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# Solid Waste System Operating Manual

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# Introduction

Hennepin County operates an integrated mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) management system for the benefit of its residents and businesses. The County's system employs waste reduction programs, recycling and reuse services, energy recovery through mass burn, and safe removal of harmful or banned materials from the MSW waste stream. The County's Environment and Energy Department (EE) is responsible for managing this system.

Waste-to-energy is an important part of the County's waste management system. MSW delivered to the County's resource recovery facility is converted to electricity. EE encourages businesses and residents to first reduce the amount and toxicity of the waste they generate—to recycle or reuse any product whenever possible, and to properly manage all household and business hazardous waste.

## Purpose

This manual is a guide for all haulers who deliver MSW to Hennepin County's solid waste facilities: the Brooklyn Park Transfer Station (BPTS) and the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC).

## Governing ordinances

Hennepin County has four ordinances—No. 2, No. 13, No. 15 and No. 17—which apply to the collection of MSW in the County. It is important to familiarize yourself with the requirements in these ordinances (copies are available upon request and online at [www.hennepin.us/your-government#ordinances](http://www.hennepin.us/your-government#ordinances)). Nothing in this manual should be considered to override the requirements in any of these ordinances. In addition to Hennepin County ordinances, you must comply with Minnesota Statutes and Administrative Rules, and local municipal requirements.

Hennepin County Ordinance No. 2 establishes standards for disposal of solid waste within Hennepin County and the operation of solid waste facilities in Hennepin County. The ordinance also requires haulers to dispose of waste only at permitted facilities.

Hennepin County Ordinance 13 requires solid waste source separation and requires cities to ensure the residential curbside collection of mixed recyclables, as determined by the County in consultation with haulers, local material recovery facilities, and end markets. Ordinance 13 also requires cities to make available curbside collection of organic materials, or to require haulers to provide that service. Finally, it requires commercial generators of organic waste to source separate that waste and pay for its collection.

Hennepin County Ordinance No. 15 establishes the Solid Waste Management Fee. The revenue collected from this fee is used to fund solid waste management services including waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs, and problem materials management. This ordinance requires haulers to bill and collect the solid waste management fee from their MSW customers. The rate of the fee is

15.5% for residential customers and 21.5% for non-residential generators. The hauler remits all collected fees monthly to the County. For more information on the Solid Waste Management Fee program please see Appendix E.

Hennepin County Ordinance No. 17 requires haulers to obtain a license to haul MSW in the County. Hauler licensing is part of a regional program that includes Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties.

# Delivery of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) to Hennepin County facilities

## Acceptable types of waste for delivery

### MSW generated within Hennepin County

BPTS and HERC accept MSW generated in Hennepin County, but certain waste materials may not be delivered to these facilities. These types of wastes are **Unacceptable Wastes** and are identified in **Appendix A**. For a definition of mixed-municipal solid waste, see Minnesota Statutes section 115A.03, subdivision 21.

### MSW generated outside Hennepin County

Hennepin County will accept MSW that was generated outside the County only if EE staff have given prior approval, and it is not Unacceptable Waste.

### Source-separated organics generated within Hennepin County

The county accepts Source-Separated Organics (SSO) at BPTS only. All SSO loads must be generated within Hennepin County. Acceptable materials and procedures for tipping SSO at BPTS are described in **Appendix F**.

## Facilities: Locations and operating hours

| Facility  | Address                                       | Hours of operation   |
|---|---|--|
| Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC)<br><br>Permit No. SW-396 | 505 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave. N<br>Minneapolis, MN | Mon-Fri: 4 a.m.-6 p.m.<br>Sat, Sun: 6 a.m.-3 p.m.<br>Holidays <sup>1</sup> : 6 a.m.-3 p.m. |
| Brooklyn Park Transfer Station (BPTS)<br><br>Permit No. SW-344  | 8100 Jefferson Hwy.<br>Brooklyn Park, MN      | Mon-Fri: 7 a.m.-4 p.m.<br>Closed Sat and Sun<br>Closed holidays. <sup>2</sup>              |

<sup>1</sup>When a holiday falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, normal weekend hours are in effect at HERC.

<sup>2</sup>Observed holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. BPTS is open until 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. If the holiday falls on a weekday, BPTS will be open the Saturday of the holiday week 7 a.m.-4 p.m. The County may limit delivery to HERC during maintenance and repair outages.

## Operating and safety guidelines

All haulers are responsible for complying with the following operating and safety requirements of BPTS and HERC when delivering waste. Please refer to **Appendix B** for additional tipping floor and safety procedures specific to HERC.

### Personal protective equipment

For your safety, Hennepin County requires that you wear the following personal protective equipment while delivering waste at our facilities:

- Hard hats (must comply with ANSI Z89.1—1997 and be rated industrial Class G)
- Safety glasses (eye protection meeting ANSI Z87.1—1989)
- Sturdy footwear in good condition (canvas shoes, sneakers and sandals, or shoes with badly worn or thin soles are not acceptable)
- Reflective vests (must be a type II as specified by ANSI/ISEA Standard 107-1999 and Minnesota Rule 5205.0030)

### Additional operating and safety procedures

The following safety precautions are to be followed by all vehicle drivers and helpers to help prevent accidents and injuries on facility tipping floors.

- Follow the directions of all facility staff
- Weigh in and weigh out of the facility
- Yield to facility vehicles, such as loaders and trailers
- Observe speed restrictions
- Watch for tipping floor hazards; exercise caution and good judgment
- Do not possess, consume, or be under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- No smoking
- Do not ride on the back of a vehicle or walk along a vehicle when the vehicle is moving
- Do not ride or be near the rear of a vehicle when the truck is dumping its load.
- Only one person should exit from the vehicle at any time.
- When out of the vehicle, stay within close proximity of your truck at all times.
- All loads at Brooklyn Park Transfer Station are to be dumped directly into the pit unless directed by the transfer station operator.
- Hennepin County will notify haulers who do not follow these procedures. The County may restrict access to its facilities by haulers who disregard the County's safety procedures.

Please read additional information on using the HERC facility in **Appendix B**.

### Truck identification number

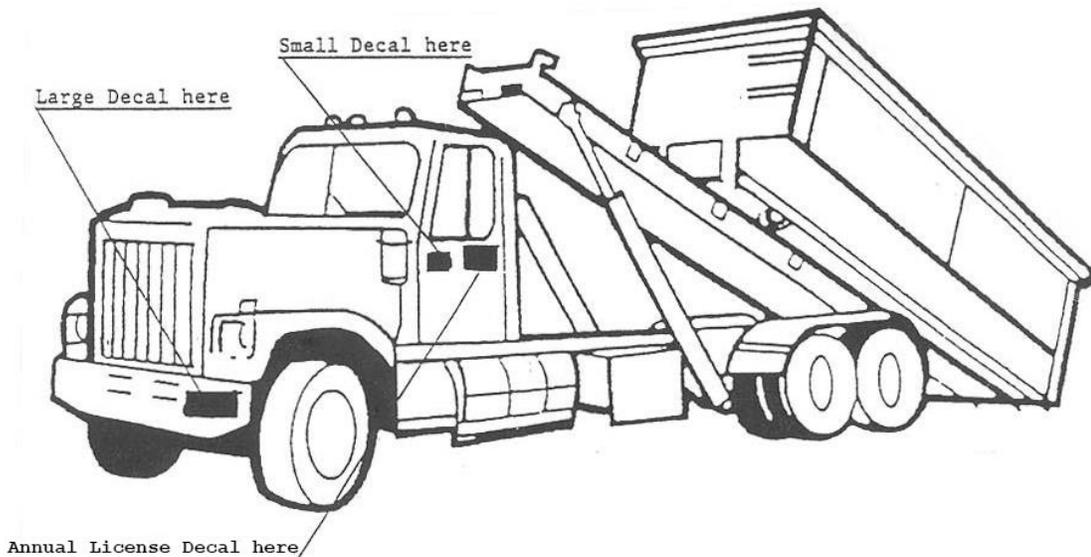
If you deliver MSW to Brooklyn Park Transfer Station or HERC, your vehicle(s) must be assigned a Hennepin County number.

The stickers that list the number must be:

- Affixed to the left side of the front bumper and to the vehicle cab (see Figure 1); and
- Readily visible and legible.

**Figure 1: Truck number decal placement**

Hennepin County provides two Vehicle Identification decals to haulers using County facilities. Please affix them as shown below.



**Replacing your truck number**

To replace your Hennepin County assigned number because the original has become worn, unreadable, or lost, contact us at 612-348-7813.

**Temporary truck**

To receive access to a temporary truck, contact us at 612-348-7813 or email [Haulers@Hennepin.us](mailto:Haulers@Hennepin.us). Temporary trucks are for short-term use only.

### **Delivering Unacceptable Wastes**

Delivering Unacceptable Wastes may cause the County or the facility's operator to reject all or part of a load. (See **Appendix A** for a list of Unacceptable Wastes).

If the County or facility operator rejects a full or partial load:

- The County or facility operator will provide a statement on why the waste was rejected; and
- The hauler will be responsible for:
  - Costs to reload the waste and remove the waste in a timely manner from the facility (this includes proper disposal); or
  - Hennepin County, at its discretion, may remove and dispose of the waste. The hauler will be responsible for any costs incurred by the County.

### **Using HERC's automated scale house**

Occasionally, the scale house at HERC will be unattended. During these times, haulers must enter the truck number provided by EE into the keyboard next to the scale. Call 612-348-7813 if you need a new or replacement truck number.

# Fees and charges

## Tip fee

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners determines the Tip Fee paid by haulers using our facilities. A listing of the current fee schedule is in Appendix C. In addition, the Board also approves individual Waste Delivery Agreements with haulers. The Tip Fee is multiplied by the number of tons a hauler delivers to County facilities to determine the total cost. Beginning January 1, 2023, there will be a one-ton minimum tip fee charge.

## Special fees and handling charges

Hennepin County charges special fees and handling charges for certain materials delivered to our facilities. The current fees for those materials are listed in **Appendix C**.

## Payment of tip fees and special fees

When a hauler delivers MSW to Hennepin County solid waste facilities, the hauler is responsible for paying all applicable tip fees, special fees, and handling charges.

**Credit account establishment:** To establish an account, call 612-348-7813. All accounts have credit limits. A hauler's credit limit is subject to change based on analysis by Hennepin County of the hauler's activity level, payment practices and credit worthiness. Hennepin County reserves the right to request and obtain financial information and other credit information deemed necessary to support the credit granted to the hauler. Refusal to provide information requested may result in a reduction to the hauler's credit limit. If a hauler does not have an account with Hennepin County, that hauler must pay the tip fees and any special fees by check or currency at the time of delivery before leaving the facility.

**Billing invoice and payment:** If a hauler has a credit account with Hennepin County, it will receive a bill each month for the previous month's deliveries including all special fees and handling charges. Payment is due to Hennepin County by the last day of the month in which the hauler received the bill. Appendix C lists item codes commonly appearing on bills.

**Late fees:** Tipping fee payments are due by the last day of the month following the end of the billing period. Late fees will be assessed to a hauler's account if the County does not receive full payment by the due date. The late fees are calculated using a daily periodic rate based on an annual percentage rate of 18%. Payment must be received on or before the invoice due date to avoid late fees.

**"Currency only" status:** A hauler's account can be placed on "Currency only" status if its account balance is not timely paid or if the check presented as payment is not honored by the bank (e.g. insufficient funds, closed account, etc.). In a "Currency only" status, the hauler will be required to pay by currency (no checks accepted) for each load of waste when it is delivered.

**Minnesota State Solid Waste Management Tax:** Haulers will be charged the State Solid Waste Management Tax for all waste deliveries unless a hauler provides Hennepin County a completed SWMT-10 exemption certificate issued by the State of Minnesota.

**Fee for insufficient funds, closed accounts:** If a hauler's check to Hennepin County is not honored by the bank (e.g. non-sufficient funds, closed account), the hauler must, upon receipt of notification from Hennepin County, immediately remit to the County, in certified funds or cash, the value of the dishonored check plus \$30.00.

Disputed account: If a hauler disagrees with its monthly bill, it is still required to pay the bill in full. The hauler can request a resolution of the disputed amount in writing to:

A/R Supervisor  
Public Works Financial Services  
701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 700  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415-1843

If the disputed amount or any portion of it is resolved in hauler's favor, Hennepin County will refund the disputed amount plus daily interest based on a rate of 1.5% per month.

# Appendix A

## Unacceptable wastes at Hennepin County facilities

- Agricultural and farm machinery
- Agricultural wastes
- Animal wastes, remains and carcasses
- Asbestos
- Ash from incinerators, resource recovery facilities, and power plants
- Automotive fluids, including motor oil, oil filters, brake fluid, power steering fluid, transmission fluid, and antifreeze (see Minn. Stat. § 115A.916)
- Baghouse dust
- Batteries, including but not limited to auto (lead acid), button, rechargeable (Minn. Stat. §§ 115A.915 & 115A.9157) (lithium ion, nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, small sealed lead acid)
- Cordless devices that contain rechargeable batteries (such as drills and telephones)
- Chemical catalysts
- Compressed gas cylinders, including, but not limited to propane tanks
- Construction and demolition materials, including drywall, concrete, asphalt, and roofing shingles
- Electronic equipment, including, but not limited to: TVs, computers and peripherals (monitors, keyboards, printers, scanners), copiers, fax machines, telephones (cordless & cell/mobile), stereos, typewriters, VCRs, and other items containing cathode ray tubes
- Explosives
- Fluorescent light bulbs, compact fluorescent light bulbs, high intensity discharge lamps, and neon lights (MN statute 115A.932)
- Foundry sand
- Hazardous wastes
- Hot or burning loads
- Industrial wastes
- Infectious, biological, and pathological wastes
- Liquid spills of nonhazardous materials, including chemical spill cleanings
- Liquids (Minn. Admin. R. 7035.2535)
- Major appliances (Minn. Stat. § 115A.9561), including air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, furnaces, garbage disposals, microwaves, ovens/stoves, portable heaters, refrigerators, trash compactors, washers, dryers, and water heaters
- Materials that would cause bottom ash to become hazardous

- Mattresses and box springs
- Mercury and mercury-containing products (Minn. Stat. § 115A.932), including but not limited to: appliances, button batteries, electric relays, electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, medical and scientific instruments, thermostats, thermometers, and tilt switches
- Metal film (e.g., Mylar®) – commercial loads
- Office furniture, including office dividers
- Pesticide containers
- Pesticides and herbicides from commercial sources
- Radioactive materials
- Rendering and slaughterhouse wastes
- Sludges
- Street sweepings
- Tires
- Transformers and ballasts
- Vehicle parts, including, but not limited to transmissions, motors, rear ends, fenders, and bumpers
- Waste containing more than 1 ppm polychlorinated biphenyl (more than 50 ppm polychlorinated biphenyl is hazardous waste)
- Waste that could spontaneously combust or that could ignite other wastes because of high temperatures
- Yard waste including all tree waste
- Oversized materials (>12 inch diameter and 6 feet in length)

## Appendix B

### **Tipping floor and safety procedures at Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC)**

- All loads at HERC will be dumped on the tip floor. The safety zone is six feet from the edge of the pit and is marked by a red laser on the floor. Keep a safe distance from this line. Any activity inside of this line to the pit requires qualified fall protection.
- Site speed limit is 15 mph
- Tipping floor speed limit is 5 mph
- Obey all warning and traffic signs
- Follow instructions from County and facility operator employees. They may inform you which bay to use to dump your load – see Figure 1. Also follow all procedures required by your employer.
- Do not leave your vehicle unattended, except when using the restroom
- When you have to release your tailgate or equipment:
  - Stop the truck so the back of the truck is 10 or more feet from the edge of the pit (as marked by the green laser light line on the floor). See Figure 2.
  - After stopping at 10 feet, get out to release your gate or equipment, then reenter the vehicle. Do not stand behind the back of an opened tailgate.
  - After dumping, drive forward, and get out of the vehicle to relatch it. All boxes and hatches must be lowered and closed before approaching the tipping hall exit door.
  - Drive the truck away from the tipping location with your attendant in the vehicle
- All loads will be dumped on the tip floor. No loads will be allowed to dump directly into the pit unless directed by County or facility operator employees.
- EE staff will notify you or your employer if you do not follow these procedures
- Vehicles exiting the bays must yield to vehicles entering the tipping floor

### **Personal protective equipment**

For your safety, HERC requires that you wear the following personal protective equipment:

- Hard hats (must comply with ANSI Z89.1 – 1997 and be rated industrial Class G)
- Safety glasses (eye protection meeting ANSI Z87.1 – 1989)
- Sturdy footwear in good condition (canvas shoes, sneakers and sandals, or shoes with badly worn or thin soles are not acceptable)
- Reflective vests (must be a type II as specified by ANSI/ISEA Standard 107-1999 and Minnesota Rule 5205.0030)

- Harness and a lifeline when working outside a tipping floor vehicle within 6 feet of the curb in front of the edge of the pit

Figure 1: Layout of HERC tipping floor

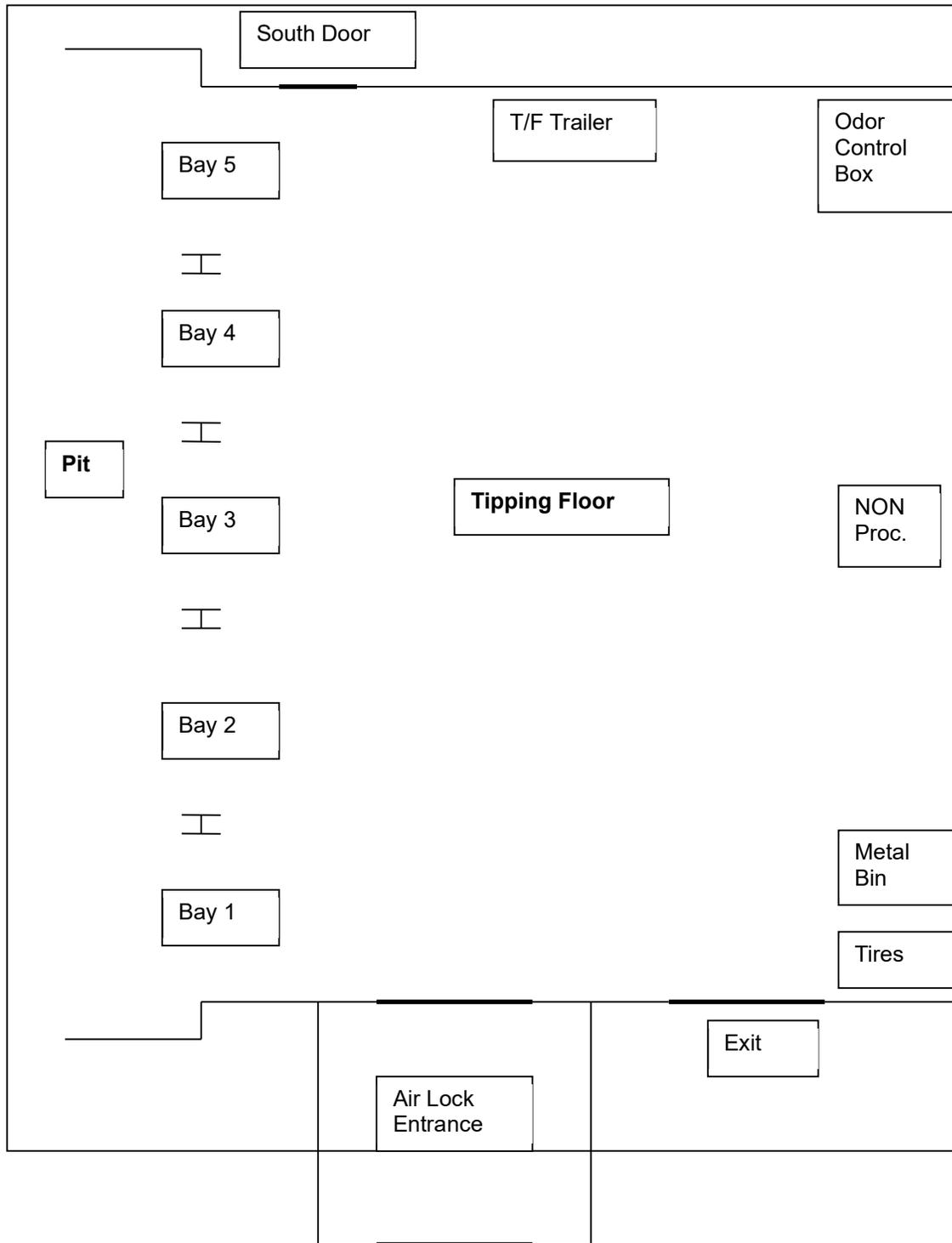


Figure 2: Dumping on the tipping floor



### Tipping floor safety procedure

Minimize your falling hazard. Stay back from the pit at least 6 feet, marked by the green laser light.

Safe distances:

- Drivers or attendants 6 feet from the pit, marked by the red laser light.
- Back-end of trucks: 10 feet from the pit, marked by the green laser light.

## Appendix C

### Hennepin County Solid Waste Fees and Charges

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| Tip fee gate rate.....   | \$105.00 per ton                                     |
| Contract tip fee rate.....   | Call 612-348-7813 for rate                           |
| Source separated organics (Appendix F).....  | \$35.00 per ton                                      |
| Tons in excess of Waste Delivery Agreement maximum.....  | \$105.00 per ton                                     |
| Charges for materials banned by statute that are mixed with MSW loads:   |  |
| Infectious/Pathological <sup>1</sup> .....   | \$400.00 per incident                                |
| Hazardous Waste <sup>2</sup> .....   | \$200.00 per incident (plus cost of proper disposal) |
| CRT Penalty Fee.....   | \$50.00 per CRT                                      |
| Appliances.....  | \$50.00 per appliance                                |
| Auto Tires.....  | \$15.00 per tire                                     |
| Truck Tires (greater than 22" in diameter).....  | \$25.00 per tire                                     |
| Yard Waste.....  | \$50.00 per ten bag increment – effective 1/1/2024   |
| Lead Acid Battery.....   | \$25.00 per battery                                  |
| Mattresses and Box Springs.....  | \$100 per piece effective 1/1/2024                   |
| <sup>1</sup> Hennepin County does not accept infectious/pathological waste. Haulers are responsible for removing it if delivered to a county facility.   |  |
| <sup>2</sup> Hennepin County does not accept hazardous waste. A hauler will be billed for the special handling charge and the actual cost incurred by Hennepin County for appropriate disposal.                                    |  |
| Charge for Oversized Material.....   | \$15.00 each   |
| Large items such as rolls of carpet (greater than 6' long), Hide-a-beds with metal frames, large plastic molds (2' square or more), or large rolls of plastic foil or paper (greater than 6' long or greater than 1' in diameter). |  |
| Charge for Untarped Load.....  | Double Tip Fee                                       |
| Charge for Hot Loads or Reloads.....   | \$100.00   |
| Excess Cardboard Fee (at least 50% of load, effective 1/1/2024).....   | \$100 per load                                       |
| Missing Truck Operating License Fee (effective 1/1/2024).....  | \$100 per transaction                                |
| Safety Violation Fee (effective 1/1/2024) .....  | \$100 per occurrence                                 |

# Appendix D

## Hennepin County list of codes for invoicing

### Facility Codes

- 51 – Brooklyn Park Transfer Station
- 57 – HERC (Hennepin Energy Recovery Center)
- 85 – SKB Malcolm Transfer Station

### PT = Payment Types

- 01 – Charge
- 02 – Cash
- 03 – Check
- 04 – No Charge

### MT = Material Types

- 01 – MSW by Ton (Gate Rate)
- 04 – MSW Contract Rate
- 08 – Hauler Recycle
- 12 – MSW Carver
- 46 – Mixed Cans
- 48 – Scrap Metal
- 58 – Source Separated
- 70 – Anoka County
- 71 – Dakota County
- 72 – Ramsey County
- 73 – Scott County
- 74 – Out of County
- 80 – Wright County
- 99 – MSW No Charge

**Special Fees Codes**

- 10 – IW- Infectious Waste: \$400.00
- 20 – HW-HW Penalty: \$200.00
- 30 – AP-Appliance Penalty: \$50.00
- 40 – AT-Auto Tire: \$15.00
- 50 – TT-Truck Tire: \$25.00
- 60 – YW-Yard Waste up to 10 bag increments: \$50.00
- 70 – LA-Lead Acid Battery: \$25.00
- 80 – OM-Oversized Material: \$15.00
- 90 – UL-Untarped Load: (Double the Tip Fee)
- 100 – HL-Hot loads/reloads: \$100.00
- 110 – Excess Cardboard Fee: \$100 per load
- 120 – Missing Truck Operating License Fee: \$100 per transaction
- 130 – Safety Violation Fee: \$100 per occurrence

## Appendix E

### **Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Fee fact sheet for licensed solid waste haulers**

Ordinance 15 imposes a Solid Waste Management Fee for solid waste management services provided by Hennepin County.

Below are responses to haulers' frequently asked questions about this fee.

#### **What is the Solid Waste Management Fee?**

The Solid Waste Management Fee is the charge established by the County Board to fund solid waste management services such as waste reduction and reuse, recycling, tree waste management, and management of problem materials and household hazardous waste.

#### **What is the amount of the Solid Waste Management Fee?**

The amount of the Solid Waste Management Fee is based on whether the waste generator is a Residential Generator or Nonresidential Generator. A Residential Generator pays a fee of 15.5% and a Nonresidential Generator pays a fee of 21.5% of their MSW collection and disposal cost. For most Generators this will be the portion of their waste disposal bill that is related to MSW.

#### **Who are Residential and Nonresidential Generators?**

A Residential Generator is any person who generates MSW in Hennepin County and pays for MSW collection and disposal services of a residential building, or any person who pays for MSW collection and disposal services on behalf of a person who generates MSW in Hennepin County for a residential building. Residential buildings include, but are not limited to, a single family home, a duplex, a triplex, a four-plex, an apartment building, a mobile home, a condominium, a townhouse, a cooperative housing unit, or a residential building on perma-lease.

A Nonresidential Generator is any person who does not qualify as Residential Generator.

#### **Is compactor or other equipment rental related to the collection and disposal of MSW subject to the Solid Waste Management Fee?**

Yes.

**Does the Solid Waste Management Fee apply if waste is disposed of or processed outside Hennepin County?**

Yes, the Solid Waste Management Fee applies to all MSW generated in Hennepin County, regardless of the waste disposal location.

**When is the Solid Waste Management Fee remitted to the County?**

The Solid Waste Management Fee collected from Generators must be paid to the County by the 20th day of the month following the month in which the Solid Waste Management Fee was received by the person who bills for the waste collection service. For example, a Hauler bills a Residential customer \$50 for MSW collection and disposal costs, \$7.75 for the 15.5% Solid Waste Management Fee on January 1. The customer pays the total bill on January 27. The hauler remits the \$7.75 Solid Waste Management Fee by February 20 along with their completed Report.

**What is the Solid Waste Management Fee Report?**

The Solid Waste Management Fee Report is the monthly report that must be completed and submitted by all licensed Haulers or Self-Haulers. A supply of Reports can be obtained by calling Hennepin County Department of Environment and Energy, 612-348-7813.

**Where is the Solid Waste Management Fee sent?**

The Solid Waste Management Fee and completed Report are sent to Hennepin County Environment and Energy, 701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1843. Questions about remittance of the Solid Waste Management Fee or the Report should be directed to Environment and Energy – Solid Waste at 612-348-7813.

**How is the Solid Waste Management Fee collected?**

The entity that bills for the waste collection and disposal service must include the Solid Waste Management Fee as a separate item on each invoice or statement issued to the customer.

**Who is responsible for collecting and remitting the Solid Waste Management Fee?**

The hauler that bills for the waste collection service is responsible for collecting and remitting the Solid Waste Management Fee with the Solid Waste Management Fee Report. This includes commercial haulers as well as governmental entities that provide waste collection services with their own vehicles, or subcontract for the services through a hauler and bill the citizens.

**What if the Hauler has contracted with a municipality for organized collection?**

See: "Who is responsible for collecting and remitting the Solid Waste Management Fee."

**How is the Solid Waste Management Fee calculated?**

Only charges for services related to the collection, transportation, and disposal of MSW should be multiplied by the applicable percentage. Do not apply the percentage to charges for recycling services, demolition debris, construction waste, and yard waste. Do not apply the percentage to the state solid waste management tax. As a guideline, use the same basis for calculating the Solid Waste Management Fee as the state Solid Waste Management Tax on solid waste collection and disposal services as defined in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 297H.

**Is the Solid Waste Management Fee subject to the state Solid Waste Management Tax?**

No.

**What if a Generator pays only part of their bill?**

If a Generator makes partial payment, the hauler must remit the Solid Waste Management Fee in the same proportion as the payment is to the total bill.

**Are Generators with tax-exempt status also exempt from the Solid Waste Management Fee?**

No, the Solid Waste Management Fee is not a tax; it is a fee for services. All Generators must pay the Solid Waste Management Fee.

**How do Self-Haulers calculate and remit the Solid Waste Management Fee?**

Self-Haulers use a separate form for remitting the fee. Self-Haulers are responsible for paying the Solid Waste Management Fee on all MSW disposals or processing fees.

**Is there a penalty for late payment of the Solid Waste Management Fee?**

Yes, the Solid Waste Management Fees collected from Generators but not remitted to the County by the 20th day of the following month will be charged 1.5% per month on the unpaid amount.

**What are "reasonable efforts" to collect the Solid Waste Management Fee?**

Haulers must make the same effort to collect the Solid Waste Management Fee as they make in collecting their customer accounts.

# Appendix F

## Source-Separated Organics

The County has a special tip fee for Source-Separated Organics (SSO) and accepts SSO at the Brooklyn Park Transfer Station. The County Board approved this tip fee for SSO to encourage additional waste abatement throughout the county and to enhance efforts to meet state mandated recycling goals.

The SSO tipping fee is \$35 per ton. All SSO loads must be generated in Hennepin County and delivered to BPTS.

Loads of SSO that meet the guidelines listed below are not subject to State and County taxes and fees on MSW. Loads brought in as SSO that do not meet these guidelines will be:

- Managed as municipal solid waste (MSW)
- Charged the applicable MSW tipping fee, and
- Subject to applicable taxes and fees.

County staff is available to assist haulers and generators with questions about SSO and with setting up SSO programs.

The following are hauler guidelines that must be followed when delivering SSO at the Brooklyn Park Transfer Station:

### Guidelines and Procedures

- Before bringing your first load of SSO to the transfer station, you must contact the County Organics Coordinator, John Jaimez (612-348-5893) to confirm the correct procedures for tipping SSO.
- SSO must be generated in Hennepin County.
- Contamination may not exceed 5% by volume (see list of unacceptable items).
- Prior to tipping a SSO load, **the scalehouse attendant MUST be told the load is ORGANICS.**
- On the tip floor, you must wait for:
  - An attendant to direct you where to tip, and
  - The load to be inspected.
- **DO NOT TIP ORGANICS INTO THE PIT!** Loads dumped in the pit will be considered municipal solid waste.
- If the load does not exceed contamination limits, SSO tip fee and tax exemption will apply.

## Hours

SSO will be accepted at BPTS during the following hours:

Monday – Thursday: 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays: BPTS is closed; **NO SSO ACCEPTED**

## Acceptable SSO Items

- **All food scraps**

Fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, seafood, bones, dairy products, eggs, eggshells, pasta, rice, beans, bread, nuts, shells

- **Food-soiled paper**

Napkins, paper towels, paper egg cartons, pizza boxes

- **Other compostable items**

Coffee grounds and filters, paper tea bags, houseplant and flower trimmings, wood chopsticks, toothpicks

- **Certified compostable products**

Compostable paper and plastic cups, plates, bowls, utensils and containers.  
Look for the term “compostable” or the BPI logo on certified products.

- **Bags**

If your generators use plastic bags to collect SSO, only compostable plastic bags are acceptable to include in SSO loads. Acceptable compostable plastic bags:

- Feature the term “compostable” or the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) logo—see [www.bpiworld.org](http://www.bpiworld.org) for more information..
- Meet ASTM D6400 “Standard Specification for Compostable Plastics”



**Not accepted as SSO**

- Yard waste
- Diapers and sanitary products
- Animal and pet waste, litter or bedding
- Cleaning or baby wipes
- Grease or oil
- Styrofoam™
- Dryer sheets
- Recyclable items—cartons, glass, metal, paper, plastic
- Frozen food boxes
- Microwave popcorn bags
- Fast food wrappers
- Products labeled “biodegradable”

## Contact information

If you have questions on waste hauling in Hennepin County or wish additional information, please contact:

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