2020 Bloomington Recycling Calendar

Recycling week

Holiday; recycling pick up is delayed by one day

Christmas trees picked up for a reduced fee

JANUARY

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DECEMBER

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Recycling guide



It's easy to make a difference

Recycling is important – it saves energy, conserves natural resources, and supports our local and regional economy. See the recycling guide included for a refresher on what you can recycle.

Your recycling is collected every other week. See the 2020 recycling calendar inside for recycling weeks.

blm.mn/recycling

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Recycle smart

The best way to support recycling is to recycle the right stuff. Putting items in your recycling cart that aren't accepted can interfere with the recycling process, damage equipment, harm workers and ultimately result in things not getting recycled.
If you aren't sure an item can be recycled, contact the City or put it in the trash.

Keep these items out of your recycling cart



Shredded paper: New: shredded paper is no longer accepted. Even when placed in paper bags, shredded paper is like confetti at the recycling facility and cannot be easily sorted. Limit shredding to confidential items, and get these items shredded at shred events or businesses that offer shredding services. As a last resort, shredded paper should go in the trash.



Plastic bags and film: These items get tangled in the equipment at sorting facilities and interfere with the recycling process. Bring to a retail drop-off to be recycled.



Large plastic items: Plastic lawn furniture and toys are difficult to sort at recycling facilities and there aren't good markets for recycling them.



Random metal items: Pots, pans, pipes, hangers, tools and other random metal items can damage equipment and harm workers at sorting facilities. Scrap metal can be recycled, just not inside your recycling cart. Visit **hennepin.us/greendisposalguide** for options.



Batteries: Batteries can cause fires in recycling trucks and at sorting facilities. Lithium ion batteries found in cell phones and other rechargeable devices are especially concerning. Bring batteries to a Hennepin County drop-off facility in Bloomington or Brooklyn Park to be recycled.



Bags of recyclables: Don't put your recycling in bags. Recyclers can't tell what's in the bag, so your items won't get recycled. Place recycling loose in your cart. Recycle flattened paper bags, and put plastic bags in the trash or bring to a retail drop-off.



Paper cups and plates and plastic utensils and straws: These items are often contaminated with food, are difficult to sort at recycling facilities and don't have good recycling markets.

Setting out your carts

Please have your carts out before 7 a.m. on your collection day. All carts should be placed on the curb or the end of your driveway. Please keep sidewalks accessible for everyone – do not block sidewalks with garbage and recycling carts. Carts cannot be placed in the street.

In the winter, shovel a wide space around your carts so they can be accessed and emptied by haulers.

Getting a second cart

If you generate more recycling than you can fit in your cart, you can order a second cart at no additional charge. Contact the City to add a second cart or change your cart size.

Contact us

Contact the City to make changes to your service or with questions:

Utility Billing
952-563-8726
utilitybilling@bloomingtonmn.gov
blm.mn/recycling

Sign up for updates

Sign up to receive garbage and recycling email updates at **blm.mn/subscribe**



Give back to nature with organics recycling

More than one-third of our trash is organic materials that can be composted. Put your food, napkins, paper towels, tissues, and certified compostable products to better use by bringing them to an organics recycling drop-off site.

Organics recycling drop-offs are available at Valley View Park, West Bush Lake Park, and the Hennepin County Drop-off Facility in Bloomington.

Participating in the organics recycling drop-off is an effective way to reduce your trash and make a difference! Learn more and sign up at **blm.mn/organics**

Recycling guide

Paper

- Mail, office and school papers
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspapers and inserts
- Paperback books



Boxes:

- Cardboard
- Cereal and cracker boxes
- Shoe and gift boxes
- Toothpaste, medication and other toiletry boxes

Cartons



- Milk cartons
- Juice boxes
- Soup, broth and wine cartons

Glass



- Food and beverage bottles and jars

Plastic

#1, 2, 4, 5 accepted



Bottles and jugs:

- Water, soda and juice bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Ketchup and salad dressing bottles
- Dishwashing bottles and detergent jugs
- Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles

Cups and containers:



- Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups
- Clear disposable cups and bowls
- Margarine, cottage cheese and other containers
- Produce, deli and takeout containers

Metal



- Food and beverage cans
- Aluminum foil, trays, and pie tins

Preparation instructions

Give items a quick rinse before recycling.

Place items loose in your recycling cart.

Don't crush cans, plastic bottles or cartons. Flatten boxes.

Keep caps on plastic bottles, jugs, and containers.

Not accepted:

- Plastic bags, film and wrap
- Batteries and electronics
- Plastic foam (Styrofoam™)
- Paper cups and plates
- Paper towels and napkins
- Shredded paper - **NEW**
- Paper or foam egg cartons
- Paper ice cream tubs
- Needles and sharps
- Hoses, cords and string lights
- Dishes, drinking glasses, windows and mirrors
- Containers that held hazardous products