

# Managing yard waste in Hennepin County



Yard waste—such as grass clippings, leaves and branches—is a valuable resource that can add nutrients into your yard or be recycled into compost.

It is illegal to put this kind of waste in your household garbage.



# Options for managing yard waste

- **Curbside pick-up** – Contact your waste hauler. City recycling contact info can be found at: [hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/residential-recycling](https://hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/residential-recycling)
- **Yard waste drop-off sites** – Hennepin County does NOT operate a yard waste drop-off site. To find more information about drop-off sites nearest you, see the list on page 3 or go to [hennepin.us/yardwaste](https://hennepin.us/yardwaste)
- **Compost in your backyard** – Use a compost bin for your garden, yard and food waste. More information about backyard composting can be found here: [hennepin.us/composting](https://hennepin.us/composting)
- **Leave grass clippings on your lawn** – This practice will add valuable nutrients and can reduce the need for fertilizers.

## Compostable bag law

If you bag yard and garden waste for curbside collection in Hennepin County, use either paper or certified compostable plastic bags (identified with the BPI compostable logo). Check with your local retailer. Contact your hauler for specific requirements for your service.



Examples of paper and compostable plastic bags accepted for curbside pickup.

# Yard waste drop-off sites

**Note:** Hennepin County does NOT operate a yard waste drop-off site. Refer instead to the locations listed below. Call first for materials they accept, requirements and fees.

## Yard waste drop-off sites open to all Hennepin County residents

### SKB Malcolm Avenue Transfer Station

630 Malcolm Ave. SE,  
Minneapolis, MN 55414  
612-331-4610

Open to the public

Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. (year round);  
Saturday 7 a.m. - Noon (April-November only)

### Maple Grove Yard Waste Site

10300 Maple Grove Parkway N.,  
Maple Grove, MN 55369  
763-420-4886

Maple Grove, Champlin, Brooklyn Park,  
Dayton, Brooklyn Center, Crystal and  
New Hope residents at no charge. General  
public may have fees—call first for fees.  
Rogers residents need a City Hall issued  
permit to dump.

Open April 1-November 30

Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.;  
Sunday Noon - 7 p.m.

### The Mulch Store

Locations in  
Burnsville, 952-736-1915  
Empire Township, 651-423-4401  
Minnetrista, 952-446-1056  
Shakopee, 952-445-2139

Open to the public

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.;  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## Yard waste drop-off sites open to residents of certain cities only

### Golden Valley yard waste events

Parking lot at Brookview Park, south of  
Hwy 55 at Winnetka Ave., Golden Valley  
763-593-8030

See Golden Valley's website for schedule of  
events: [goldenvalleymn.gov/homeyard/yards/waste.php](http://goldenvalleymn.gov/homeyard/yards/waste.php)

### City of Medina Yard Waste Site

2052 County Road 24, Medina  
763-473-4643

Medina and Loretto residents only  
Monday – Thursday 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Site remains open all weekend, Friday 7 a.m. -  
Monday 3:30 p.m.

### City of Minnetonka Public Works

11522 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka  
952-988-8400

Minnetonka residents only  
Open April to November

### City of Plymouth Yard Waste Site

14900 23rd Ave. N., Plymouth  
763-509-5950

- Plymouth residents only
- Open April to November. Check website for hours and days open. [plymouthmn.gov](http://plymouthmn.gov)
- Accepted: Lawn rakings and thatch, leaves, soft vegetative garden waste, tree waste, brush, logs (no size maximum) and diseased trees.
- Not accepted: Stumps, grass clippings, lumber, sod, soil, rocks, dirt or Christmas trees.

### St. Louis Park Brush Drop-off Site

2501 Edgewood Ave. S., St. Louis Park  
952-924-2562

- St. Louis Park residents only
- Open seasonally. Call or visit website for hours: [stlouispark.org](http://stlouispark.org)
- Accepted: woody vegetation, including brush and logs
- Not accepted: grass clippings and leaves

# Protect Minnesota's lakes, rivers and streams



Proper disposal of yard waste impacts the health of local waterways. After a rain fall, the runoff on your street washes through the storm sewers and into your local lakes and rivers—carrying an overload of nutrients from yard waste, dirt, debris, and other pollutants.

You can make significant impact on pollution coming from your streets and improve the health of your local waterways by taking these steps.

- Don't blow or rake grass clipping and leaves into the street or waterways. Leave them on your lawn, compost them or bag them up.
- Pick up pet waste and put it in the garbage. Don't put pet waste in your compost.
- Use phosphorus-free fertilizer to help prevent rapid algae growth in our rivers and lakes. Sweep up fertilizer spills from hard surfaces.
- Direct gutter downspouts into your lawns, gardens or rain barrels.



- Keep a healthy and low maintenance lawn. Mow at a higher setting or plant no-mow grass.
- Plant native flowers and plants and consider installing a raingarden. They require less maintenance than turf grass and have deep roots to absorb excess water.

## Ash tree waste removal

- The emerald ash borer is a destructive tree pest that attacks and kills ash trees. To prevent the spread of the emerald ash borer, a quarantine is in place for Hennepin County and other counties in Minnesota. Waste from ash trees cannot be hauled out of the contiguous quarantine areas. Some waste haulers and sites cannot accept ash tree waste.
- Ash tree waste should be taken to the closest disposal site within the quarantine area to minimize the spread of emerald ash borer.
- More information on identifying ash trees, the emerald ash borer, updated quarantine area, and a list of ash tree waste disposal sites is available at [mda.state.mn.us/eab](http://mda.state.mn.us/eab)