

Recycling and Beyond

ORGANICS RECYCLING

There are many benefits to recycling organic waste. It's cost-effective, environmentally friendly and helps divert waste from landfills. To learn more and find a full list of recyclable items, visit hennepin.us and search "organics recycling." Call Public Works at 952-988-8414 with questions about the program.



Try one of these options to get rid of items that can't be recycled:

1. Have a garage/yard sale.
2. Donate the items to your favorite charitable organization.
3. List items for free pickup using an online service like craigslist or the Twin Cities Free Market.

TWIN CITIES FREE MARKET

The Twin Cities Free Market is an interactive internet-based program that allows users to easily list or search for free items they want to obtain or give away as an effort to reduce the amount of goods being thrown in the trash.

Visit twincitiesfreemarket.org to learn more.



Disposal Options for Other Items

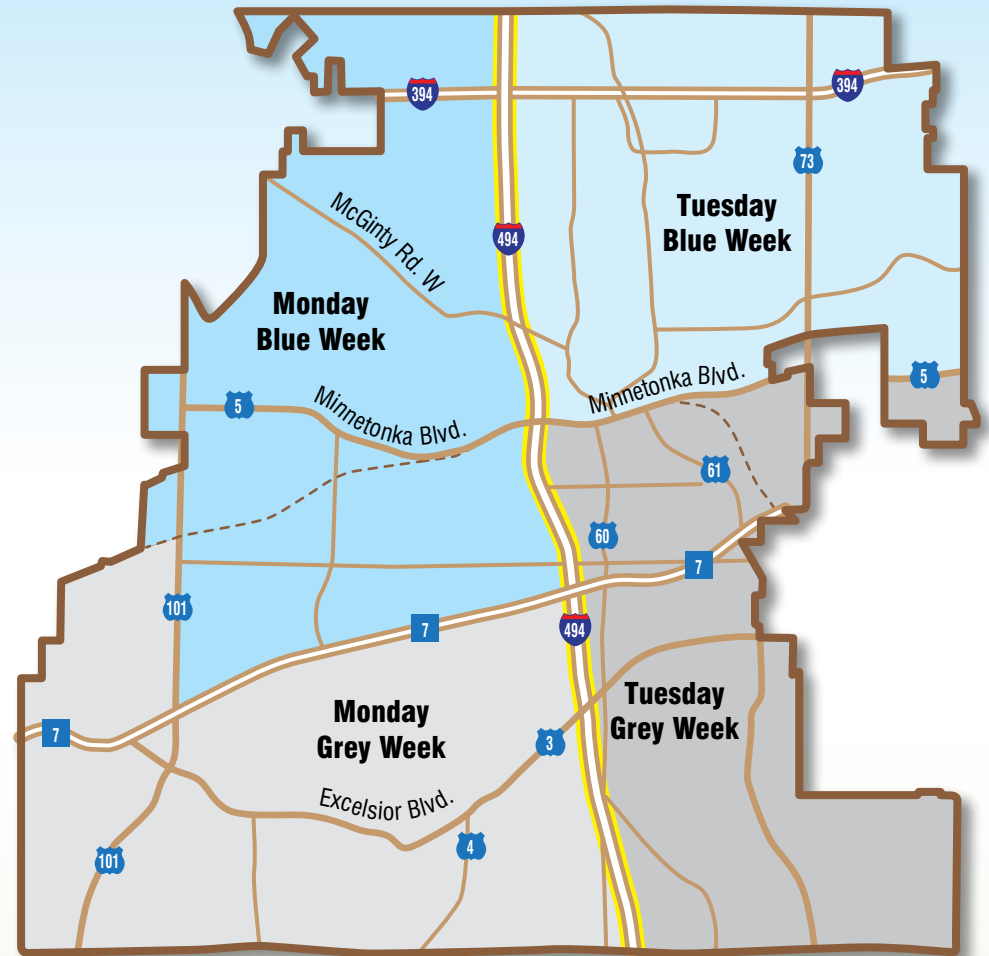
Some items that can't be recycled, reused or placed in the trash need special handling. Use Hennepin County's online Green Disposal Guide at hennepin.us/greendisposalguide to locate the right option.



City of Minnetonka
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.
952-939-8200



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RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Blue Week Grey Week Holiday Effective: Jan. 1, 2018

WEEK	Jan.		Feb.		March		April		May		June		July		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.				
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Grey	29	30												30	31										31		

If your cart was missed or to make changes to your service, contact Republic Services at 952-941-5174.

Recycling Guide



Paper

- Mail, office and school papers
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspapers and inserts
- Phone books
- Shredded paper in closed paper bags



Boxes

- Cardboard
- Cereal and cracker boxes
- Show boxes, gift boxes and electronics 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

Bottles and Jugs:

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

Cups and Containers:

- Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups
- Disposable cups and bowls
- Margarine, cottage cheese, and other containers
- Produce, deli and take out containers

Packaging:

- Clear packaging from toys and electronics

Metal

- Food and beverage cans



DO NOT RECYCLE: Styrofoam™, plastic wrap, plastic grocery bags, microwaveable food trays, paper soiled with food, paper plates and towels, drinking glasses, dishes, mirrors and containers that held hazardous products.

Recycling Refresher

Review these frequently asked questions to stay on top of Minnetonka's recycling program!

Why recycle?

Recycling provides a reliable stream of materials to industry and manufacturing, which in turn saves natural resources such as trees and water, saves energy in the manufacturing/mining process, and creates jobs. Recycling helps Minnetonka meet county and state goals for reducing waste processing and disposal in landfills.



What are the rules for storing trash and recycling carts?

City ordinance requires all trash and recycling carts be stored out of public view, either inside a garage or behind a screened enclosure, except for the evening before and the day of trash and/or recycling collection.

Can I have multiple carts for pickup?

If there are multiple carts at your curb for pick up on the same day, be sure to leave at least two feet of space between carts to allow the collection truck's lifting arm to grab the cart. Don't set carts in the street.

How can I receive a new or different sized recycling cart?

Call Republic Services at 952-941-5174. There is no additional charge for an additional recycling cart or larger carts.

What should I do if my items won't fit in the recycling cart?

All recyclables must fit inside the recycling cart, including cardboard boxes. Items left outside the cart will not be picked up. Flatten and cut boxes to fit in the recycling cart. Or, bring excess recyclables to the Minnetonka Recycling Drop-Off Center at Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd., open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

What can't I recycle?

Unacceptable items for recycling include egg cartons, Styrofoam™, plastic wrap, microwaveable food trays, paper and cardboard soiled with food (including pizza boxes), paper plates and paper towels, drinking glasses, dishes, mirrors or containers that held motor oil or hazardous products. If these items are placed in the recycling, they are removed at the material processing center and thrown out as garbage – at an additional cost to the program. Plastic grocery bags are no longer accepted for recycling. To recycle, please return them to grocery stores.

Utilize the Recycling Drop-off Center

Take advantage of the city's 24/7 recycling drop-off center at 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. when you have too many recycling items for your cart. Please remember, however, anyone observed leaving illegal items such as mattresses, mirrors, furniture or other junk that cannot be recycled, will be contacted.