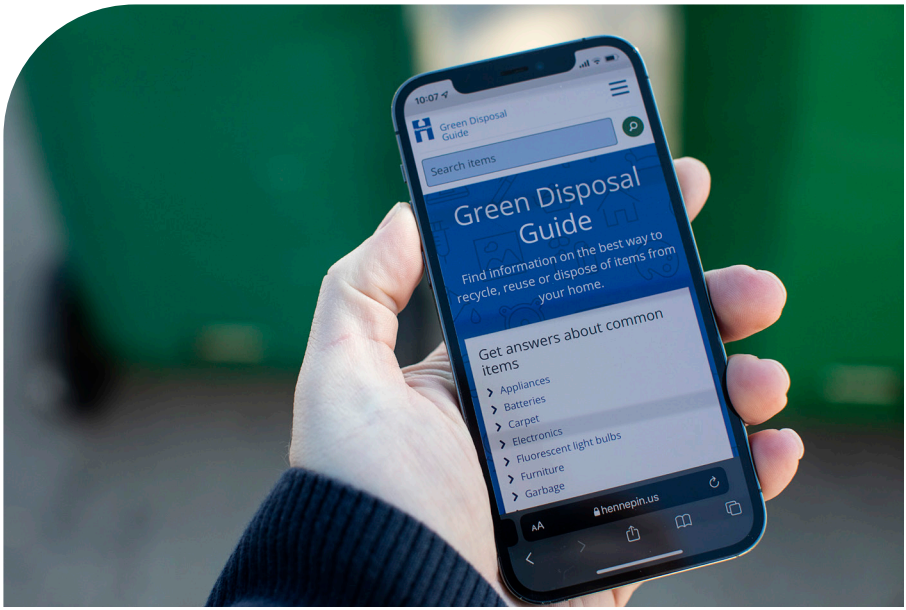
Also included: More details about what's accepted, quantity limits, and preparation instructions

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
- Wood
- Yard and tree waste

Green Disposal Guide

Before you visit, find the best way to recycle, reuse or dispose of items from your home: **HennepinCounty.gov/green-disposal-guide**



Appliances

$15 fee

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households only

Accepted appliances include dehumidifiers, dishwashers, microwaves, refrigerators, and washing machines.

No commercial appliances.

For a complete list of appliances accepted, go to **HennepinCounty.gov/green-disposal-guide**.



Appliances (gas-powered)

$30 each
Air conditioners and full-size refrigerators

$15 each
half-size refrigerators

Bloomington

Households only

Hennepin County residents only.
Appointment required: 612-348-3777.



Ballasts

No charge

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households only

Accepted: Ballasts from lamps and light fixtures. Separate bulbs and ballasts from fixtures before coming to the drop-off facility. Staff will not separate the ballasts from light fixtures for you.



Batteries

No charge

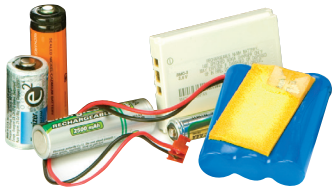
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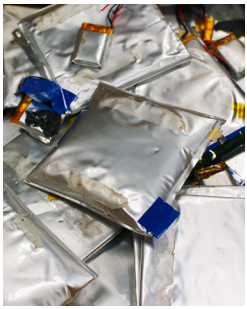
Households only

Accepted batteries include alkaline batteries, button batteries, rechargeable batteries, and standard vehicle batteries.

Place clear tape over terminals or put in individual plastic bags.

No electric vehicle (EV) batteries.





Damaged lithium ion batteries

Due to potential fire hazard, bring bulging or damaged lithium ion batteries immediately to a Hennepin County Drop-Off Facility. Place damaged lithium ion batteries individually in a clear plastic bag.

Cardboard

No charge

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households and businesses

Cardboard must be 3 feet x 3 feet or smaller sized.

Remove all packaging material from cardboard, including Styrofoam™ and plastic wrap. Styrofoam can go into the garbage. The plastic wrap, if separated first, can be brought in for plastic wrap recycling.

No moldy cardboard.

Bloomington Drop-off Facility:
One pickup truck load of cardboard per visit from households.

Brooklyn Park Transfer Station:
Larger quantities of household cardboard should be delivered here. Businesses limited to one load.



Cords and lights

No charge

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households only

Accepted: Electrical cords, extension cords, phone chargers, power strips, and string or holiday lights.






Electronics: TVs, computers, and monitors

$10 fee
for each TV, computer monitor, and laptop.

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households only

Limit: Five of the same type per year (e.g., five TVs per year, five laptops per year, five monitors per year, etc.).






Electronics: phones, accessories, and equipment

No charge:

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households only

Accepted: Computer peripherals (CPUs, mice, printers, etc.); audio and video equipment; phones (cordless, cell phones, iPhones); rechargeable products (tools, toothbrushes, toys).

When recycling computer peripherals (CPUs, mice, keyboards, etc.) please remove batteries first and recycle separately.



Data

Hennepin County is not responsible for any data that is left on electronic devices. For information on how to remove data, check with the manufacturer, a computer retailer or search the web.

Household hazardous materials

No charge

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households only

Accepted:

Paint, stain, varnish, solvents, driveway seals, and other materials (if in 5-gallon pails, limit three per year)

Aerosols, pool chemicals, mercury thermometers and thermostats

Automotive fluids and motor oil (in 5-gallon sized containers or less)

Gas and fuels (in 5-gallon sized containers or less, all cans must be left at the facility to be emptied before pick up)



Safely transport household hazardous wastes

Transport your household hazardous wastes in sealed containers, in an upright position, in a plastic lined box. Make sure all containers are 5-gallons or less in size and properly labeled with contents.

Light bulbs: Fluorescent and LED

No charge

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households only



Accepted: Fluorescent bulbs of all shapes and sizes (circle, compact fluorescent, tubes, u-shaped); high intensity discharge (HID) bulbs; LED bulbs.

No incandescent or halogen bulbs.

Limit: 25 fluorescent or LED bulbs per household per 12 month period.

To prevent breakage, place bulbs in their original packaging or cushion using blankets, towels, or newspaper. Do not tape bulbs together.

Broken fluorescent bulbs are accepted — place the broken pieces in a sealed plastic bag.

Mattresses and box springs

$25 per piece*

Brooklyn Park

Households only

No waterbeds, air mattresses, hospital bed frames, or sleeper sofas.



*All sizes, including futon and crib mattresses. Factory split box springs are considered two pieces.

Media

No charge

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households only



Accepted: DVDs, CDs, pen drives, thumb drives, flash drives, media storage cards, Blu-ray discs, and video game cartridges.

No plastic or jewel cases. Remove DVDs and CDs from cases. Cases can be given away or put in the garbage.

Needles and sharps

No charge

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households only



Sharps must be brought in a rigid, puncture-resistant, plastic container with a screw-on lid (such as an empty laundry detergent bottle). Label the container: Do not recycle, household sharps.

No glass containers.

At the facilities, staff will guide you to the needles and sharps drop-off area. You will place your container into the drop-off bin. Staff will not handle needles and sharps.

No unused medicine contained in sharps (such as EpiPens). Find information on medicine disposal on the Green Disposal Guide.

Organics

No charge

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households and businesses

Organics are accepted from Hennepin County households and small businesses only. Limit of five bags per day per Hennepin County household or small business. Organics must be brought in BPI-certified compostable plastic bags. No paper bags.

Accepted:

- All food: fruits and vegetables, meat, fish and bones, dairy products, eggs and egg shells, pasta, bread, beans, rice, nuts and shells
- Food-soiled paper: pizza boxes from delivery, napkins, paper towels, paper egg cartons
- Certified compostable products: compostable paper and plastic cups, plates, bowls, utensils and containers; look for the BPI logo on certified products
- Other compostable household items: coffee grounds and filters, cotton swabs with paper stems, hair and nail clippings, houseplants and flowers, wooden chopsticks, popsicle sticks and toothpicks



Recycling

No charge

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households and businesses





Empty and rinse containers.
Businesses are limited to one pickup truck load of recyclables per week.
No limit for households.

Accepted:

- Plastics: bottles, jugs, clear cups, containers (empty, rinsed)
- Metal: food and beverage cans
- Paper: mail, office, school; magazines and catalogs; newspapers and inserts; phone books; boxes like cereal, cracker, gift, toiletry, etc.
- Glass: bottles, jars
- Cartons: milk, soup, broth and wine cartons; juice boxes

No shredded paper. Find shredding and recycling services on the Green Disposal Guide.

Plastic bags and film

No charge

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households and businesses

Accepted: Grocery or retail bags #2 or #4, shrink wrap film, bubble wrap, plastic shipping mailers.



Must be separated from other recyclables, kept clean, dry, and free of food residue, and placed together in a larger plastic bag.

Propane/gas cylinders

No charge

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households only



No cylinders or tanks larger than one-pound. Only non-refillable containers.

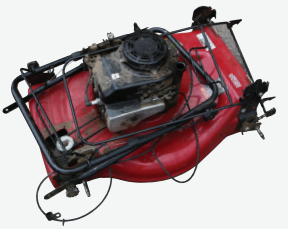
No gas grill tanks or helium tanks.

Scrap metal

No charge and no payment

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households and businesses



Accepted: Grills, lawn mowers, pipes and poles, metal shelving, bed frames, snowblowers, and treadmills.

Remove all non-metal parts and drain all fluids before bringing to the facilities. You will NOT be allowed to remove non-metal parts and fluids on site, which includes the recycling area and parking lot.

Must be in pieces sized 4 feet or smaller.

Tires

$5 each

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington

Households only

Accepted: Tires less than 4 feet in diameter.

Limit: Up to 16 tires per load. 32 tires per household per year.

No commercial tires. No bicycle tires.



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.

Hennepin County Drop-off facilities

Facility hours

Tuesday to Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays

What to bring:

- Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill
- Payment, if applicable — cash, check, debit or credit card

Keeping safe

- Remain in your vehicle unless otherwise directed by staff
- Store items in the trunk of the vehicle, bed of truck, or in a trailer. Staff will direct how items should be removed.

For the most current facility information go to HennepinCounty.gov/dropoffs or call 612-348-3777.





Brooklyn Park

Brooklyn Park Transfer Station and Recycling Center
Full and self service areas

8100 Jefferson Highway
Brooklyn Park, 55445

Bloomington

South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-off Center
Full service only

1400 West 96th Street
Bloomington, 55431

Hennepin County
Environment and Energy

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