

Reduce wasted food

The average family of four spends \$1,800 every year on food they'll just end up throwing away. Keep food out of the trash and money in your wallet by eating the food you buy, better understanding food labels, and properly storing food so that it doesn't go bad. Find more information on reducing food waste at savethefood.com

Have broken stuff lying around? Don't trash it – Fix-It!



At monthly Fix-It Clinics, residents can get free repair help with small

household appliances such as lamps and vacuums, clothing, electronics, mobile devices and more. Work with helpful volunteers to disassemble, troubleshoot and fix your items. For locations and dates of upcoming Fix-It Clinics, visit hennepin.us/FixItClinic

Drop-off facilities for electronics and household hazardous waste



Some common household products like electronics, batteries, fluorescent bulbs and paint

shouldn't be thrown in the trash. Safe disposal is available at Hennepin County drop-off facilities located in Bloomington and Brooklyn Park. For locations, fee information, hours and materials accepted, visit hennepin.us/dropoffs or call 612-348-3777.

Additional disposal options

Not sure how to dispose of an item? Check the Green Disposal Guide at hennepin.us/GreenDisposalGuide. If your items are still in good shape, look for donation opportunities.

Keep your community trash and recycling area clean by not leaving unwanted items outside of the carts or dumpsters.

Become a Hennepin County Community Recycling Ambassador

Are you passionate about waste reduction, recycling and composting?



Consider becoming a Community Recycling Ambassador and become a better advocate for recycling at your building.

Community Recycling Ambassadors are trained on waste prevention, recycling and composting through a six-week course that features industry experts and field trips to local waste processing and recycling facilities.

Learn more at hennepin.us/recycling-ambassadors.

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Our building recycles



Learn recycling basics, how to reuse moving materials, and other ways to reduce waste in your building.



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Wasting less and recycling more helps our entire community. To get started, follow these steps:

Step 1:

Create a system that works for you

- Set up a convenient place to collect your recyclables. Recycling is easier when you make it part of your regular routine. Put recycling containers next to your trash cans.
- Remember to look beyond the kitchen – for example, recyclables can be found in the bathroom and where you sort your mail. You'll be surprised how many recyclables you can keep out of the trash.
- Use a tote bag, cardboard box, waste basket or paper grocery bag to hold your recyclables.



Step 2:

Know what to recycle



Here is a list of items you can recycle:

- **Paper:** mail, magazines, cardboard, flattened boxes, newspapers
- **Cartons:** milk cartons, juice boxes, soup cartons
- **Metal:** cans
- **Glass:** bottles, jars
- **Plastic:** bottles, jugs, and containers with plastic caps on

Empty and rinse bottles, cans, and containers. Items smaller than your fist, black plastic, and shredded paper always go in the trash.

Step 3:

Bring your recyclables to the recycling chute, cart, or dumpster



Ask your building manager or a neighbor where the recycling collection area is located. Dump loose recyclables out of your tote or paper grocery bag into your recycling chute, cart, or dumpster. Bagged items should not be put in the recycling.

Step 4:

Feel great about helping the environment and your community!

Recycling conserves natural resources, saves energy and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. In fact, recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV or computer for three hours. It all adds up, so please recycle!

If you have questions, contact your building manager or visit hennepin.us/apartmentsrecycle

Thank you for recycling!

Other tips for reducing waste and recycling more

Recycle and reuse moving materials

Moving creates a lot of waste, but much of it can actually be reused or recycled! Reuse cardboard boxes, offer them to a neighbor, or flatten them before recycling. Packing peanuts and bubble wrap can be reused. Clean, dry shrink wrap, plastic bags, and bubble wrap are accepted for recycling at many grocery stores and Hennepin County drop-off facilities. Visit BagandFilmRecycling.org for the closest collection near you!



Donate or sell clothing, furniture and other usable items



Items you no longer want can often be put to good use by someone else. Visit hennepin.us/choosetoreuse to find opportunities for selling or donating. Check with an organization about its needs and accepted items before donating.

Don't toss your food scraps in the trash – compost them with organics recycling!

About one-third of our trash is organic materials, including food, food-soiled paper, and certified compostable products, that could be put to better use by being composted. If your building doesn't have organics recycling service, ask your property manager if they'll add the service or use an organics recycling drop-off site. Find organics recycling drop-off sites at hennepin.us/organics