

## CURBSIDE CLEANUP

Curbside Cleanup continues to be a convenient program and a bargain at an annual cost of \$48.24 for residents. That costs less than dropping off items at a transfer station yourself or scheduling a special bulk pickup through the City. For example, Curbside Cleanup costs less than disposing of one mattress with the bulk pickup program at \$51.

Eligible residents will see “Citywide Curbside Cleanup” on their utility bills. Prepare for your Cleanup day by setting

your materials at the curb **before 7 a.m.** Items must be boxed or bundled with twine. **No plastic bags will be accepted.** Trucks pass through only once.

Limited assistance is available for seniors or residents with disabilities who need help moving things to the curb. First come, first served. Contact Community Outreach and Engagement at least two weeks prior to your pickup at 952-563-8733.

2019 CLEANUP SCHEDULE	
West of Normandale	April 6
Normandale to France	April 13
France to Penn	April 20
Penn to Portland	April 27
East of Portland	May 4

To keep program costs low, quantity limits on accepted items are enforced. Item quantity limits are specified below and at right. Items exceeding the limits will remain on the curb and residents will need to arrange for bulk material disposal. Excess materials could cost you more. To report illegal dumping or scavengers making a mess, call 911.

## ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

- General junk, household building materials, lumber, windows and doors:** Pile limited to what fits in ONE level standard-size pickup truck bed. Lumber stacked and no longer than five feet. **NO railroad ties.** **NO business materials used for contractor work.** General junk must be boxed or bundled with twine and weigh under 100 pounds per item.

- Carpets/pads:** Rolled and securely tied with twine. Under five feet long and one foot in diameter.

- Appliances:** Water heaters and softeners, microwaves, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, dishwashers, trash compactors, garbage disposals, water coolers, refrigerators (remove door or tie securely shut). **Limit of two appliances per house.** **DO NOT set out appliances until the morning of your pickup date.**

- Unusable furniture:** Disassemble or tie down hide-a-way sofa beds so they cannot open when handled. Limited to two items.

- BUNDLED brush:** Branches must be smaller than three inches in diameter and five feet in length, tied with twine and put in bundles that can be carried by one person. Brush piles must be no more than what can fit in a standard pickup truck bed.

- Mattresses or box springs.** Limited to two items.
- Large metal ONLY:** Large scrap metal items that do not fit in the trunk of a car (swing sets, grills, bikes, treadmills, lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.) Drain all fluids and remove tires. Smaller items should be taken to the South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-Off Center, 1400 West 96th Street.

## NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

- Small metal.
- Tires, batteries.
- Tubs, sinks, toilets.
- Exceptionally heavy and bulky items:

Pianos or organs, for example.

- Electronic items:** TVs, computers, stereos, cell phones, printers.
- Miscellaneous building items:** Contractor materials, railroad ties, treated wood, concrete, bricks or shingles (asbestos).
- Hazardous waste:** Paint, motor oil, solvents, fluorescent tubes, propane and other household chemicals.
- Organic materials:** Leaves, grass clippings, sod, stumps, logs and food waste.
- Recyclable materials:** Newspapers, cans, glass, corrugated cardboard, boxboard and plastic bottles.

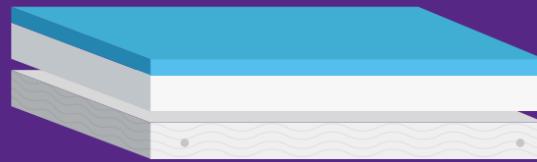


## QUESTIONS? CALL 952-563-8760 OR VISIT BLM.MN/CURBSIDE.

For tips on how to dispose of items not accepted at the curb, call 612-348-3777 or visit the Green Disposal Guide on Hennepin County’s website at [hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide](http://hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide).

## CURBSIDE PILE ITEM LIMITS

TWO MATTRESSES OR BOX SPRINGS



TWO PIECES OF FURNITURE



## BLOOMINGTON YESTERDAY CURBSIDE CLEANUPS OF YORE

When this trio of trash-toting tykes proudly posed circa 1970, the Annual Citywide Curbside Cleanup was already a big event. The “Clean up, Paint up, Fix up” tradition began in 1963 to make a safer, cleaner and more beautiful city. Spring cleaning brought out countless household items, old appliances, scrap metal, landscaping brush and more.

The Annual Curbside Cleanup continues today. Learn how you can participate in the 2019 event. See the story at left.

## AND THE GOLDEN TRASH CAN AWARD GOES TO...

While the general goal remains the same, some of the glamour of curbside cleanup has faded over the years. Consider the Golden Trash Can Award once presented to the resident with the neatest, most attractive trash pile. In 1978, the acclaimed distinction went to Bloomington residents Scott and Joan Murray. The couple even wrote a poem\* to post on their pile:

This is elm wood.  
It doesn't do me any good.  
I give it to you with no disgrace.  
I haven't got a fireplace.  
You may think this is a lark.  
What you take must be debarked.  
At home.

\*According to the Bloomington Sun Current.

## CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES COMING

Do you like garage sales? Get ready for the Citywide Garage Sales. Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 16 – Saturday, May 18. Whether you like to shop or have things you would like to sell, you won't want to miss this community event. No need to worry about weather—the Citywide Garage Sales are held rain or shine.

Want to register your address as a garage sale or get a list of garage sale locations? For more information, visit [blm.mn/garagesales](http://blm.mn/garagesales) or contact the Bloomington Optimist Youth Foundation at 952-893-1210. This annual event is sponsored by the Bloomington Optimist Youth Foundation.