

## RECYCLING GUIDE

### PAPER

- Mail, office and school papers
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspapers and inserts
- Phone books
- Books (must remove hard covers)
- Shredded paper in closed paper bags marked "shredded"



### BOXES:

- Cardboard
- Cereal and cracker boxes
- Shoe boxes, gift boxes and electronic boxes
- Toothpaste, medication and other toiletry boxes



### CARTONS

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

### PLASTIC

#### BOTTLES AND JUGS:

- (Keep caps on)
- Water, soda, and juice bottles
  - Milk and juice jugs
  - Ketchup and salad dressing bottles
  - Dishwashing liquid bottles and detergent jugs
  - Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles



#### CUPS AND CONTAINERS:

- Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups
- Disposable cups and bowls
- Margarine, cottage cheese and other containers
- Produce, deli and take-out containers

### PACKAGING:

- Clear packaging from toys and electronics

### GLASS

- Food and beverage bottles and jars



### METAL

- Food and beverage cans
- Aluminum foil and trays rinsed clean



### REMINDER:

Plastic bags cannot be recycled in your curbside recycling cart. Please check with your local retailer or grocer to see if they collect plastic bags for recycling or visit [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org) for more information on how to recycle plastic bags.

### Do Not place in your recycling cart. These items belong in your garbage:

Styrofoam™ • black plastic • plastic bags/wrap • microwavable food trays • paper soiled with food • paper plates or paper towels • paper towel or toilet paper tubes • egg cartons or egg carton-type materials • drinking glasses • dishes or mirrors • containers that held hazardous products

Hazardous materials such as needles and syringes, motor oil and batteries are accepted at the South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-Off Center located at 1400 W 96th St., Bloomington, MN 55431. For more information, contact 612-348-3777 or visit [hennepin.us/dropoffs](http://hennepin.us/dropoffs)

Translated guides of this information may be available upon request.

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# CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MN GARBAGE AND RECYCLING INFORMATION



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Resident,

Bloomington will join the ranks of more than 72 percent of cities nationwide that have implemented organized garbage and recycling services. The program reduces the number of garbage trucks on your collection day, mitigates air and noise pollution, minimizes the wear and tear on the roadways and, in most cases, saves each household money. Beginning on October 3, 2016, all residential garbage and recycling collection will be coordinated through the City.

The City is working with the seven haulers to ensure a smooth transition to the new system. The current open hauling system will continue until the new program begins. At that time, any individual agreements or costs under the present system should come to an end. Haulers will coordinate reimbursement to households for services not received after the start date.

Details about the program will be included in your residential utility bill, the *Briefing* and our website [blm.mn/garbage](http://blm.mn/garbage) where you may also sign up with E-Subscribe to receive email updates.

I am confident Bloomington's new system will provide an exceptionally high level of service and added value to residents. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as this new program begins.

If you have questions, please contact our Public Works Maintenance Division at 952-563-8760 or [maintenance@BloomingtonMN.Gov](mailto:maintenance@BloomingtonMN.Gov).

Sincerely,

Mayor Gene Winstead

If you have questions about the new program, contact Public Works Maintenance Division at 952-563-8760 or [maintenance@BloomingtonMN.Gov](mailto:maintenance@BloomingtonMN.Gov).

If you have specific billing questions, contact Utility Billing at 952-563-8726 or [utilitybilling@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@BloomingtonMN.gov).

### TIPS FOR RECYCLING AND GARBAGE COLLECTION:

- Have your carts at the curb before 7 a.m. to ensure collection.
- Garbage lid must be completely closed.
- Recycling is collected every other week.
- Garbage is collected weekly.



## 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.

 RECYCLE WEEK

 HOLIDAY\*

\* No pickup; pickup one day later.

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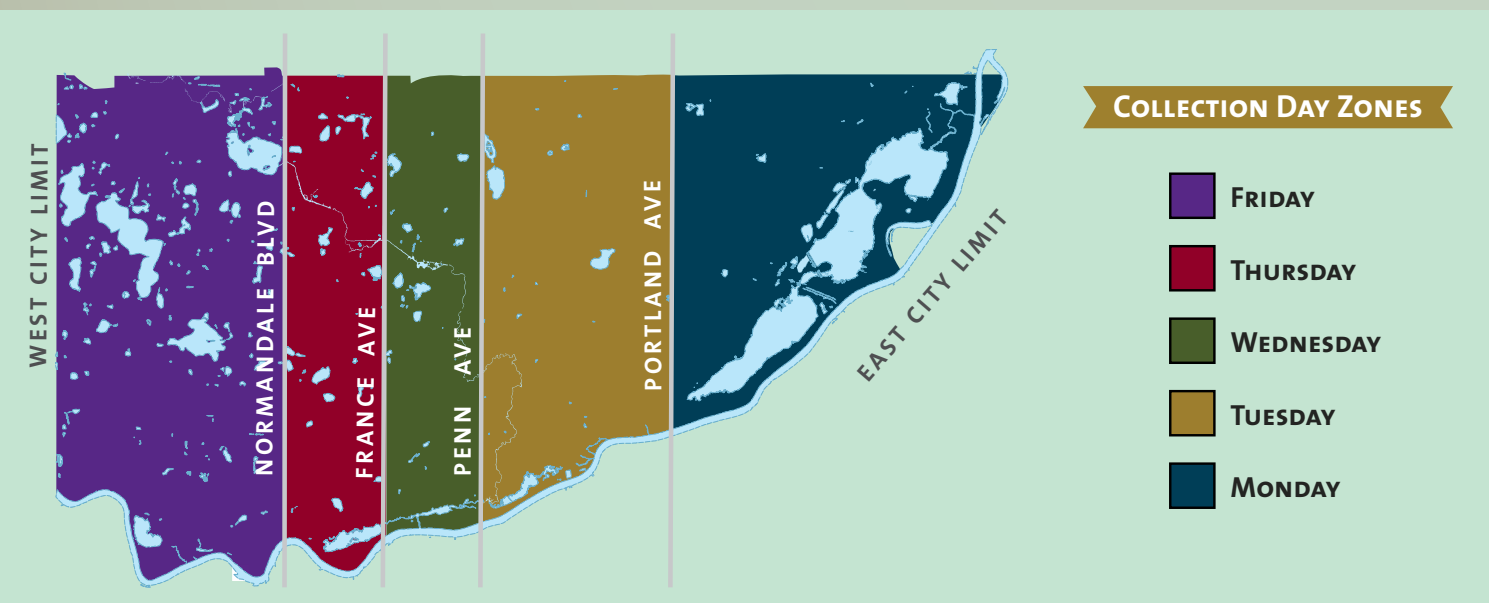
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## YARD WASTE INFORMATION FOR SUBSCRIBERS

Yard waste will be a subscription service for the new garbage and recycling program. Full season yard waste subscription service will be April 15 to November 30; subscribers will pay the annual rate for yard waste collection. Partial, first season of yard waste subscription service will be August 1 to November 30; subscribers will be billed at a reduced rate for their partial year of subscription. The reduced rate for partial subscription is only available to new clients or those who have recently 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.

Weather permitting, the full season yard waste collection usually runs from April 15 through November 30. If there is significant snowfall before the end of November, yard waste collection will end at that time. The 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 less than four feet in length and four inches in diameter. Please place in bags, containers, or on the ground tied in bundles.

### REMINDERS FOR SUBSCRIBERS:

- Use Kraft paper bags, BPI certified compostable bags or yard waste carts for collection.
- Yard waste bags and personal containers should not weigh more than 50 pounds each.
- Holiday trees will be collected the first few weeks in January.
- It is illegal to put yard waste in your garbage cart.
- Dirt and sod are not accepted.

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](mailto:utilitybilling@BloomingtonMN.gov) to sign up for yard waste subscription service after October 3. Prior to October 3, contact your original hauler.

### TIPS FOR YARD WASTE COLLECTION:

- All yard waste carts and bags must be at the curb before 7 a.m. on your collection day to ensure collection.
- No dirt, sod, rocks/gravel or garden pots. Garden pots may be placed in the garbage. Contact us to learn where to take dirt and sod.
- No hot ash. Cold, bagged and sealed ash is accepted with your garbage.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHEN WILL THE NEW PROGRAM START?

The new garbage and recycling program is scheduled to begin on October 3, 2016.

### WILL THIS BE ON THE SAME BILL AS MY WATER USAGE?

Yes. It will be included on your City utility statement.

### WHEN IS MY COLLECTION DAY?

Please refer to the Collection Day Zones map (previous page) for your collection day. Please have your garbage, recycling, and yard waste containers out at the curb before 7 a.m. on your garbage collection day.

### WHAT IF I HAVE A LONG-TERM CONTRACT WITH MY EXISTING HAULER?

Existing collection agreements with individual residents will be terminated once the program begins. Reimbursements for services paid directly to your hauler and not received should be sent to residents, directly from the haulers, by the end of the year 2016. Bloomington Haulers, LLC will coordinate reimbursements. If you have questions about this process, contact your hauler.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE NEW PROGRAM?

Residents who live in single family homes, including homes with four units or less and some townhomes, are eligible. Residents who live in a townhome without an association and without a coordinated garbage and recycling program will also be included in the program.

### WHAT ARE THE RATES?

The rates on your utility bill will be for two months of service. The rates below include weekly garbage and every other week recycling services. All county and state taxes and fees are included in the unit pricing.

- Small cart (about 35 gallons) = \$31.10
- Medium cart (about 64 gallons) = \$37.78
- Large cart (about 95 gallons) = \$44.44
- Garbage overflow, if needed, per bag = \$4.75

Yard waste and bulk material disposal costs will be charged separately on your utility bill. Please refer to our website for pricing.

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY CURRENT CART(S)?

The individual haulers will continue to own and provide their carts for you to use. If there is a different company assigned to provide service at your home, you will see a switch of your carts from the current hauler company to the newly assigned hauler. Please be sure to have all carts rolled out to the curb on your collection day before 7 a.m. each week during August and September 2016 to allow for the possible cart switch to occur. Please leave your carts at the curb all day.

### WHO WILL I CALL IF I HAVE A SERVICE COMPLAINT?

One phone number will be provided for all collection related inquiries. If your specific issue is related to missed pickups or driver concerns, your inquiry will be directed to the hauler. If your concern relates to billing or the overall administration of the program, it will be routed to the City.

For a full list of frequently asked questions or to sign up for email alerts with E-Subscribe, refer to the City's website [blm.mn/garbage](http://blm.mn/garbage).