



Environmental Guide

Environmental Guide for Apple Valley, Burnsville and Eagan

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Coming to a Park Near You

Sports tournaments, picnics, walks, playgrounds, nature: what else is in our parks? Recycling! The parks departments in Apple Valley, Burnsville and Eagan are rolling out new recycling containers in some parks in order to make public space recycling available and convenient.

With help from Dakota County, some parks in the three cities have been chosen to be the first to get the new bins. In Apple Valley, those parks are Johnny Cake East and West and Quarry Point Park. In Burnsville, recycling can be found at Cliff Fen Park and 'The Heart of the City' at Nicollet

Commons. And in Eagan, recycling is now available at Northview, Blackhawk and Lexington-Diffley Parks.

Just like at home, all bottles, cans and cardboard can go into the recycling bins in the parks. But if you forget, the new bins come with new picture-based labels which will show you exactly what should go in each bin. See for yourself on your next visit to the parks.

Just remember, with recycling now available, you don't have to 'trash' the parks. Relax, play, eat, enjoy yourself, then recycle. It's that easy.



Cut out and save.



RECYCLING AT HOME

These guidelines apply to residents in Burnsville, Eagan and Apple Valley



PAPER

- Office and school paper
- Mail and envelopes
- Newspapers, inserts, magazines and catalogs
- Phone books
- Shredded paper (in closed paper bag)
- Boxes from cereal, crackers, pasta and other dry foods
- Boxes from toothpaste, medications and other toiletries
- Cardboard from empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- Boxes from refrigerated food and beverage, including beer and pop cases
- Cardboard boxes (flattened)



PLASTIC

Leave caps & lids on for recycling

- ALL plastic bottles
- ALL gallon and ½ gallon milk, juice and water jugs
- Margarine, cream cheese and other tubs
- Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups



METAL

- Metal food and beverage cans



CARTONS

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



GLASS

- Glass beverage bottles and food jars

Maybe: Depends on your Hauler

Some recycling haulers are collecting more materials. For an up-to-date list of what items are accepted in your curbside bin, visit DakotaValleyRecycling.org/curbside. Click on your hauler's logo to see if you can recycle:

Paper: • Pizza boxes (NO food residue or grease) • Boxes from frozen food

Metal: • Aluminum foil • Aluminum trays or pie tins • Empty aerosol cans
• Scrap metal items

Plastic: • Plastic deli, fruit and take-out containers

Business Recycling



2016 Recycling Mandate

Commercial building owners operating or leasing a business with a North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code between 42-81 and contracting disposal of at least four cubic yards of solid waste each week, must collect a minimum of three recyclable materials:

- Paper: Office paper, cardboard, newspaper etc.
- Glass: Container glass
- Plastic: Depends on hauler
- Metal: Aluminum, tin-coated steel, ferrous, non-ferrous
- Other recyclable material that may require separate or specialized collection, such as organics (food waste and soiled paper), plastic film and textiles

Single-sort (collecting multiple recyclable material types in one container) meets the requirement as long as three or more materials (paper, glass, plastic, metal) are regularly collected.

VSQG Program for Hazardous Waste

If your business or organization generates small amounts (less than 220lbs/month) of hazardous waste you qualify to participate in Dakota County's Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) program. The VSQG program is a cost-effective, convenient way for qualified business to dispose of hazardous waste. Common waste accepted from businesses includes paint, oil and fluorescent tubes.

Interested businesses and organizations should visit www.dakotacounty.us and search "VSQG." Contact Dakota County Environmental Resources at 952-891-7548 for more information.

ARROW: Awards for Reduction and Recycling of Waste

The ARROW program, which is completely FREE for participants, is a way for Eagan, Burnsville, and Apple Valley businesses and organizations to be recognized for their environmentally-conscious practices such as recycling. Members receive mention in annual newspaper ads, newsletters with resources and recycling updates, and complimentary certificates and window stickers to display one's initiatives to the public.

Visit DakotaValleyRecycling.org/business/ARROW for more information and to apply today.



The Recycling Zone



651-905-4520
3365 Dodd Road
Eagan, MN 55121

www.dakotacounty.us
Search: *Recycling Zone*

Hours:
Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday: Noon – 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Services Offered at The Recycling Zone

The Recycling Zone, run by Dakota County, is your place to get rid of the household stuff you can't throw in the trash. A valid driver's license is required to bring items to The Recycling Zone.

Household Chemicals & Hazardous Waste Area

Items like paint, cleaners, chemicals, batteries, gasoline, automotive fluids and fluorescent bulbs are accepted for free from households ONLY.

Recycling

Bring in items such as glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles/jugs/tubs, metal cans, paper, cardboard, plastic bags, packing peanuts, scrap metal and cooking oil to be recycled for free. Separate recyclables by material type.

Home Sharps

Bring home sharps (needles, syringes, lancets) in a rigid, sealed container with the label "Do not recycle: household sharps." Accepted from residents only.

Electronics Recycling

Items such as computers, laptops, monitors, computer accessories, TVs, VCRs, DVD players and game systems are accepted for free from households ONLY. Small household electronics such as toasters, blenders, coffee makers, hair dryers and vacuum cleaners are also accepted. Remove batteries.

Not accepted: major appliances, microwaves, exercise equipment, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, water heaters, medical waste.

Reuse Area

Products brought in for disposal—such as paint, cleaners, fertilizers and solvents—are available for free to visitors if they are still useable.



Check out these other services:

- Compost Bin Sales
- Lead Sinker Exchange
- Mercury Thermometer Exchange
- Aluminum Can Redemption
- For a full list of items that can be disposed of at The Recycling Zone, go to www.dakotacounty.us and search "materials accepted."