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# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND RECYCLING GUIDE

Use this guide to help you  
with your recycling and  
household hazardous waste  
(HHW) disposal.



Escanee el código QR o acceda al enlace para encontrar esta guía de Residuos Peligrosos del Hogar y Reciclaje en español en la página web de Servicios Medioambientales.

[www.scottcountymn.gov/hhwguide](http://www.scottcountymn.gov/hhwguide)



# RECYCLING AT HOME

The following items are accepted for curbside recycling in Scott County. Ensure all recycled items are empty, dry, and reasonably clean.

## NEWSPAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS

Recycle all clean paper and newspaper. Don't shred paper for recycling. Shredded paper can be brought to the HHW facility or put in trash.



## GLASS, BOTTLES, AND JARS

Empty bottles and jars of all food waste before recycling. Replace caps and lids.

## CARDBOARD, FOOD, AND BEVERAGE BOXES

Remove all packaging materials before recycling (e.g. bubble wrap, Styrofoam, plastic film).

Waxed cardboard cylinders (like oatmeal or crescent roll containers) are **not** recyclable.



## METAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS

Aluminum, tin, and steel. Do **not** crush cans. Recycle aluminum foil when balled up and free of food residue.

## PLASTICS 1, 2, AND 5

Make sure all containers are empty and replace any caps. Do not recycle containers that contained hazardous materials or chemicals.



## CARTONS

Empty, rinse, and replace caps on cartons. Do not flatten. Accepted carton types include juice boxes, milk and juice cartons, and soup, broth, and wine cartons. **No** ice cream cartons.

# RECYCLING AT HOME

## THE "ALWAYS" RECYCLABLE LIST



- Boxes: food, toiletries
- Cardboard
- Cartons
- Glass jars & bottles
- Newspaper & magazines
- Office paper
- Mail
- Steel & aluminum cans
- Cake, drink, broth, and cereal boxes
- Non-greasy pizza boxes
- Plastics (#s 1, 2, and 5)

## RECYCLE ME!



## THE "NEVER" RECYCLABLE LIST



- Batteries
- Plastic bags
- "Tanglers" (lights, wires)
- Ceramics
- Mirrors
- Hazardous materials (motor oil, propane, etc.)
- Styrofoam
- Napkins, paper plates
- Scrap metal
- Shredded paper
- Yard waste

Many "never" items can be recycled at special facilities. Check BetterBin, Waste Navigator, and the disposal table on pg. 7.

## GOT QUESTIONS ON RECYCLING INDIVIDUAL ITEMS?

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

# Betterbin

Scan UPC barcodes on any product or search for items to get detailed disposal instructions based on local guidelines.



## TIPS AND TRICKS

- Do not recycle anything smaller than a fist (loose bottle caps, plastic cutlery, etc.). Sorting machines cannot capture small items.
- Keeps caps on (for plastics and cartons both).
- Do not flatten or crush items.
- Ensure all recycled items are empty, dry, and reasonably clean.
- Nothing waxy! No ice cream containers, oatmeal cans, etc.



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

## ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Auto products like motor oil, antifreeze, gas
- Batteries - See battery page for details
- Aerosols
- Small electronics
- Holiday lights and cords
- Sharps
- Household chemicals
- Paints and stains
- Propane tanks
- E-cigarettes & vaping devices  
- Empty nicotine devices only
- Scrap metal
- Vacuums
- Light bulbs
- Fire extinguishers



## NON-ACCEPTED ITEMS



- Asbestos
- Carpet
- Yard waste
- Garbage
- Mattresses
- Box springs
- Medications
- Shingles
- Wood products
- Windows
- Videotapes
- Styrofoam
- Doors
- Plastic yard furniture
- Toilets
- Furniture
- Glass



For a full list of items, visit [scottcountymn.gov/HHW](http://scottcountymn.gov/HHW) or scan the QR code.

The following items require fees for HHW disposal.



**TVS/MONITORS**



**TIRES**



**APPLIANCES**

Always check current disposal prices online before arriving. The Scott County HHW accepts cash, checks, or credit cards on site.

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

## STEPS FOR AN EASY DROP OFF

1. Place items in a box. Make sure they are upright and cannot spill.
2. All drop-off visitors must check in with HHW staff. Drive up to the HHW building and have your ID ready. Have payment ready if needed.  
Residents visiting the Reuse Room do not need to check in with HHW staff.
3. Make sure to follow all signs and instructions at the HHW for the safety of all staff and visitors.
4. Be ready to unload your own vehicle.

**14,500 VISITORS**  
used the HHW in 2024.

### BEFORE YOU GO

Watch how the drop-off process works and what you need to do before arriving.



Watch on YouTube

### SEPARATION

Don't mix fragile items (such as light bulbs) and heavy items (like batteries). Place them in separate containers, keeping chemicals separate, upright, and contained to avoid spilling. Have products in original or labeled containers if possible, and keep sharps containers separate from all other items.

**Items in plastic bags will not be accepted.**



# SPECIAL HANDLING

Some HHW-accepted items require special handling to ensure they are disposed of safely for residents, employees, and the environment.

## SHARPS

Sharps must be contained in approved sharps containers only. The HHW does not accept any other type of container, or any sharps from businesses.



## MEDICATIONS

The HHW does not accept medications. Medications must be taken to city disposal boxes through the "Take it to the Box" program.

For more information, visit [chosenottouse.org/box](http://chosenottouse.org/box).

## CARDBOARD/SHREDDED PAPER/PLASTIC BAGS

The HHW accepts only small quantities of these items due to space constraints.

Cardboard must be flattened, bundled, and a maximum size of 3'x3'. One bag of plastic bags and one bag of shredded paper per visit.



## ITEMS WITH ENGINES

The HHW accepts items with engines, such as lawnmowers, chainsaws, weed whips, etc. Make sure to drain all fluids and remove any batteries before disposal and bring to the HHW.

## LIGHT FIXTURES/FANS

The HHW accepts only the bulbs and metal items from light fixtures and fans. For fluorescent and LED bulbs, remove ballasts before arriving to the HHW.

Glass light covers and wood fan blades are not accepted at the HHW and should be disposed of in the trash.



# BATTERY AND BATTERY-CONTAINING

The HHW accepts most types of batteries, but because of potential dangers associated with certain types, some special handling may be required.

## ACCEPTED BATTERIES



- Alkaline
- Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH)
- Nickel Cadmium (NiCad)
- Single use Lithium
- Lithium-Ion
- Sealed Lead Acid (SLA)
- Lead acid/car batteries
- Electronics containing batteries
- Button batteries

## NOT ACCEPTED



- Batteries from hybrid cars
- Batteries from electric vehicles

## To tape or not to tape?



Taping batteries is not required, but if desired, use clear tape, and seal the ends only.

## SPECIAL HANDLING

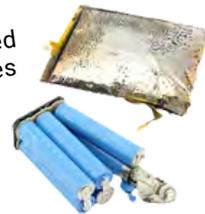
Large Lithium-Ion batteries (>500Wh) and damaged batteries may need special handling. Please contact the HHW to receive more directions and information. Photos may be required.



E-Bike batteries



Damaged batteries



## TIPS AND TRICKS

- Do not disassemble electronics to remove batteries.
- Do not drill holes into electronics. There is a chance you will hit the battery.
- Place batteries in their own separate container for HHW disposal.
- Please call the HHW for any battery-related questions, including what is accepted, other disposal locations, and transportation for special handling items.

# HARD TO RECYCLE & DISPOSE-OF ITEMS

Use this guide to help you find drop-off/disposal locations for hard-to-dispose-of items. Always check a business' website before dropping off. Items listed are for residential disposal only.

Call ahead to verify fees, days, hours, and materials accepted.

	HHW (batteries, paint, oil, etc.)	Cardboard	Appliances	TVs/monitors	Electronics	Scrap metal	Tires	Mixed recycling	Yard waste	Food waste	Tree waste	Household garbage	Furniture	Construction	Mattresses
<b>Scott County HHW</b> 588 County Trail E, Jordan 952-496-8787	✓	✓	\$	\$	✓	✓	\$								
<b>Dem-Con Companies</b> 13020 Dem Con Drive, Shakopee 952-445-5755		✓	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$					\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Buckingham Recycling Center</b> 5980 Credit River Rd SE, Prior Lake 952-226-6441		✓	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	✓	\$	✓		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Lloyd's Construction</b> 6528 CR 101 E, Shakopee 952-746-5832			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$		\$		\$	\$	\$
<b>Liberty Tire</b> 12498 Wyoming Avenue S, Savage 952-894-5280						\$									
<b>City of Shakopee</b> 400 Gorman Street, Shakopee 952-233-9550		✓													
<b>City of New Prague</b> 118 Central Ave N, New Prague 952-758-4401								* ✓	✓						
<b>City of Jordan</b> 705 Syndicate St. Jordan 952-492-2535		✓						✓	✓						
<b>SMSC Organics Recycling</b> 1905 Mystic Lake Drive S, Shakopee 952-233-9191								\$	✓	\$					
<b>The Mulch Store</b> 14955 Red Rock Drive, Shakopee 952-445-2139								\$		\$					
<b>Suburban Waste Services</b> 7125 126th Street W, Savage 952-937-8900		✓							✓						
<b>Herman's</b> 16648 Berkshire Ave, Jordan 952-492-2783										\$					

✓ Free disposal

\$ Cost for disposal

**HAVE SOMETHING THAT ISN'T LISTED?**

Visit the **WASTE NAVIGATOR** website for an interactive map that shows disposal locations of all types of different waste.



<https://gis.co.scott.mn.us/wastenav>

\*Available to city of New Prague residents only

# HHW REUSE ROOM

The Reuse Room is a place where county residents can look through hundreds of household products in good usable condition, all of which are available free of charge!

## Reuse room guidelines

- Must be over 18.
- Individuals limited to one 20-minute visit per week.
- Ten items per person per week.
- Five gallons of paint maximum per visit.



## What's in the Reuse Room?

- Paint & stain
- Yard & garden chemicals
- Household cleaning chemicals
- Automotive products
- Pool & hot tub chemicals



## Reuse Room hours

Wednesday 12:00 PM - 5:45 PM  
Thursday 12:00 PM - 3:45 PM  
Saturday 8:00 AM - 11:45 PM

## Reuse Room address

Scott County HHW Facility  
588 Country Trail E.  
Jordan, MN 55352

## Recycling accomplishments in 2024

Scott County citizens continued to recycle and compost over half of all waste generated last year.



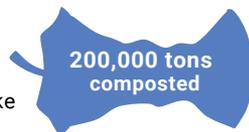
25.7 tons of materials and supplies were given a new life at the Reuse Room.



In the last 10 years, Scott County has recycled more than 600,000 tons of material. That's equivalent to a super large tanker ship!



In the past 10 years, Scott County residents composted over 200,000 tons of organic material like food, yard, and tree waste.



# REUSE OPPORTUNITIES

Reuse is using something again or longer than its intended use. It's a great way that communities help and share resources with each other.

## LOCAL REUSE ORGANIZATIONS



Building partnerships and supporting a network of reuse opportunities through education, advocacy, and promotion.

FIX-IT CLINICS    CLOTHING SWAPS  
TOY SWAPS    REUSE NETWORKING  
MENDING CLASSES    & MORE!

651-641-4589 • reusemn.org



Bridging provides household goods to people transitioning to housing stability.

Check [bridging.org](http://bridging.org) for reuse events in 2025 funded by Scott County.



SERVING SCOTT, CARVER, AND DAKOTA COUNTIES

Donate and shop at the Local Imports Thrift Store to support the CAP Agency!



CAP helps meet the community's basic needs, creates accessible housing, and provides stable housing support.

## EASY WAYS TO REUSE



THRIFT



SWAP



REPAIR



BORROW

## 'LENDING LIBRARY' OPEN FOR TOOL RENTAL

A new resource for Scott County residents, the SouthWest Metro Lending Library in Carver offers affordable access to a wide range of items, tools, resources, and skills.

Members can rent over 1,000 tools including home maintenance and renovation tools, DIY project supplies, yard games, camping equipment, automotive tools, and more!

Visit <https://southwestmetrolendinglibrary.org>



Lending Library website



# ORGANICS

## FOOD WASTE



Organics like food waste, compostable products and yard waste can be collected in separate, BPI-certified bags and dropped off at free collection sites around the County.

For more information on organics, visit [scottcountymn.gov/1294/Organics](http://scottcountymn.gov/1294/Organics).

### HOW DO I KNOW IF IT'S COMPOSTABLE?

Check for the BPI label.

Products with the BPI logo are certified to break down in commercial composting facilities.



## BACKYARD COMPOST BINS for sale starting May 1



## HOME COMPOSTING

Composting at home is easy!

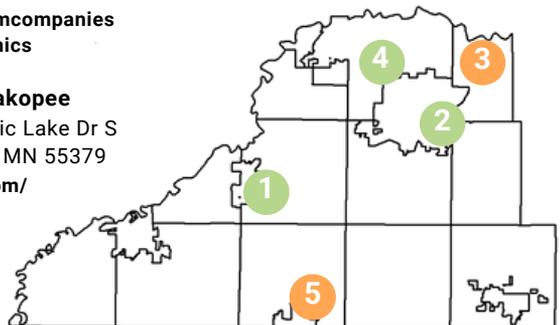
Help increase recycling by composting your food scraps and yard waste while reducing the amount of waste sent to local landfills.

To order a backyard compost bin starting May 1, visit [www.scottswcdtrees.com](http://www.scottswcdtrees.com).

## Food waste organics drop-off sites in Scott County

- 1 City of Jordan**  
705 Syndicate Street  
Jordan, MN 55352  
[jordanmn.gov/organics-recycling](http://jordanmn.gov/organics-recycling)
- 2 Buckingham**  
5980 Credit River Rd SE  
Prior Lake, MN 55372  
[buckinghamcompanies.com/organics](http://buckinghamcompanies.com/organics)
- 3 Suburban Waste**  
7125 126th St  
Savage, MN 55378  
[suburbanwastemn.com](http://suburbanwastemn.com)
- 4 SMSC Shakopee**  
1905 Mystic Lake Dr S  
Shakopee, MN 55379  
[smscorf.com/residential](http://smscorf.com/residential)
- 5 City of New Prague**  
City of New Prague  
[scottcountymn.gov/1294/Organics](http://scottcountymn.gov/1294/Organics)

- Food and yard waste    ● Food waste only



# TREE WASTE



## EMERALD ASH BORER

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive beetle that attacks ash trees by burrowing below a tree's bark and disrupting the flow of a tree's nutrients. Once symptoms start to show, a tree will likely die in one to three years.

**EAB is causing an increase of tree waste in Scott County over recent years, but the good news is that tree waste is recyclable!**

Visit [extension.umn.edu](https://extension.umn.edu) or scan the QR code for more information on EAB and to view infestation maps, pictures of infested trees, treatment options, and lists of recommended trees for replacement.



## WHERE SHOULD TREE WASTE BE RECYCLED?

Tree waste brought to processing facilities for recycling makes great chips for things like playgrounds bedding, compost, and mulch.

**Recycle tree parts at one of the following local facilities**



\*disposal fees will apply

Find all ash tree waste disposal sites in your area at [mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/ash-tree-waste-disposal-sites](https://mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/ash-tree-waste-disposal-sites).

Visit the **WASTE NAVIGATOR** to see all disposal locations for tree waste.



<https://gis.co.scott.mn.us/wastenav>

## WHY NOT BURN?

Burning tree waste releases harmful toxins and smoke into our air, reducing air quality in our communities.



# BUSINESS WASTE

Small business owners in Scott County and the Twin Cities metro area who generate small amounts of hazardous waste can take advantage of a special Business Hazardous Waste Program available through the HHW.

If your business or organization generates less than 220 pounds (or 22 gallons) of hazardous waste per month, it qualifies as a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG). VSQGs can bring hazardous waste to the HHW for affordable management and disposal.

## BUSINESS WASTE DISPOSAL FACTS

- Appointments for drop-offs are required. Disposal is typically the first Tuesday of each month.
- Small businesses, churches, non-profits, municipalities, schools, and home-based businesses are included in this program.
- Complete identification of all wastes is required. Safety data sheets (SDS) and Department of Transportation papers may be required.
- All containers must be labeled and in good condition.
- There is a fee for all business waste disposal.
- No business waste will be accepted during the regular household collection hours



Please note: depending on the type of hazardous wastes your business or organization is disposing, you may be required to have or applied for a HW ID# and be licensed as a Hazardous Waste generator in Scott County or corresponding county.

For additional information, scan the QR code or visit <https://www.scottcountymn.gov/568/Business-Hazardous-Waste>.



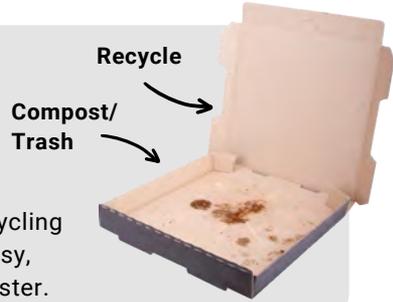
# SPECIAL HANDLING FOR RECYCLABLE ITEMS

Just a little extra prep work before placing items in your home recycling bin goes a long way towards making sure your items get recycled properly.

## PIZZA BOXES ARE RECYCLABLE

But, recycle them **only** if they are free of food waste and have minimal grease stains.

Food waste and grease are contaminants in recycling facilities. If the bottom of your pizza box is greasy, toss that half in the trash or commercial composter.



## BOOKS ARE RECYCLABLE... SORT OF

Both paperback and hardcover books contain too many types of material to be completely recyclable.

However, if residents separate a book's pages from the binding, pages can be placed in the recycling. Binding and covers should be placed in the trash. Pamphlets and magazines are okay to recycle.

## KEEP IT LOOSE!

**Keep all plastic bags and film out of your recycling cart!**

Place your bottles, cans, and paper loose in your recycling cart — do not wrap your recyclables in plastic bags.

Plastic bags and film can be recycled at most grocery stores and the Scott County HHW.

**DO NOT BAG!**



## GOT DEMOLITION OR CONSTRUCTION WASTE FROM A PROJECT?

Many building materials can be salvaged for reuse.

Visit the "Reuse Ecosystem Map" at [pca.state.mn.us](http://pca.state.mn.us) to find deconstruction and salvage organizations in your area.



**Coming soon!**

Check out the Building Material Reuse Store next to the Lending Library in 2025.

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

This guide is created for reference purposes only and is not meant to be a comprehensive list of all recyclable and hazardous waste disposal methods. Please contact your waste hauler, recycling hauler, and the HHW for up to date acceptable items and pricing information.

588 Country Trail E, Jordan, MN 55352

## DROP OFF HOURS

Wednesday	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Thursday	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## HOLIDAY HOURS

HHW is closed for holidays and from late December - early January for cleaning and maintenance. See the HHW website for details.

[www.scottcountymn.gov/HHW](http://www.scottcountymn.gov/HHW)

Please call **952-496-8787** with any questions.



## Getting there

### From Shakopee:

Go south on Marschall Rd for 10 miles. Take a right at the stop sign on MN-282 (Country Trl E).

### From Prior Lake:

Go west on MN13 for 5 miles. Continue west on MN-282 (Country Trl E).

### From New Prague:

Go north on MN13 for 10 miles. Take a left on MN-282 (Country Trl E).

### From Jordan:

Go east on MN-282 (Country Trl E). for 7 miles.

