

Managing Yard Waste

IT IS
ILLEGAL
TO DISPOSE OF
YARD AND
TREE WASTE
IN THE TRASH



2009



Call first for hours, special conditions and fees. You can also use curbside collection or municipal drop-off facilities. Contact your waste hauler or city recycling coordinator for options in your community.



Location	Grass	Leaves	Sod	Brush	Logs	Stumps	Soil	Wood Chips	Diseased Trees	Christmas Trees	Special Requirements
Elk River Landfill 22460 Hwy 169 Elk River 763-441-2464 www.wmtwincities.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	call	✓	call	✓	Call first. All items must be debagged. Also takes untreated scrap wood. Open year round.
Maple Grove Yard Waste 14796 101 st Av N, Maple Grove 763-420-4886 www.mgyardwaste.com	✓	✓	✓ Small amounts	✓	✓			✓	call		Logs and tree waste up to 10" in diameter. Open April to November.
Randy's Sanitation 12620 Vincent Ave S Burnsville 763-972-3335 www.randyssanitation.com	✓	✓		✓ Bundled							Small quantities only. Open April to November. Please call first.
Randy's Sanitation 4351 US Hwy 12 SE Delano 763-972-3335 www.randyssanitation.com	✓	✓		✓ Bundled							Small quantities only. Open April to November. Please call first.
Randy's Sanitation 5625 Quam Ave NE St. Michael 763-972-3335 www.randyssanitation.com	✓	✓		✓ Bundled							Small quantities only. Open April to November. Please call first.
SKB Environmental (operated by Resource Recovery Technologies) 630 Malcolm Ave. SE, Minneapolis 612-331-4610 www.mulchstoremn.com	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	call	✓	Takes untreated scrap wood and nonhazardous construction materials. Items must be debagged, no plastic bags. Open year round.
Resource Recovery Technologies 14800 Johnson Memorial Dr Shakopee 952-445-2139 www.mulchstoremn.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	call	✓	All items must be in biodegradable bags or debagged. No plastic bags. Open April 1 to November 30.
Resource Recovery Technologies 4275 Creekview Cir., Minnetrista 952-446-1056 www.mulchstoremn.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	call	✓	All items must be in biodegradable bags or debagged. No plastic bags. Open April 1 to November 30.
Resource Recovery Technologies 1030 W. Cliff Road Burnsville 952-736-1915 www.mulchstoremn.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	call	✓	All items must be in biodegradable bags or debagged. No plastic bags. Open Mon. - Sat. April 1 to November 30.
Twin Cities Refuse Transfer 318 W. Water St. St. Paul 651-227-1549	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	call	✓	Also takes untreated scrap wood. Open year round.
Walter's Recycling & Refuse 2830 101 st Ave. N.E., Blaine 763-780-8464 www.waltersrecycling.com	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	Call first. Brush only. No large stumps	✓ Bundled & tied	Brush 5" or less in diameter. Open 8:00am - 4:00pm, Mon. - Fri. from April to November.

Need *more* time? **Mow, fertilize, water and rake less**

You don't have to spend so much time maintaining your lawn. Sound incredible? Mowing, watering, fertilizing and raking it less and using no pesticides may be your way to a healthy, environmentally friendly yard.

- Mow only enough to keep your grass length at 3 to 3½ inches high. Mowing your grass to the proper height is the single most important thing you can do to improve the health of your lawn.
- When you mow, don't rake clippings — leave them on the lawn instead. However, be sure to sweep up your sidewalk, driveway or street so clippings don't pollute nearby lakes or streams.
- Get your soil tested to determine the right mix of fertilizer for your lawn. You may need less than you think.
- Water only when it hasn't rained for seven days. The best time to water is in the early morning hours before 10 a.m. Grasses naturally grow slower in the summer, so brown grass usually means your lawn is just dormant, not dead.
- Weeds can tell you something about what's wrong with your lawn. Take time to identify your weeds and treat them appropriately to strengthen and improve your lawn. A weed-free lawn is not necessarily a healthy one.

Benefits: By taking time today to figure out exactly what your lawn needs, you will help keep it healthy in the future. This will decrease the amount of time and money you will have to care for it tomorrow. By keeping your grass length longer, the roots of your grass go deeper and can reach more water during dry periods. You save water, money and time. Longer grass also creates more shade and makes it harder for weeds to get established in your lawn. By leaving your clippings on the lawn you will fertilize your grass throughout the summer. Control weeds by interrupting the cycle of seed production instead of relying on chemicals. Dig weeds up or cut off flowering stalks.

-Courtesy Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, www.reduce.org

Additional Resources

• Hennepin County Environmental Services

hennepin.us/environment or 612-348-3777

Hennepin County provides a wide variety of information on managing your yard in an environmentally friendly way. Information is available on topics ranging from composting to the proper disposal of fertilizers and weed killers.

• Sustainable Urban Landscape Info Services

www.sustland.umn.edu

A landscape developed with sustainable practices will conserve resources, help reduce chemical use, require less labor and be less expensive to create and maintain. SULIS provides sustainable landscape information to the public and to the horticulture/landscape industry, from planning to maintenance.

• University of Minnesota Extension Service Gardening Information

www.extension.umn.edu/gardeninfo
Extension Service provides education outreach for the University of Minnesota, delivering education programs on a variety of topics, including yard and garden information.

- **INFO-U: 612-624-2200**
- **Yard & Garden Line: 612-624-4771**
- **Hennepin County Master Gardener Hotline: 612-596-2118**

- **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency** www.reduce.org
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has factsheets on “How to grow a healthy, no-waste Lawn & Garden”, “Backyard composting”, “Reduce toxic chemicals in your home” and more.



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