

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
- **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
- **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
- **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.

Ceres Mulch

3825 85th Ave. N
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
763-488-5621

Open to the public
April 1 to October 31
Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
November 1 to March 31
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
May and June, open Saturdays
7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Accepted: Tree logs and branches.
NOT accepted: Dirt, leaves, and rocks.

Maple Grove Yard Waste Site

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

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

Open April 1-November 30
Monday to Saturday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.;
Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Accepted: Dirt, leaves, rock aggregate under 2 inches in diameter, tree logs and waste under 10 inches in diameter.

SKB Malcolm Avenue Transfer Station

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

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

Accepted: Leaves, tree branches and logs.
NOT accepted: Dirt, rocks.

The Mulch Store

Open to the public
Locations in
Burnsville, 952-890-9375
Open Monday to Friday,
7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Minnetrissa, 952-446-1056
Open Monday to Friday,
7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shakopee, 952-445-2139
Open Monday to Friday,
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays, closed.

Accepted: Dirt, leaves, tree branches and logs.
NOT accepted: Rocks.

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 clippings 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

Any ash tree that is not being treated will eventually need to be removed. Trees should be removed by a reliable, insured, ISA-certified arborist. Dead trees should be removed before they become hazards. Working with your neighbors to hire a company to remove trees on multiple properties can help reduce your individual costs.

Ash tree waste should be disposed of at yard waste sites within the county and shouldn't be transported outside of the Twin Cities metro area to avoid spread of emerald ash borer.

More information on identifying ash trees and the emerald ash borer can be found at hennepin.us/ashtrees.