



Environmental Guide

Environmental Guide for Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan and Lakeville

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LOCAL ORGANICS DROP OFF

Eggshells

Cheese

Meat

Bones

Coffee grounds

Dairy

BPI compostable products

Do good with food scraps

Food waste makes up nearly 20 percent of our household trash, yet it doesn't do any good sitting in a landfill. Instead, food scraps could turn into beneficial compost – a soil-like material used to help plants grow. Sign up for the free organics collection program to access five drop-off sites throughout Dakota County with more being added this year.

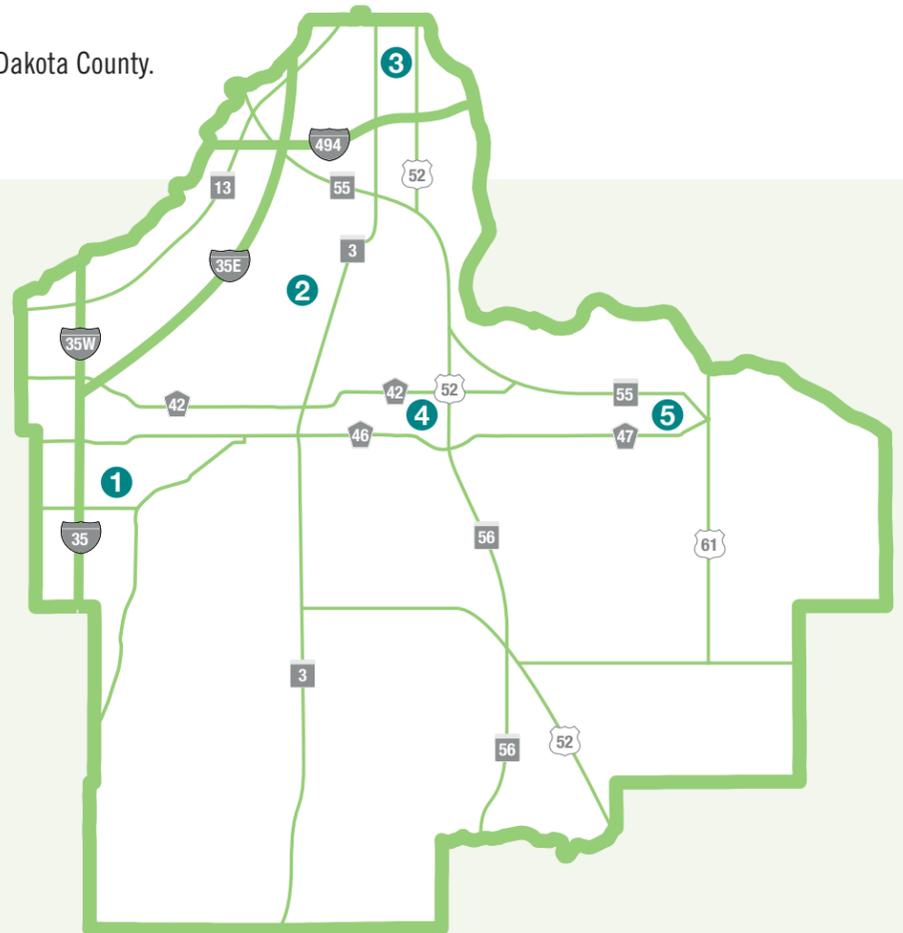
Organics collection goes beyond backyard composting by accepting meat, bones, dairy products and pizza boxes. Food waste goes to a commercial compost facility in Rosemount where it is processed at higher temperatures that kill bacteria and break down larger pieces.

Sign up online at www.dakotacounty.us, search organics, call 952-891-7557 or email organics@co.dakota.mn.us. All participants receive helpful tips and free compostable bags to use at home.

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DROP OFF LOCATIONS

- 1 Lakeville Water Treatment Facility**
18400 Ipava Ave., Lakeville
Daily, 5 a.m.-10 p.m.
- 2 Lebanon Hills Regional Park
Holland Lake Trailhead**
1100 Cliff Road, Eagan
Daily, 5 a.m.-10 p.m.
- 3 Thompson County Park**
1200 Stassen Lane, West St. Paul
Daily, 5 a.m.-10 p.m.
- 4 The Mulch Store**
16454 Blaine Ave. E., Rosemount
Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon
(seasonal, call ahead)
651-423-4401
- 5 Dakota County Transportation Shop**
900 County Road 47, Hastings
Daily, 5 a.m.-10 p.m.



ONLINE SHOPPING TO SAVE YOUR WALLET AND THE PLANET



The average Dakota County resident creates 2,180 pounds of waste each year. Reduce the amount we toss by buying used. Donating and shopping at secondhand stores saves you money, supports local businesses and

helps you create unique style. Buying used has an added benefit: it keeps our air and water clean and saves natural resources by not having to make new products.

You can go beyond brick-and-mortar stores to find what you need and get rid of what you don't. Use online outlets to save the planet and your wallet.

- NextDoor.com – look in the “For Sale” section
- Facebook.com - for neighborhood buy/sell groups and Marketplace
- Craigslist.com
- E-bay.com - choose “used” as a filter option
- Amazon.com - choose “used” as a filter option
- thredUP.com - for women and kid clothing and accessories

Use a safe site to exchange in person like a Swap Spot at the police or Sheriff departments. Get tips for selling and buying used in the Dakota County Reuse Guide at www.dakotacounty.us, search reuse guide.



RECYCLING AT HOME

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



Paper & Cardboard

Staples and plastic in window envelopes okay. Flatten boxes.

- Newspaper and inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- Mail and office papers
- Corrugated cardboard
- Paperboard (e.g., cracker boxes)



Plastic Bottles, Containers and Jugs

Empty & dry, caps on, labels okay

- Containers numbered 1, 2 or 5
- Soda, juice and water bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Margarine, cottage cheese, cream cheese and other tubs and lids
- Laundry detergent bottles and jugs
- Clear berry and produce containers



Metal Can

Empty & dry, labels okay

- Aluminum, tin, and steel cans



Cartons

Empty & dry

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



Glass Bottles and Jars

Empty & dry, labels okay

Leave these out

- Batteries
- Black plastic
- Clothing and textiles
- Electronics
- Food
- Diapers
- Plastic bags and film
- Shredded paper
- Tangles (e.g., chains, extension cords, hoses, string lights)

Remember: Clean and Dry!

Find out how to get rid of hundreds of other items by using the Recycling Guide on www.dakotacounty.us.

The Recycling Zone



651-905-4520

3365 Dodd Road · Eagan, MN

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 Dakota County Recycling Zone is your place to get rid of the household items 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, scrap metal and cooking oil to be recycled for free.

Home Sharps

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

Electronics Recycling

Items such as batteries, hard drives, computer accessories, laptops, 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 and glass parts.

TVs and computer monitor fee: \$10/each

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

Reuse Zone

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:

- Eyeglasses Recycling
- Lead Sinker Exchange
- Mercury Thermometer Exchange

For a full list of items that can be disposed of at The Recycling Zone, go to www.dakotacounty.us and search "recycling zone".