



GARBAGE AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

The City has begun providing garbage and recycling services that reduce the number of garbage trucks on collection day, minimize wear and tear on city streets and, in most cases, save households money.

CART PLACEMENT

Place your carts out at the curb by 7 a.m. on your service day. Service collection times may change from what you are accustomed to. Putting your containers out by 7 a.m. will ensure your materials are collected. Carts should be placed in a safe and accessible location, not in the street. Keeping carts off the street allows City crews to sweep and shovel efficiently without obstruction. Place your cart at least three to five feet away from other objects such as other carts, mailboxes, vehicles, trees and brush.

DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD GENERATE A LARGE VOLUME OF RECYCLING?

We appreciate residents who recycle as much as they can. Residents will have the option to upgrade their recycling cart to the largest size, which is approximately 90 gallons. Residents will also have the ability to request an additional recycling cart if needed. This extra cart will be provided without an added fee. Haulers will begin to gradually deliver larger or additional carts starting in fall 2016.

HAVE YOUR GARBAGE NEEDS CHANGED?

Garbage, recycling and yard waste service needs may change once the new program begins. Since it is a new program, the City is asking residents to try the cart currently provided to them for 90 days. You may notice that the cart provided works for your needs. If the cart still does not fit your needs by January, let us know. We can help provide the appropriate cart size. Remember, recycling and yard waste subscriptions offer the pickup of an unlimited amount of materials. If you have an extra bag of recycling or yard waste material, simply place the extra bag next to your cart. To change your service levels, contact Utility Billing at utilitybilling@BloomingtonMN.gov or 952-563-8726. Haulers will deliver and exchange carts as soon as they are able. We appreciate your patience.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste will be a subscription service in the new garbage and recycling program. Full season yard waste subscription service will be available April 15 to November 30; subscribers will pay an annual rate of \$79.50 for yard waste collection. Partial, first season of yard waste subscription service will be available August 1 to November 30; subscribers will be billed at a reduced rate of \$49.75 for their partial year of subscription. The reduced rate for partial subscription is only available to new clients or those who moved after yard waste season began. The following year(s) will be billed at the annual rate unless yard waste is terminated by the household. Residents may also pay \$4 per bag for yard waste on-call services. For on-call yard waste service, visit Utility Billing at Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road to purchase stickers.

Residents must adhere one sticker to each on-call bag of yard waste. To schedule an on-call collection, contact Utility Billing at least 48 hours prior to your collection day. The hauler will collect yard waste materials on your garbage day.

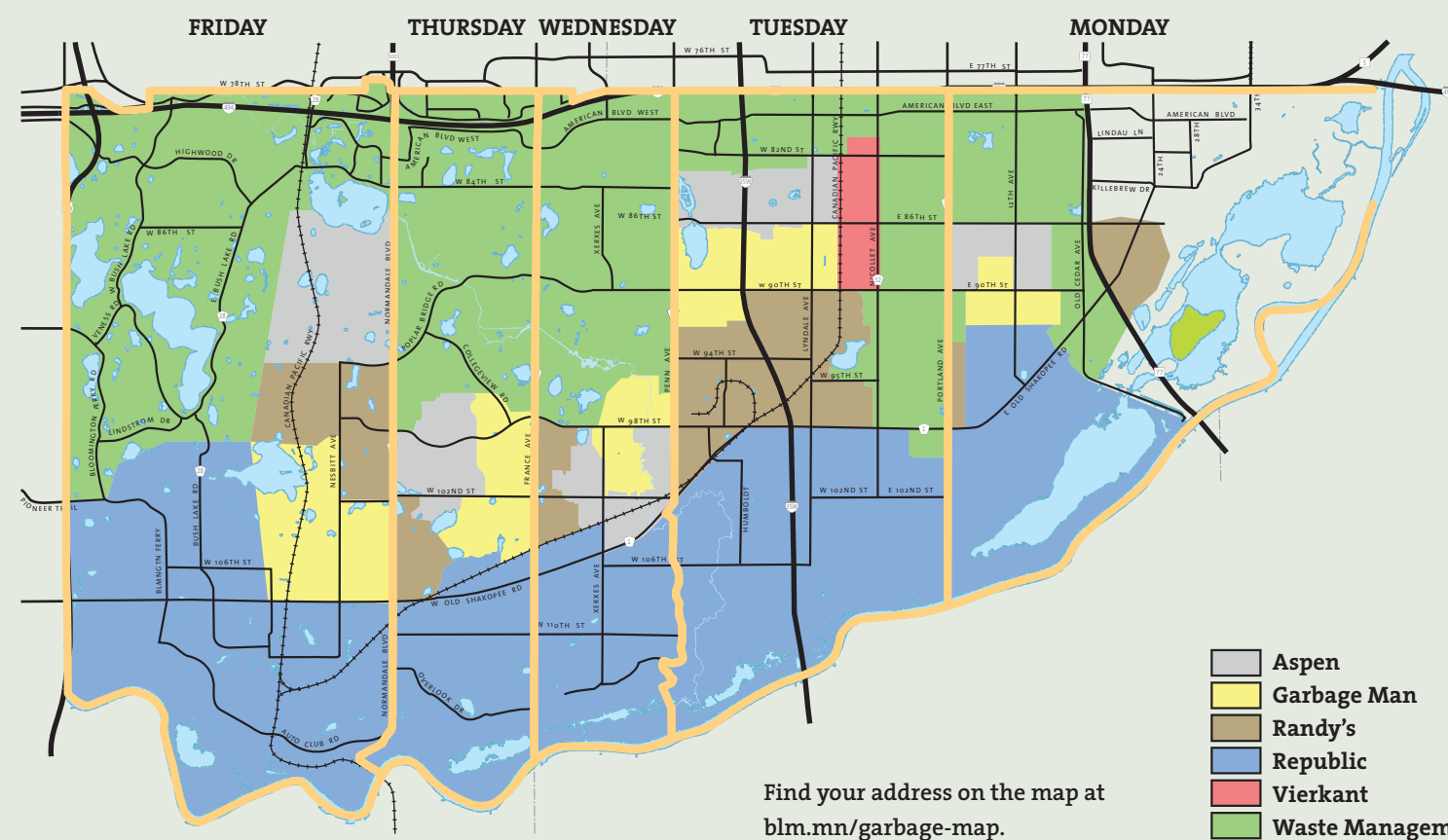
Weather permitting, the full-season yard waste collection will run from April 15 through November 30. If there is significant snowfall before the end of November, yard waste collection will end at that time. Yard waste collection is weekly and includes all garden waste, grass clippings, leaves, weeds, soft garden materials, shrub and tree waste, prunings, and wood chips. Remember: twigs and branches must be approximately three feet in length and three inches or less in diameter. Please place in bags, containers or on the ground tied in bundles. Bags and bundles should not be heavier than 40 pounds.

BULK WASTE MATERIALS

Bulk items such as home furnishings, construction or remodeling debris, appliances and electronics are not included in the normal weekly, carted service. Bulk materials are collected separately and charged by the item. Visit blm.mn/garbage for a full list of bulk and electronic waste fees. To request a bulk waste material collection, contact Utility Billing at least 48 hours prior to your collection day. The hauler will collect your bulk materials on your garbage day. The charge for the bulk material collection will appear on your next utility bill.

WHEN DO I GET MY FIRST BILL?

You will see your new garbage and recycling charges on your first statement following the October 3 official start date. Your initial garbage and recycling charges will be prorated. Your subsequent statements will include full charges unless you have suspended service for a month or more. If you have paid past October 3 with your current hauler for garbage and recycling services, contact your hauler for reimbursement.



Find your address on the map at blm.mn/garbage-map.



WHAT ARE THE PRICES FOR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING?

Fees will be charged every other month on your utility bill. All taxes and fees are included in the unit pricing listed below.

Small cart (about 35 gallons) = \$31.10 for two months of service

- Includes weekly garbage service: \$19.76
- Includes recycling service every other week: \$11.34
- Garbage overflow, if needed, per bag: \$4.75

Medium cart (about 64 gallons) = \$37.78 for two months of service

- Includes weekly garbage service: \$26.44
- Includes recycling service every other week: \$11.34
- Garbage overflow, if needed, per bag: \$4.75

Large cart (about 95 gallons) = \$44.44 for two months of service

- Includes weekly garbage service: \$33.10
- Includes recycling service every other week: \$11.34
- Garbage overflow, if needed, per bag: \$4.75

What are the yard waste prices?

- Full season subscription (Apr 15 to Nov 30) = \$79.50
- Partial season subscription (Aug 1 to Nov 30) = \$49.75. Only available to new clients, or to those who moved after yard waste season began.
- On-call \$4 per bag of yard waste

If you would like yard waste service in addition to garbage and recycling service you may contact Utility Billing at 952-563-8726 or utilitybilling@BloomingtonMN.gov to sign up for yard waste subscription service after October 3.

What are the bulk waste fees?

- Small items, no freon (less than 50 pounds) = \$30 per item. Examples: Small furniture, lawn furniture, lawn mower, ottoman, small chair, bookcase, small table, small desk, wooden chair, end table, etc.
- Small items with freon (less than 50 pounds) = \$30 per item. Example: Dehumidifier.
- Large appliances, no freon (more than 50 pounds, more than 50 percent metal) = \$50 per item. Examples: Stove, snow blower, hide-a-bed, etc.
- Large appliances with freon (more than 50 pounds, more than 50 percent metal) = \$50 per item. Examples: Refrigerator, freezer.
- Large furniture (more than 50 pounds, less than 50 percent metal) = \$50 per item. Examples: Sofa, love seat, mattress, box spring, reclining chair, wooden picnic table, etc.

Electronics waste fees

- Small electronics (less than 20 pounds, no screens or monitor) = \$25 per item. Examples: Computer hard drive, keyboard, VCR or DVD players, etc.
- Large electronics (more than 20 pounds or has screen or monitor) = \$40 per item. Examples: Computer monitor, television, etc.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH BILLING OR SERVICE QUESTIONS?

For billing questions, contact Utility Billing at 952-563-8726 or utilitybilling@BloomingtonMN.gov. For program questions, contact Public Works Maintenance at 952-563-8760 or maintenance@BloomingtonMN.gov. For service questions relating to missed pickups or driver concerns contact your hauler. The phone number is listed on your utility bill.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM, VISIT BLM.MN/GARBAGE

2016 AND 2017 RECYCLING CALENDAR

Note: Christmas Day 2016 and New Year's Day 2017 fall on a Sunday and will not impact collection services. Services will remain on the usual garbage day.

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HOLIDAY*						
* No pickup; pickup one day later.						

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- FRIDAY
- THURSDAY
- WEDNESDAY
- TUESDAY
- MONDAY

KEEP LEAVES OUT OF THE STREETS

Leaves are one of the main causes of poor water quality in the metro area. When left in the street, they end up in storm sewer drains where they are carried to nearby lakes and ponds. Leaves—as well as grass clippings and other yard waste—contain phosphorus and other nutrients that feed algae. This can cause excess algae growth, which negatively impacts other plants and wildlife. Additionally, leaves and grass clippings block storm drains and can cause flooding.

Minnesota law bans leaves from entering landfills and burning facilities, but there are plenty of good alternatives to get rid of leaves on your property such as having your trash hauler take them with your yard waste collection, or using them as mulch.

RECYCLE EVERYWHERE

About half of home recyclables never make it to the recycling bin. Most people do well recycling in the kitchen, but recyclables from bathrooms, laundry rooms and home offices are often thrown out with the trash. Expand your recycling habit and recycle everywhere in your home with these tips and tricks.

Make it easy

Start by putting a recycling bin, bag or box next to every garbage can in your house. If you have limited space, get creative. Hang a bag on the doorknob of your bathroom, laundry room or office for recyclables. Put a divider in your wastebasket to make it trash on one side and recycling on the other.

Make it fun

Make recycling fun and involve the whole family. Have kids make a "please recycle" sign that shows what items can go in the recycling bin. Place a basketball rim above the recycling bin so your family can slam dunk their recyclables. Make it a challenge. Try to generate only one bag of trash a week. Learn more recycling tips and access resources at www.hennepin.us/recycleeverywhere.

CORRECTION

The August Briefing incorrectly stated that tires should be put in the trash. Dispose of tires at the South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-Off Center located at 1400 West 96th Street.

UPDATED PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

There have been some changes to the garbage and recycling program opportunities since the August Briefing was distributed.

Door-step procedure

There is no longer a one-time administration fee for residents who apply for door-step service.

Garbage opt-out or exemption procedure

Eligible residents include residents who self-haul their garbage and recycling. There are other rare cases in which residents may be able to opt out of service. These will be evaluated by the committee on a case-by-case basis.

Both applications are available online at blm.mn/garbage.

For more information on the program, visit our website at blm.mn/garbage or contact the Public Works Maintenance Division at 952-563-8760 or maintenance@BloomingtonMN.gov.