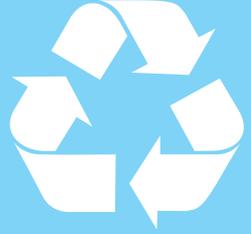


How to  
reduce,  
reuse and  
recycle



WHAT  
GOES  
WHERE



The  
Recycling  
ZONE

Dakota  
COUNTY

Keep this guide handy to answer your questions about reducing, reusing and recycling in Dakota County.



Please recycle your old guide.

# Dakota County residents made a difference in 2021

- Recycling and composting efforts kept 57 percent of waste out of landfills.
- More than 287,000 pounds of paint, household cleaners and more were given away for reuse at The Recycling Zone.
- Dropped off 146,000 pounds of confidential documents that were shredded and recycled at city-hosted events.
- Composted 1.28 million pounds of food scraps from Organics Drop Off sites.



Find more Dakota County stats and highlights at [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *2021 Solid Waste Progress Report*.

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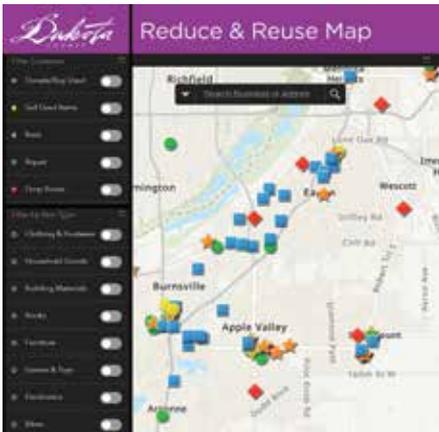
# REDUCE & REUSE

## REPAIR YOUR STUFF AT A FIX-IT CLINIC

Get free help repairing household items and clothes at a monthly Fix-it Clinic. For locations and dates, visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *fix-it clinics*.



## DONATE AND BUY USED



Find repair, rental and donation businesses near you with the interactive Reduce & Reuse Map.

Scan the QR code or visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *reuse*.



## How to donate

- Check with the donation center to find out hours, what they accept and how to drop off items.
- Inspect your stuff — would you give the items to a friend or family member? If not, they might not be worth donating.
- Prep your items. Check the pockets or furniture cubbies. Take out dead batteries from toys and electronics but leave in batteries that work.
- Bring items in a bag or box that you can leave behind.
- Never leave items outside at drop-off locations. The donation center pays the disposal cost for ruined items.
- Shop for gently used items. Thrift stores depend on the sale of donations.

# CHEMICALS, ELECTRONICS &

Many household items, yard and garden chemicals, hazardous waste and electronics are accepted at The Recycling Zone – most for free.

## ACCEPTED ITEMS

Free drop off (unless noted)

- Auto products like motor oil, antifreeze, gas
- Batteries – all types and sizes
- Electronics (fee for TVs and computer monitors)
- Holiday lights and cords
- Home sharps
- Household chemicals
- Household hazardous waste
- Paints and stains
- Propane tanks
- Scrap metal
- Tires (fee)
- Vacuums



See a full list at [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *recycling zone*.

The  
Recycling  
ZONE



## TO DROP OFF, FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS

1. Place items in a box you can leave behind. Keep products in original or labeled container. Schedule an appointment for amounts larger than a pickup truck.
2. Put items in the trunk or back of your vehicle. Keep sharps in a container on the front seat.
3. Drive up with your ID ready to be scanned. Have a credit card or exact change for TVs, monitors and tires. Check pricing online or call ahead.
4. **STAY IN YOUR CAR** and staff will unload your items.

# HOUSEHOLD ITEMS



## DROP-OFF HOURS

Wednesday..... 9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
 Thursday ..... noon-8 p.m.  
 Friday..... 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Saturday.....8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Closed on major holidays.

## ADDRESS

3365 Dodd Road, Eagan  
 952-891-7800

## ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Appliances
- Carpet
- Furniture
- Humidifiers and dehumidifiers
- Lumber
- Mattresses
- Medical waste
- Yard waste

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## GET FREE PRODUCTS

Stop by The Reuse Zone at The Recycling Zone to pick up paint, cleaning products, fertilizer and more for free.

[www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *reuse zone*

## CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS



### Do not put shredded paper in your recycling

Shredded paper causes problems at recycling facilities. Bring already shredded paper to The Recycling Zone in a paper bag stapled shut.

### Community shredding events

Find a free shredding event near you at [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *recycling guide*.

### Businesses that shred and recycle papers

Call for hours and fees.

#### **Certified Recycling**

- Burnsville

#### **FedEx Office Print & Ship Center**

- Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Lakeville, West St. Paul

#### **Mail Pack & Ship**

- Apple Valley

#### **Office Depot/Max**

- Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan

#### **Randy's Environmental Services**

- Burnsville

#### **The UPS Store**

- Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Hastings, West St. Paul

#### **Veteran Shredding**

- Burnsville

## PLASTIC BAGS & WRAP



### Do not put plastic bags in your recycling

Drop off clean, dry plastic bags and wrap for special recycling.

### Drop-off locations

**Cub Foods**

**Lunds & Byerlys**

**Kohl's**

**Target**

**Kowalski's**

**Walmart**

**Lowe's**

### Accepted

- Bubble wrap and deflated shipping air packets
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Plastic bubble shipping envelopes
- Retail bags
- Wrap from household products like paper towels and bottled water
- Zip-top food storage bags

# BATTERIES

Bring your batteries to a free drop-off location for proper recycling.

## SINGLE-USE BATTERIES

**AA, AAA, button, C and D**

**The Recycling Zone**

- Eagan

## RECHARGEABLE

Do not put rechargeable batteries in your home recycling or trash. Lithium-ion batteries can cause fires.

## Drop-off locations

**The Recycling Zone**

- Eagan

**Batteries Plus Bulbs**

- Apple Valley, Eagan, West St. Paul

**Best Buy**

- Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan

**Certified Recycling**

- Burnsville

**The Home Depot**

- Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan,  
Inver Grove Heights

**JR's Advanced Recyclers**

- Inver Grove Heights

**Lowe's**

- West St. Paul

**Pellicci Ace Hardware**

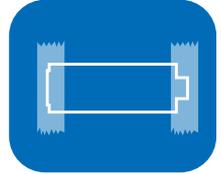
- Rosemount

**Terry's Hardware**

- Hastings



Tape  
both ends  
with clear  
tape



## VEHICLE BATTERIES

Businesses that sell vehicle batteries are required to accept up to five used batteries per person at one time for free, whether you buy a new battery or not. You can also bring them to The Recycling Zone in Eagan.



# HOME RECYCLING



Focus on this list. Put recyclables loose in your recycling container or in a paper bag, do not use plastic bags. Make sure items are empty and dry. Leave caps on containers and flatten all boxes.

## PAPER

- Newspaper and inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- Mail and office papers



## CARDBOARD

- Corrugated cardboard
- Paperboard like cracker boxes



## CARTONS

- Juice boxes
- Milk and juice cartons
- Soup, broth and wine cartons



## PLASTIC

- Containers numbered 
- Soda, juice and water bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Margarine, cottage cheese, cream cheese and other tubs and lids
- Laundry detergent bottles and jugs
- Clean berry and produce containers



## METAL CANS

- Aluminum, tin and steel cans



## GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



More information at [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *home recycling*.

### LEAVE THESE OUT

DO NOT put these items in your recycling



No Batteries



No Tangles, Cords, Hoses or Chains



No Food



No Paper Cups, Plates or Napkins.



No Shredded Paper



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap



No Styrofoam



No Trash

# RECYCLING GUIDE



## WHEN IN DOUBT, CHECK IT OUT

Check out the online Recycling Guide to know what to do with hundreds of household items.

Scan the QR code or go to [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *recycling guide*.



## FOLLOW YOUR RECYCLING

Bottles, cans and paper go to a local sorting facility where machines and people separate them. Then they travel to manufacturers to make new items.



West Rock Paper  
St. Paul, MN



Boxes for cereal  
& crackers



Alabama and  
Kentucky



New can



Avon Plastics  
Paynesville, MN



Plastic lumber



Anchor Glass,  
Shakopee



Condiment  
bottles



Georgia, Ohio and  
Wisconsin



New bottles  
and carpet



It is illegal for a hauler to take items in your recycling to a landfill or incinerator. If you suspect your recycling is not being recycled, call Dakota County at 952-891-7557.

# THE BULKY STUFF

## Options for large, hard-to-get rid of items

- Donate your items — see page 3.
- Ask your trash hauler or a junk company for a large item pick-up.
- Bring to your city's clean-up event or to a businesses listed below.
- Search the online Recycling Guide for more options. — See page 9



### Call for hours and fees.

#### USABLE ITEMS THAT CAN BE DONATED

**Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity ReStore**  
2700 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis  
612-588-3820, Pick-up available for a fee.

**Bridging**

201 W. 87th St., Bloomington  
952-888-1105, Pick-up available for a fee.

Appliances\*

Building fixtures  
(toilets, etc.)

Construction/  
Demolition

\*Appliances include microwaves, humidifiers, dehumidifiers



#### MATERIALS THAT CAN'T BE REUSED

**Alpha Container**

4180 160th St. E, Rosemount  
651-438-8855

**Certified Recycling**

14305 Ewing Ave., Burnsville  
952-894-1448

**Freeway Transfer Station**

1030 W. Black Dog Rd., Burnsville  
952-890-5300

**J.R.'s Advanced Recyclers**

*5 items or less:* 8980 Jefferson Trail, Inver Grove Heights, 651-454-5995

*More than 5 items:* 10619 Briggs Drive, Inver Grove Heights, 651-454-9215

**Recycle Minnesota (Dick's Sanitation)**

8812 215th St. W., Lakeville  
952-469-9806

**Randy's Environmental Services**

12620 Vincent Ave. S., Burnsville  
763-972-3335

**The Recycling Zone**

3365 Dodd Rd., Eagan  
952-891-7800

\*Appliances include microwaves, humidifiers, dehumidifiers





## What to do with mattresses

Certified Recycling, LLC offers a special pickup and recycling rate for mattresses and box springs from Memorial to Labor Day. Quality mattresses are donated to Bridging, a nonprofit to help people in need.

Get information and schedule a pickup at [certifiedrecycling.org](http://certifiedrecycling.org) or call 952-894-1448.

### MORE OPTIONS

Carpet	Electronics	Furniture	Mattresses/ box springs	Scrap metal	Tires	Treated wood
✓		✓				✓
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# FOOD SCRAPS



## ORGANICS DROP-OFF SITES

Turn food scraps into valuable compost. It's free and easy.

### 1. Sign up.

**Online:**

[www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us),  
search *organics*

**Call:**

952-891-7557

**Email:**

[organics@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:organics@co.dakota.mn.us)

**2. Collect.** A list of acceptable items will be sent to you and is available online.

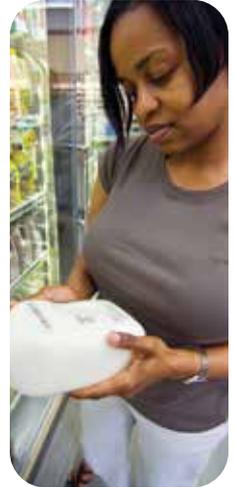
**3. Drop off.** Bring bagged food scraps to a drop-off location — find locations by scanning the QR code or visiting the above web page.



## SAVE THE FOOD

Use the food you have in your fridge and cupboards. In the U.S., we toss 40 percent of good food into the trash each year — wasting \$1500 per family. Join the Save the Food Challenge and find tools to help store and plan better [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *food waste*.

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## Compost at home

Composting your fruit peels, veggie scraps and yard waste is easier than you think. Get a discount on compost bins during Recycling Association of Minnesota's annual sale. Look for details in the spring.

More information at [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *composting at home*.

# YARD WASTE

## Did you know?

Putting yard, garden and tree waste in the trash is illegal.

## Drop-off sites

Take your yard waste to a compost site. All yard waste must be in certified-compostable plastic bags, paper bags or reusable containers that can be emptied. Sites also offer garden-ready compost for purchase.

## Home pick-up

Schedule a one-time or recurring yard waste pick-up with your trash hauler.



### Accepted items

Call ahead to verify fees, days, hours and materials accepted.	Open	Leaves & Grass	Trees & Shrubs	Sod & Soil
<b>B &amp; D Wood Recycling and Composting</b> 6520 280th St. W., Northfield 507-581-0717	Year-round	✓		
<b>Gertens</b> 2475 53rd St. E., Inver Grove Heights 651-209-3511	Year-round	✓	✓	✓
<b>Gertens R.E.S. Facility</b> 805 Yankee Doodle Road, Eagan 651-209-3511	Seasonal	✓	✓	✓
<b>Hastings Yard Waste/ Demo Drop-off Site</b> (Hastings residents only) 425 31st St. E., 651-459-1887	Seasonal	✓	✓	
<b>South St. Paul Compost Site</b> 681 Verderosa Ave., South St. Paul 651-554-3260	Seasonal	✓		✓
<b>The Mulch Store</b> 2013 W. 122 St., Burnsville 952-890-9375	Year-round	✓	✓	✓
<b>The Mulch Store</b> 16454 Blaine Ave. E., Rosemount 651-423-4401	Year-round	✓	✓	✓



# EDUCATION & PROGRAMS

## Recycling Ambassadors

Learn how to inspire others to reduce waste, recycle and compost during this interactive 6-session course that includes field trips. Program graduates volunteer 30 hours to put their skills to work.

## Tour de Trash

Get a behind-the-scenes look at what happens to your trash and recycling.



## Education kits and speakers

Request free handouts, displays, presentations and activity resources.

## Environmental E-news

Get monthly recycling tips and event announcements.

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## For more information

Visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search for the program name.

# RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

Schools, businesses, multifamily properties and events are required to offer recycling and follow best practice recycling rules. Dakota County has grants and resources to help.

## Businesses

Funding, resources and customized support is available to businesses and nonprofits to help reduce waste and start or improve recycling and organics collection.

## Schools

Grants are available to help improve recycling and educate students and staff.



## Apartments, condos & townhomes

The Multifamily Recycling Program provides funding for recycling improvements, free recycling resources, and education for residents and staff.

## Events

Free portable recycling, trash and organics containers are available for checkout.

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## For more information

Visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *recycling requirements*.

How do I recycle mattresses ?



## Recycling Guide



Know how to get rid of everything with the Dakota County Recycling Guide. [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *recycling guide*.

952-891-7557  
[environ@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:environ@co.dakota.mn.us)

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Information is current as of print date. Visit website or call ahead for current information.

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