



CITY OF HAM LAKE

RECYCLE GUIDE



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HAM LAKE'S DROP-OFF RECYCLING CENTER

Materials accepted at the City Hall Campus; City Hall, Senior Center and Recycling Center:

Curbside Recyclables

- Cardboard - flattened and clean with all packaging removed. Plastic film and Styrofoam™ packaging can be recycled separately. See article on the back of this newsletter for drop-off location information.
- Food and beverage bottles, cans and paper cartons
- Mixed paper

Paper Shredding

Secure drop box in City Hall vestibule to place documents into. Shredding occurs off-site.

Blue Recycle Bin (North of City Hall)

- Holiday lights
- Extension cords

Organics

Yard Waste (seasonal)

USagain Drop Box

- Adult & children's clothing
- Boots, sandals, socks, tennis & leather shoes
- Hats, handbags, gloves, belts, scarves, backpacks
- Sheets, comforters, pillow cases, blankets, towels, drapes

Other

Eye glasses and cell phones can be dropped off for recycling at the Senior Center during business hours

Reuse – Repurpose – Reclaim Did You Say I Can Have This for Free?

The first weekend in May, the City partnered with Anoka County's Recycling & Resource Solutions team to host a Reuse Event. This date was chosen since it was the weekend of the Ham Lake City-wide Garage Sale and during the City's Spring Recycling Day. While the City has offered various recycling programs for several years, this was the first organized reuse event. This event provided a place for residents to drop off excess items and possibly find something else they could use – for free! One of the many positive outcomes from the Reuse Event was that it supported the equitable distribution of usable items within the Ham Lake Community.

Donated items were weighed and categorized so they could apply toward annual state waste reduction goals that must be met by the City and the County. Furniture, household, and sporting goods made up the majority of the 4.3 tons of material donated at the event, and two-thirds of items by weight were taken by residents for reuse. The remaining items were brought to Salvation Army, Family Pathways, Goodwill, Bridging and posted on the Ham Lake Buy Nothing Group Facebook page. Donors loved knowing their items would likely stay within the community, and "shoppers" were overwhelmed with the generosity of their neighbors due to the volume and quality of items they were willing to give away. Shoppers often commented as to why they chose the items they were taking. A few individuals shared that they were at the Reuse Event on behalf of an organization that operates group homes for recovering addicts. They were thrilled to be able to obtain usable furniture and household items to furnish their group homes at no cost.

This first event was so successful, another reuse event is being planned the first weekend in May next year, in conjunction with the city-wide garage sale and recycling day, to make it convenient for city residents to reduce, reuse and recycle. Look for information in a future edition of the Ham Laker.



RECYCLE SMART!

Only Put Items that are Truly Recyclable in your Curbside Cart



Recycling Guide

AnokaCountyMN.gov/Recycle



Glass

Yes (Empty, rinse, throw away caps)

- Beverage bottles
- Food jars

No

- Drinking glasses, mugs, dishes, cookware, pottery & vases
- Window & mirror glass
- Nail polish or hobby paint containers
- Light bulbs



Paper

Yes

Mixed Paper

- Mail, office & school papers
- Magazines & catalogs
- Newspapers & inserts
- Paper towel & toilet paper cores
- Phone books

Boxes (Flatten boxes and remove any non-paper packaging)

- Cardboard
- Cereal, cracker & pasta boxes
- Shoe, gift & electronics boxes
- Toiletry boxes
- Tissue boxes

No

- Food & grease soiled boxes
- Egg cartons
- Freezer boxes
- Paper towels, napkins, paper plates & cups
- Gift wrap & tissue
- Envelopes with bubble-wrap



Metal

Yes (Empty, rinse, pinch loose lids inside food cans and leave tabs on beverage cans)

- Beverage cans
- Food cans
- Aluminum foil, trays & pie tins

No

- Paint cans
- Aerosol cans
- Paint thinner or automotive fluid containers
- Scrap metal, such as cookware, nails & hangers



Plastic

Yes (Empty, rinse, place caps on bottles and lids on tubs - if they are the same number)

Bottles & Jugs - Plastic #1, 2 & 5

- Water, soda & juice bottles
- Milk & juice jugs
- Ketchup & salad dressing bottles
- Shampoo, soap & lotion bottles
- Laundry containers

Cups, Tubs & Containers - Plastic #1, 2 & 5

- Yogurt, pudding & fruit cups
- Clear plastic cups & produce containers
- Margarine, cottage cheese, cream cheese, other tubs & lids

No

Plastic #3, 4, 6 & 7

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam™ #6
- Automotive fluid & pesticide containers
- Black containers
- Utensils & straws



Cartons

Yes (Empty, rinse, place caps on containers)

- Milk cartons
- Juice cartons
- Juice boxes (straws removed)
- Soup, broth & wine cartons

No

- Ice cream cartons
- Egg cartons
- Plastic straws
- Foil drink pouches
- Take-out cartons

Remember...

- No batteries, plastic bags, hoses, cords, string lights or shredded paper in your curbside recycling cart. Bring to a drop-off, go to AnokaCountyMN.gov/Recycle for options.
- Rinse food and beverage containers.
- Flatten boxes and remove packaging.

Plastic Recycling Guide

Plastic, more than any other recyclable material, generates the most questions and confusion from residents. There are so many different types of and uses for plastic. This article should help you put the correct plastics in your curbside bin.

Plastics Recyclable Curbside

1. Look for the number on the container

The numbers on the bottom of plastic containers indicates what type of plastic resin the container is – *not whether the item is actually recyclable*.

Codes 1, 2 and 5 can go in your recycling cart or taken to a drop-off center

These codes are typically on the bottom of plastic containers, on the neck of a bottle and on lids, tub covers and to-go containers. If the container doesn't have a code, throw it away.



See list of recyclable plastic items on opposite page.

2. Throw away the containers and larger lids that are undesirable (even if they are a 1, 2 or 5)

- Black – too dense to be identified by sorting equipment.
- Smaller than your fist – Throw away loose caps, condiment cups and lids, and small prescription bottles. Optical sorters can't "see" them, they don't stay on conveyors and can become tangled in mixed paper or end up with the glass contaminating the material sent to paper or glass recyclers.
- Opaque #1 PET – Fairlife milk or other colorized, very glossy PET containers are not wanted by manufacturers.
- No containers larger in size than 3 gallons.
- Tub lids that are not the same resin – On dairy products, often a #5 bottom can have a #2 or #4 lid. Throw, flexible non-matching lids away.
- Large, bulky items – Do not put laundry hampers, children's toys, lawn chairs, big cat litter tubs into your curbside cart. Large items can damage recycling sorting equipment.

3. Empty contents, rinse and place cap on container before recycling

- Rinse out containers before putting in your recycling cart.
- Throw away straws, pumps or spray nozzles.
- Most of the caps on plastic bottles are plastic, simply place the cap back onto your empty, rinsed container. You do not have to find a number on small caps.
- Remove plastic overwrap from container – Plastic overwrap is usually a different type of plastic than the container and the optical sorter may not detect the correct number.

Ham Lake Haulers – Your Recycling Service Provider

Ham Lake residents receive curbside recycling service via an agreement between the City of Ham Lake and Ham Lake Haulers, a partnership between ACE Solid Waste and Waste Management. Residents can easily recycle items with Simple Sort recycling. All the recyclable material is placed into one recycling cart (**grey or yellow lid**) that is collected every other week. To sign up for service or for more information about services provided by Ham Lake Haulers, go to acesolidwaste.com/residential/garbage-service/ham-lake or call 763-427-3112.

City Recycling Coordinator

763-434-9555

- General recycling questions

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Donate Shop Volunteer



Habitat ReStores are independently owned reuse stores operated by local Habitat for Humanity organizations that accept donations and sell home improvement items such as new and gently used furniture, appliances, home goods and building materials, to the public at a fraction of the retail price.

The purpose of Habitat ReStores is to contribute to the work of Habitat for Humanity. When you support your local ReStore by shopping, donating or volunteering, you support your local community and help build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter in communities around the world. Visit Restore.tchabitat.org/ for more information and to find Habitat for Humanity ReStore locations in the metro area.

Plastics to Recycle at Drop-off Locations



Plastic Bags and Similar Stretchy Plastic Film

Acceptable items:

- retail bags
- grocery bags
- bread bags
- case overwrap
- dry cleaning bags
- newspaper sleeves
- ice bags
- wood pellet bags
- zip top and other re-sealable bags
- produce bags
- bubble wrap
- salt bags
- cereal bags.

Go to Nextrex.com/view/recyclingchallenge for more information about the program.

All material must be clean, dry and free of food residue.

Where to take them:

- Big box retailers and grocery stores have collection areas near the front of the store.
- Ham Lake City Hall during business hours.
- Several recycling drop-off centers accept plastic film for recycling. Go to AnokaCountyMN.gov/RecyclingDirectory for options.

White Styrofoam™



Polystyrene also known as Styrofoam™ is only accepted at the Coon Rapids Recycling Center (CRRRC) and must be totally white with no printing.

The CRRRC accepts all white, to-go Styrofoam clam shells, cups/bowls/plates and rigid, block and shape packaging materials.



Block and shape Styrofoam is thick and heavy. It is packing material typically for fragile products such as electronics, appliances or breakable items.

All material must be white, clean, dry, free of food residue, tape, stickers, labels, cardboard, glue, etc. Residents should empty your bags/boxes into the containers staged at the Recycling Center. Staff may refuse material if it doesn't meet standards, and then must be taken away.

For more information about the CRRRC, go to: coonrapidsmn.gov/378/Acceptable-Recyclables

Do Not put Styrofoam™ in your recycling cart or bring it to the Ham Lake Recycling Center.

D.I.Y. Pallet Repurpose Projects

www.artsandclassy.com/upcycle-with-style-easy-beginner-diy-pallet-projects-for-home-decor/

