



# Garbage, Refuse and Recycling



Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding garbage, refuse and recycling.

## Do I have to have garbage service?

Garbage collection by a licensed hauler is required for all properties at least every other week. A list of licensed haulers is available at city hall or online at [www.hrg-recycling.com](http://www.hrg-recycling.com).

Special arrangements must be made with garbage haulers for pick-up of materials that cannot go into your garbage container, including yard waste, furniture and appliances. Materials that are not accepted by licensed haulers including TVs, paint, and fluorescent light bulbs can be taken to drop-off facilities for disposal. Fees may be charged for some items.



Garbage and recycling haulers begin collection no earlier than 6 a.m. and must finish collection by 10 p.m.

## Garbage and recycling containers:



The preferred location for containers is inside. Outside containers must be kept in a neat and orderly manner and maintained as to not unreasonably interfere with the use of adjoining property.

Containers may be placed at their collection location the evening before collection day and shall be removed from that location no later than noon on the day following collection.

Containers must be:

- Clean and resistant to water, insects and animals.
- Approved or provided by your garbage hauler.
- The appropriate size to contain all waste generated on the property.

For six-family or larger dwelling units and commercial and industrial properties that generate more than 2 cubic yards of waste per week, a bulk refuse container must be provided and be shielded from public view by an appropriate and well-maintained enclosure.

Bulk refuse containers are to be accessible to collection equipment and should not require an intermediate transfer for proper collection.

At buildings in property zoned for commercial or industrial uses, refuse must be contained in a refuse enclosure.

## What about recycling?

Every other week recycling collection is provided by the Hennepin Recycling Group (HRG).

HRG also holds two Special Materials Drop-Off Days per year, hosts a Halloween pumpkin recycling drop-off, and provides a Bulky Waste Curbside Cleanup every other year.

Visit [www.hrg-recycling.com](http://www.hrg-recycling.com) or call 763-493-8006 for more information.

## What about dumpsters?

Roll-off dumpsters are permitted for use in residential areas for the temporary storage of construction and demolition debris, prior to disposal. They may be kept on private property for up to three consecutive months per year but may not be placed on a public street or within the public right-of-way.



## Other Information

It is the property owner's and/or occupant's responsibility to keep their property, including sidewalks and boulevards free of all litter and to contain litter in an appropriate garbage container, garage or storage building.

Litter includes, but is not limited to:

- Garbage, debris, animal waste, household appliances and furniture.
- Deteriorated or wrecked property in unusable condition or left unprotected from the elements.
- Inoperable, unlicensed, dismantled or abandoned motor vehicles, trailers, boats or machinery.

Landscaping and construction materials currently being used on the property may be stored outdoors. All other outdoor storage is in violation of city ordinance. This includes bagged leaves, old lumber, household appliances, furniture and inoperable, unlicensed or uninsured vehicles.

## RESOURCES:

### Hennepin County Drop-off Facility

612-348-3777

[www.hennepin.us/dropoffs](http://www.hennepin.us/dropoffs)

Drop-off for household hazardous waste, appliances, batteries, electronics, tires, and mattresses.

### Hennepin Recycling Group

763-493-8006

[www.hrg-recycling.com](http://www.hrg-recycling.com)

General recycling information, missed pickup, new or bigger recycling containers.

### Maple Grove Yard Waste Disposal Site

763-420-4886

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

Free disposal of leaves, grass clippings, brush, and tree limbs up to 10 inch diameter.