



CITY of CRYSTAL

Adopt-a-Storm Drain Program

Join the Adopt-a-Storm Drain Program and keep your neighborhood storm drain clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution.



Storm drains flow directly to local lakes, rivers and wetlands, acting as a conduit for trash and organic pollutants.

Learn more and sign up at bit.ly/2SnYxWS.

Medicine Drop Box

The Medicine Drop Box at the Crystal Police Department lobby allows proper disposal of unused medicine, preventing abuse or poisoning while protecting the environment. The services is free and no ID is required.



Accepted items include prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines and pet medicines.

Items not accepted include illegal drugs, syringes, medicines from businesses, cosmetics, care products, mercury thermometers or hazardous materials.

Find other boxes at hennepin.us/medicine.

Want to Join the EQC?

Every spring and fall, the City of Crystal seeks volunteers wanting to be more involved in their community by participating on boards, commissions and task forces including the Environmental Quality Commission. These governmental bodies offer advice and support to the city and city council on a variety of issues.

The EQC has 10 members and terms are three years.

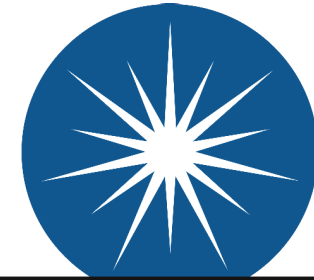
For more information regarding vacancies on the EQC or other commissions and boards, or to fill out an application, visit the City of Crystal website at crystalmn.gov. Go to "Our City," "Boards and Commissions" or contact the Deputy City Clerk, at 763-531-1131.

Recycling Other Materials

To disposal of most other materials, HRG has a Recycling and Material Management Guide that lists many options for reuse, recycling and disposal at bit.ly/2PMslbt.

Hennepin County has a Green Disposal Guide with information on the best way to recycle, reuse or dispose of items from your home at hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide.

Environmental Quality Commission (EQC)



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Deaf and hard-of-hearing callers should contact the Minnesota Relay Service

at 1-800-627-3529 V/TTY or call 711



The EQC

The Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) is a governmental body that advises the Crystal City Council on the conservation of environmental resources, including the study and proposal of possible environmental policies; and promotes public education and awareness relating to related environmental issues.

It also motivates interest in the proper use of and care for the city's natural resources.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at city hall.

Contact the assistant city manager for more information at 763-531-1132.

For more information about the EQC online, visit bit.ly/3uw3Kfi.

Raingardens

Ornamental raingardens hold a few inches of rain. Build one in your yard to receive roof downspout and hard surface runoff.

Municipal raingardens (right) are built in the boulevard and hold some rainfall runoff, usually just a few inches. Additional runoff continues down the street. Gardens like this allow water to soak in, within a day at most. With enough raingardens, the community can improve the water quality in local streams, lakes and rivers.

Gardening for Bees

Anyone with a garden – no matter the size – can help restore the bee population by creating a bee-friendly garden. Bees survive on flowers that supply them with food, nectar and pollen.

Types of local, bee-friendly garden plants:



Calico Aster



Wild Geranium



Wild Lupine

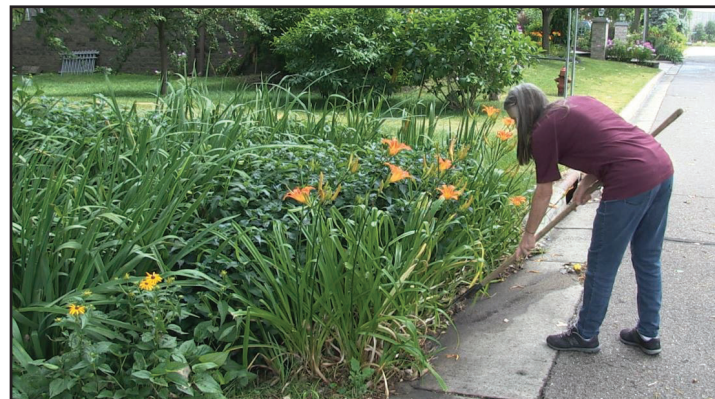


Thyme



Oregano

The more plant diversity, the better for bees. There are hundreds of bee species in Minnesota, each with varying tongue lengths. Be sure to plant flowers of differing sizes. For more information, visit www.beelab.umn.edu/bees/flowers.



RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

Compost Bin/Rain Barrel Sale
Recycling Assoc. of Minnesota
recycleminnesota.org

Hennepin County Drop-off Facility
8100 Jefferson Hwy., Brooklyn Park
hennepin.us/dropoffs

Maple Grove Yard Waste Site
April 1 – Nov. 30
10300 Maple Grove Pkwy., Maple Grove
www.mgyardwaste.com

Tech Dump Electronics Recycling
techdump.org

Hennepin County Recycling Group (HRG)

Brooklyn Park Operations and Maintenance Facility
8300 Noble Ave. N.
763-493-8006, hrg-recycling.com

More/Larger Curbside Recycling Bins
No additional charge for larger carts
Sizes: 32, 64 and 96 gallons.

Bulky Waste Curbside Cleanup
Even years in early April

Special Material Drop-off
Late April and October

Organics Recycling
All garbage haulers must offer by 2022
Drop off Tuesday – Saturday