



Reducing waste and recycling during your move



Giving yourself enough time to sort through your things before you move will keep you from feeling overwhelmed and allow you to find the best reuse, recycling and safe disposal options.

- Separate your things into two piles:
 1. Keep
 - Find packing tips on the back of this flyer
 - Repair/fix: Visit a fix-it clinic for help repairing household items. www.hennepin.us/fixitclinic
 2. Get rid of it options
 - Recycle
 - Donate/sell
 - Safe disposal

Get Rid of It Options

Items	Disposal options	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cartons • Glass bottles and jars • Food and condiment containers • Metal cans • Paper and cardboard • Plastic bottles, jugs, cups and containers 	<p>Curbside recycle</p> <p>You can recycle many items through your curbside or building recycling program. If you have larger quantities of recyclables, contact your hauler to ask about special pick-up options, or bring them to a Hennepin County Drop-off Facility. See the back page of this document for drop-off facility locations and hours.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric cords • Electronics • String lights 	<p>Safe disposal</p> <p>Contact electronics retailers like Best Buy to find out if they will accept your old electronics or bring them to a Hennepin County Drop-off Facility. See the back page for drop-off facility locations and hours. Fees and quantity limits may apply.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic bags • Plastic wrap 	<p>Recycle</p> <p>Recycle clean, dry plastic bags and plastic wrap at grocery stores or Target.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food 	<p>Donate</p> <p>Give food to neighbors or donate to a food pantry.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothes and shoes • Dishes • Furniture • Tools 	<p>Donate or sell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donate items to a charitable organization. Some will pick up at your home. • Sell items at a garage sale, consignment store or online. • Give items away. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worn-out clothing 	<p>Recycle</p> <p>Clothing that is not reusable can be recycled. Bundle it together in bags and label "clothes for recycling." Drop bundle off at clothing donation bins or at stores that accept used clothing donations.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appliances • Batteries • Mattresses • Scrap metal 	<p>Recycle and safe disposal</p> <p>Bring to a Hennepin County drop-off facility or find additional recycling options on the A to Z guide at www.hennepin.us/atozdisposalguide.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automotive products • Cleaners • Lawn and garden products • Mercury-containing items • Paints, stains and thinners • Personal care products • Pesticides 	<p>Safe disposal</p> <p>Make sure to dispose of these products safely. Hennepin County accepts these items from households at drop-off facilities. See the back page for locations and hours.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicine, including: Prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines, pet medicines, vitamins and supplements in any form, including pills, blister packs, liquids and inhalers 	<p>Safe disposal</p> <p>Residents can dispose of medicines at medicine disposal drop boxes located throughout the county. Go to www.hennepin.us/medicine for locations and more information. Medicines are not accepted at the Hennepin County Drop-off Facilities in Brooklyn Park and Bloomington.</p>	

Packing

Use reusable or recyclable packing materials

- Pack your boxes with reusable or recyclable padding like towels, blankets, cloth napkins, clothing, newspaper, reusable bags and string or rope.
- If you use packing peanuts, choose starch-based ones that break down in water.

Cleaning supplies

Use up the last of your cleaning supplies during the final top-to-bottom clean of the property you are moving out of. This will limit the products you need to dispose of or take with you.

Moving In

Properly dispose of items left behind

If the previous tenants of your new home left behind any hazardous materials, bring them to a county drop-off facility (see below). Check with your city recycling coordinator for city-hosted cleanup days to dispose of unusable non-hazardous items.

Use less-toxic cleaning supplies

Save money while cleaning and keep pets and family members healthy by making your own cleaning products. Find recipes at www.hennepin.us, search: green cleaning.

If you choose to purchase cleaning products, do so carefully. Learn about what labels mean on products and how to reduce toxins in your home at www.hennepin.us, search: reduce hazardous waste.

Buy used

Visit local reuse retailers or look online for used household goods and furniture.

Reuse or recycle boxes and crates

- Use reusable crates instead of cardboard boxes. There are several companies that will deliver reusable boxes and moving supplies to your home and pick up the materials after your move.
- If you're using a moving company, ask if they provide reusable crates, reused boxes or if they'll buy back your boxes.
- Find reusable moving crates and used cardboard boxes by searching for "boxes" in Hennepin County's Choose to Reuse Directory. www.hennepinchoosetoreuse.org



Dispose of packing supplies

Check with packaging and shipping stores to see if they will reuse your packing materials. Give away boxes by posting them online or giving them to a friend. If you can't find anyone to reuse your boxes, make sure to recycle them.

Set up recycling

Find out how recycling service works in your city by contacting your city recycling coordinator – find contact information at www.hennepin.us/recycling.

If you live in an apartment building, condo, or townhouse, ask your property manager where the recycling bins are located. Property owners and managers are required to provide residents with the opportunity to recycle.

Make recycling convenient by placing containers wherever you generate recycling. Remember to recycle items from the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room and office.

Hennepin County Drop-off Facilities

Brooklyn Park

Brooklyn Park Transfer Station and Recycling Center

Full and self service areas

8100 Jefferson Highway, Brooklyn Park, 55445

What to bring:

- Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill
- Payment, if applicable – cash, check or credit card are accepted

For the most current facility information go to www.hennepin.us/dropoffs or call 612-348-3777.

Bloomington

South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Drop-off Center

Full service only

1400 W 96th St., Bloomington, 55431

Facility hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays

Open to residents of Hennepin, Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey and Washington Counties



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