

# Going Green

2018 Guide to Household Hazardous Waste, Yard Waste, Waste Reduction, and Recycling Resources



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Welcome to the Washington County Going Green Guide. This brochure is published annually to help you recycle, reuse, and reduce household waste so less goes in the trash. In addition to recycling at home, the guide also offers information on recycling at work, yard waste, special events, education resources, and the Environmental Center.

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## Online Resources



Sign up to receive email updates on environmental services and events by visiting [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us). Click on "Notify Me" and subscribe to the Environmental eUpdate.



Quickly find local disposal sites for items you no longer need.  
[www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us) (search "disposal directory")



Grants available up to \$10,000 for businesses to recycle better.

[BizRecycling.com](http://BizRecycling.com) - 651-266-1199

More info: [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us)

651-430-6655



## 2018 One-Day Household Hazardous Waste Events

Household hazardous waste and electronics only - No recyclables or business waste.

### Spring Events (Saturdays):

**Hugo - April 21** - 8am - 12pm  
6900 137th St N

**Mahtomedi - April 28** - 8am - 2pm  
1520 Mahtomedi Ave

**Cottage Grove - May 5** - 7am - 3pm  
8635 W Pt Douglas Rd S

**Stillwater - May 19** - 8am - 2pm  
1208 S Greeley St

**Forest Lake - June 2** - 8am - 2pm  
19955 Forest Rd N\*\*

### Fall Events (Saturdays):

**Forest Lake - Sept. 8** - 8am - 2pm  
19955 Forest Rd N \*\*

**Forest Lake - Sept. 15** - 8am - 2pm  
19955 Forest Rd N \*\*

**Hugo - October 6** - 8am - 12pm  
Hugo Public Works Garage  
6900 137th St N

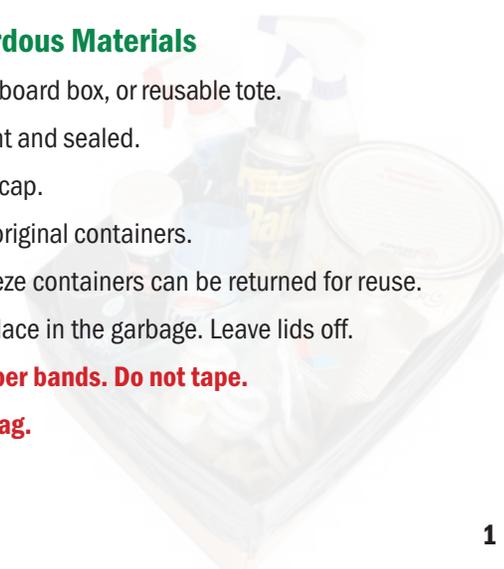
**\*\*Forest Lake enter at Headwaters Pkwy**

**Document shredding** will be available at all events. All documents will be shredded on-site and recycled. No more than four boxes per customer will be accepted. Shredding capacity is limited and may be reached before the end of the event.

**The Free Product Tent** will be available at all events. Shop for blended latex paint, household cleaners, automotive supplies, and much more.

## Tips for Safe Transport of Hazardous Materials

- Transport items in a paper bag, cardboard box, or reusable tote.
- Bottles and cans: single layer, upright and sealed.
- Seal all containers with a tight lid or cap.
- Label materials that are not in their original containers.
- 5 gallon or less oil, gas, and antifreeze containers can be returned for reuse.
- Dried and empty latex paint cans: place in the garbage. Leave lids off.
- **Bundle fluorescent tubes with rubber bands. Do not tape.**
- **Do not put your items in a plastic bag.**
- **Do not mix or combine chemicals!**



# Environmental Center

## What We Accept at the Environmental Center



If you have household hazardous waste, electronics, or recyclables that you need to get rid of, you can bring them to Washington County's Environmental Center in Woodbury. It is as easy as driving through and dropping it off.

**4039 Cottage Grove Drive · Woodbury, MN 55129 | 651-275-7475**



### Environmental Center Hours:

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>11am – 7pm</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>8am – 4:30pm</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>8am – 4:30pm</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>8am – 2pm</b>

*Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day & other major holidays.*



Open to residents of Washington, Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey counties. Proof of county residency, such as a driver's license, is required.

### Stop by the FREE Product Room



Look for items such as latex and oil paints, household cleaners, automotive supplies, and much more. Products are available for eligible residents only.

### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

#### Home Improvement:

- Paints, stains, varnish, preservatives • Paint remover/thinner

#### Yard & Garden:

- Insect/roach/ant killer • Fertilizers/pesticides • Weed killer

#### Auto & Recreation:

- Antifreeze • Motor oil and filters • Propane tanks • Rechargeable batteries

#### Household Items:

- Household cleaner • Aerosol cans • Fluorescent bulbs
- Mercury thermometers & thermostats

### ELECTRONICS

- TVs, DVD & VCR players • Items with rechargeable batteries • Microwave ovens
- Phones, cell phones & fax machines • Computers, monitors and accessories

### SHARPS AND SYRINGES

- Place in a sturdy container, like a detergent bottle, with the cap screwed on
- Label container: "HOUSEHOLD SHARPS"

### RECYCLABLES

- Bottles, Cans, Cartons & Plastics • Paper & Cardboard • Holiday lights
- Plastic bags: **Must be clean and dry** • Plastic signs • Household scrap metal

### 2018 Document Shredding Events

**April 18 · June 6 · July 11 · September 19 · November 7**  
**8am - 4:30pm**

Bring your personal and confidential papers to the Environmental Center during five scheduled events. These events are free and open to residents and businesses.

- Documents will be shredded on-site by Shred Right and recycled.
- Staples and paper clips do not have to be removed.
- CDs, floppy disks, and other media will be accepted for off-site destruction.
- Limit: 6 boxes weighing no more than 30 pounds each.

## Recycling at Work

### Did you know? Your business can receive help from BizRecycling® to recycle better.

During a free on-site consultation, a recycling expert will help your business develop a customized plan to increase recycling and reduce waste. Businesses can access grants of up to \$10,000 for recycling equipment and supplies, staff training, and minor facility upgrades. BizRecycling® also offer organics reward grants of up to \$5,000 to start or improve an organics recycling program.

In 2017, BizRecycling® gave 131 grants totaling more than \$750,000 to East Metro businesses, including 48 grants to local businesses in Washington County.



Ready to get started? Visit [BizRecycling.com](http://BizRecycling.com) (click "Contact Us") or call 651-266-1199.



### Success Story

A BizRecycling® grant helped Valley Outreach, which runs a high-volume food shelf in Stillwater, pay for equipment and supplies for a new organics recycling program. They are now composting nearly 60 tons of inedible food waste annually, and have been able to cut their trash service needs in half!

## Recycling at Home



### Plastic & Glass Containers · Cans · Boxes · Cartons · Paper

Curbside recycling is offered in all cities and townships in the county. Some recyclers accept additional materials. Call your recycling collector for more information.

## Furniture and Other Bulky Items

Many trash haulers pick up furniture and other large household items at your curb. Call them first to see what they collect and if there are additional fees. These sites offer self-haul options for bulky items. Contact them for hours, directions, and disposal costs.

**Advanced Disposal · St. Paul**  
309 Como Ave · 651-487-8546

Appliances, Carpet, Furniture, Construction/  
Demolition, Mattresses, Scrap Metal, Tires,  
Treated Wood

**Bro-Tex, Inc · St. Paul**  
800 Hampden Ave · 651-272-7227

Carpet

**Forest Lake Sanitation/SRC · Wyoming**  
6320 Viking Blvd E · 651-462-1099

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Scrap Metal, Tires, Treated Wood

**Fra-Dor · Little Canada**  
3101 Country Dr · 651-484-8180

Concrete

**J and J Recycling · St. Paul**  
607 Barge Channel Rd · 651-227-4457

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Construction/Demolition, Mattresses,  
Scrap Metal, Tires, Treated Wood

**J.R'S Adv. Recyclers · Inver Grove Heights**  
10619 Briggs Dr · 651-454-9215

Appliances, Scrap Metal, Tires

**Keith Krupenny & Son · St. Paul**  
565 Barge Channel Rd · 651-457-3680

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Construction/Demolition, Mattresses,  
Scrap Metal, Tires, Treated Wood

**Second Chance Recycling · Minneapolis**  
1179 15th Ave SE · 612-332-0664 (Ext 4)

Mattresses

**Twin City Refuse & Recycling · St. Paul**  
318 W Water St · 651-227-1549

Appliances, Concrete, Carpet, Furniture,  
Construction/Demolition, Mattresses,  
Scrap Metal, Tires, Treated Wood

**Walters Recycling & Refuse · Blaine**  
10191 Xylite St NE · 763-780-8464

Appliances, Carpet, Furniture,  
Construction/Demolition, Mattresses,  
Scrap Metal, Tires

# Tour and Education Resources

## Tour the Environmental Center

Ever wonder what happens to products dropped off at the Environmental Center? Get a behind-the-scenes tour to see how waste is collected, sorted, and shipped.

Two tours per week are open to groups of five or more, up to 25 people. Tours typically last one hour and are best suited for adults and children eight years or older.

Please call 651-275-7475 for more information or to schedule a tour.



## Borrow a Recycling Container

Recycling containers are available for small, single-day events such as graduation parties, family reunions, and block parties. For more information or to reserve containers online, go to [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us) (search “recycling container loan.”)

## Explore our Educational Tools

Recycled Products Kits, Compost Education Kits, and Trash Trunks are available for teachers, group leaders, green teams, and others to borrow to help teach about waste, recycling, composting, and other environmental topics.

For more information or to preview the guidebooks for each resource, go to [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us) (search “education resources.”)



# Unused Medications Drop Off

Residents can dispose of their unused and expired medications (prescription, over-the-counter and pet medication) at year-round drop boxes.



## What is NOT accepted?

- No medications from businesses.
- No needles, used Epi-pens, syringes, lancets or thermometers. Bring to the Environmental Center.
- No liquid chemotherapy drugs. Bring to the Environmental Center.

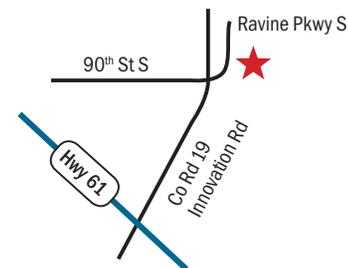
For more information: [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us) (search “unused medications”)

## Drop Box Locations

Open 8am – 4:30pm · Monday through Friday

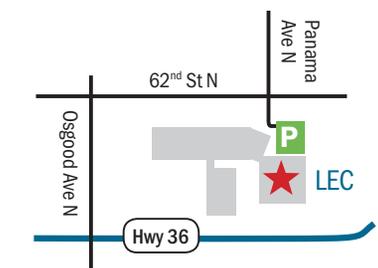
### Cottage Grove

South Service Center  
13000 Ravine Pkwy S



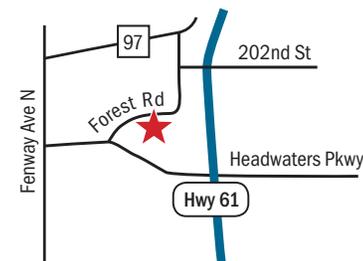
### Stillwater

Law Enforcement Center  
Sheriff's Office · 15015 62nd St N



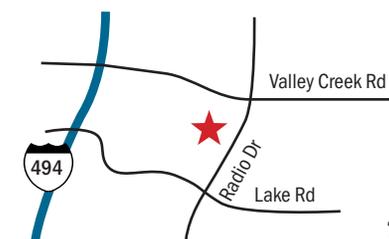
### Forest Lake

Headwaters Service Center  
19955 Forest Rd N



### Woodbury

Woodbury Service Center  
2150 Radio Dr



## Yard Waste Dropoff

Bring your leaves, grass clippings, and other plant materials to a yard waste or compost site. **It is illegal to put yard, garden, and tree waste into the garbage.** All sites listed accept leaves and grass clippings. Contact sites directly for other materials accepted, hours, and fees. Some waste haulers also pick up yard waste.

**For curbside collection, residents must use compostable bags or a yard waste cart.**

### Privately Owned Sites (Open to all County residents)

<b>Cottage Grove</b>	<b>Rumpca Companies Inc.</b> 9600 Glendenning Rd 651-459-1556
<b>Denmark Township</b>	<b>Gertens RES</b> 12119 70th St S 651-458-4412
<b>Woodbury</b>	<b>Composting Concepts</b> 4600 Cottage Grove Dr 651-769-0531

### City Owned Sites (Open to listed city residents only)

<b>Forest Lake</b>	20001 Forest Blvd N 651-464-3550
<b>Hugo</b>	170th St N 651-762-6300
<b>Marine on St. Croix</b>	18000 St Croix Trail N 651-433-3636
<b>Newport</b>	1100 Bailey Rd 651-459-5677
<b>Saint Paul Park</b>	13th Ave and 1st St 651-459-9785

## Coming Soon! Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale



Washington County residents get an extra \$20 off each item!

This spring, the County is partnering with the Recycling Association of Minnesota to sell compost bins and rain barrels at low cost to residents. Home Composter compost bins will be on sale for \$64 plus tax and Rain Catcher rain barrels will be on sale for \$79 plus tax.

Washington County residents get an extra \$20 off each item! To receive the discounted price, order online at [www.RecycleMinnesota.org](http://www.RecycleMinnesota.org) and enter promo code **“Washington.”** Pre-ordered items will be available for pick-up at the Environmental Center in Woodbury.

## Reuse Opportunities

Have clothing or household items you want to donate or buy? Check out a local thrift store or donation center in the county.



### Community Helping Hand

405 15th St SW, Forest Lake · 651-464-8150

### Family Pathways

935 South Lake St, Forest Lake · 651-464-4713

### Goodwill

7375 Hardwood Ct, Cottage Grove · 651-769-6813  
197 19th St SW, Forest Lake · 651-464-4003  
5980 Krueger Ln, Oak Park Hghts · 651-439-0097  
10450 Hudson Rd, Woodbury · 651-731-7942

### Savers

8401 Tamarack Rd, Woodbury · 651-294-0880

### Stone Soup

950 3rd St #120, St. Paul Park · 651-458-9786

In addition to thrift stores and donation centers, collection bins for clothing and household items are located in several communities.



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