

New Fire Training Facility in the Works for Apple Valley Firefighters



A picture of the new A.B.L.E. burn building being constructed in Burnsville for use by Apple Valley, Burnsville, Lakeville and Eagan first responders.

As the range of services provided by the fire service continues to grow, so does the need for responsive and effective firefighter training. With calls that go beyond firefighting, the need to train for responding to hazardous materials incidents, technical rescues, and a variety of emergency medical needs requires a constant look at training programs and facilities.

Since 1987, the cities of Apple Valley, Burnsville, Lakeville, and Eagan (A.B.L.E.) have shared a joint fire training facility located in the City of Burnsville. The A.B.L.E. facility, located off of River Ridge Boulevard, has hosted trainings for thousands of firefighters, police officers and other first responders. However, after twenty-five years, deteriorating walls, corrosion, and water damage have rendered the facility's burn building and training tower unusable in recent years.

Last fall, the City Councils for the four A.B.L.E. cities approved a \$1.6 million dollar shared construction bid to tear down the existing burn building and tower and replace them with a state-of-the-art structure. The new facility will meet training needs for decades to come. Construction of the new burn building, which will be built on the same location as the former, began last fall. The new building will be four times as large as the former stand-alone burn building, and will incorporate the functions of a burn building and training tower into one single facility. The new building will allow for burning on multiple levels. It will also mimic the construction of large commercial and residential buildings that are typical in the south metro, allowing for realistic rescue and confined space training as well. Construction of this progressive training facility is scheduled to be completed this summer.

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The Apple Valley Fire Department has established training requirements for their firefighters that keep their personal safety and the mission of protecting the life and property of our residents and visitors as top priorities. The ability to continue partnering with the cities of Burnsville, Lakeville, and Eagan to create the new A.B.L.E. fire training facility will provide the best tool available for Apple Valley firefighters to respond safely and effectively to the emergency needs in our city.

2013 STREET MAINTENANCE

The City of Apple Valley performs street maintenance work on an annual basis to preserve the condition of streets throughout our community. This work is not specially assessed to residents and property owners as the costs of the program are incorporated into the property tax levy. Apple Valley primarily uses three methods for maintaining the condition of streets:

- Micro-surfacing - sealing the pavement surface
- Overlay - placement of a new 1-inch to 2-inch thick asphalt surface on the street
- Full depth pavement replacement

Micro-surfacing consists of applying a thin (0.25 inches) layer of oil and rock mixture over the existing street surface. The resulting product is similar to a street overlay and has a life expectancy of approximately seven years. Because the application process is not conducive to use in cul-de-sacs, they will receive a seal coat consisting of an oil-based sealant. These methods are preventative maintenance techniques.

Overlays generally consist of patching failed pavement, repairing failed or damaged concrete curb and gutter, milling each edge of the street, and applying a new 1-inch to 2-inch thick layer of pavement over the entire surface. The procedure is generally applied to middle-aged streets and acts to provide a new wearing surface and revitalization of the pavement structure.

Full-depth pavement replacement of a street is utilized as pavement nears the end of its useful life cycle. This process consists of replacing failed or damaged concrete curb and gutter, and removal and reconstruction of the existing pavement, gravel base, and subgrade materials.

For 2013 the City of Apple Valley has identified approximately 10 centerline miles of streets to receive one of the three forms of maintenance.

The work will include park trail maintenance and spot repair of concrete along the ring route. It is anticipated that park, ring route, and overlay work will begin by early May; micro-surfacing work will begin in July; and all work will be complete no later than mid-September. Areas of full-depth pavement replacement will begin in June and July and are anticipated to be complete by the end of August.

The following list identifies the areas tentatively scheduled for work in 2013. The list may be adjusted based on bid prices received and available funding for the project. If you have questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 952-953-2400.

Water Restrictions

From May 1 to September 30, no lawn watering is permitted between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. These restrictions do not apply to hand watering of plants (hose must be attended), children's water toys when in use by children, and non-irrigation water use such as vehicle washing. New sod laid and trees planted in the calendar year are exempt.

MICRO-SURFACING/SEAL COATING

Street	From	To
147th Street West	County Road 42	Galaxie Avenue
153rd Street West	Galaxie Avenue	Flagstaff Avenue
Flagstone Trail	Fountain Avenue	Footbridge Way
Flintwood Way	Flagstone Trail	Flagstone Trail
Flora Way	Freeport Trail	145th Street
Footbridge Way	Flagstone Trail	East of Flagstone Trail
Fountain Avenue	140th Street	Flagstone Trail
Forest Lane	Flintwood Way	Flintwood Way
Fossil Lane	Footbridge Way	Flagstone Trail
Foliage Avenue	145th Street West	147th Street
Galaxie Avenue	Founders Lane	160th Street
Galaxie Avenue	146th Street	130th Street
Garrett Avenue	147th Street	Glazier Avenue

OVERLAY

Street	From	To
144th Street	Pilot Knob Road	Ebony Lane
Ebony Lane	Embry Path	144th Street
Embry Path	Essex Avenue	144th Street
Embry Court	Gaslight Drive	155th Street
157th Street	Gooseberry Way	Granada Avenue
Granada Avenue	Granada Avenue	157th Street
160th Street	Griffon Path	157th Street
Granada Avenue	Griffon Court	Hallmark Path
Hannover Path	Hallmark Way	Hallmark Court
Hallmark Way	Hannover Path	157th Street
Hannover Path	Griffon Path	Hallmark Way

FULL DEPTH PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT

Street	From	To
135th Street	Galaxie Avenue	Fordham Avenue
137th Court	Fairlawn Avenue	135th Street
Cul-de-sac	Fordham Avenue	Galaxie Avenue
135th Street	Fordham Court	Franchise Avenue
Whitney Drive	Garden View Drive	Pennock Lane

CAUTION: Work Crew Ahead

Please be aware of City crews this summer and drive carefully near their work sites. Summer work includes street repairs, litter picking, sewer cleaning, sign replacement, crosswalk striping, and hydrant flushing and repairs.

Drinking Water Report

The annual Drinking Water Report will be posted on the City's web site in June. The report is a requirement of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Visit cityofapplevalley.org or call 952-953-2400 for more information.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

– DIAL 8-1-1

Remember to call Gopher State One Call (GSOC) before you do any digging. State law requires anyone doing any excavating to call GSOC at least 48 hours in advance (excluding weekends and holidays). When you call GSOC, they notify companies with underground utilities in the area. If the companies determine an underground utility could be affected by your digging, they will mark the area with paint or flags. Call **651-454-0002**, or **811** for GSOC.



SANITARY SEWER INFO

Sewer Backups

If you have a sewer backup and do not know the cause of the blockage, consider calling the Public Works Department before you call a drain cleaning company. You may be able to avoid an unnecessary charge if the problem is in the City's sewer line rather than yours. A Public Works employee will determine if the problem is in the City's line.

952-953-2400 (Public Works)

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

952-322-2323 (Police Department)

After hours, weekends and holidays.

Sanitary sewer line blockages can be caused by grease and improper disposal of items as well as tree roots. FOG (Fats, Oils, and Grease) can solidify in the sewer lines and restrict other waste from flowing through. Lines can be blocked by disposable diapers, towelettes, feminine hygiene products, washing machine lint, or any items flushed down the drain or toilet.

Some homeowner insurance policies exclude damage resulting from sewer backups. Many insurers have riders that can be purchased to insure loss due to sewer backups.

Sanitary Sewer Program

Routine sanitary sewer cleaning and maintenance is done on approximately 60 miles of sewer lines annually. A map of areas to be cleaned is posted on the City web site, www.cityofapplevalley.org. Remember to keep the toilet lid down when cleaning operations are being done in your neighborhood. During cleaning operations, air can vent into a home through the sanitary sewer service line and ventilation system. A blockage in the sanitary sewer ventilation system can cause water in the toilet to bubble or splash out of the bowl.

Street Light Maintenance

Is there a burned out street light in your neighborhood? If so, contact Dakota Electric at **651-463-6287**. If possible, note the identification number found at eye level on the pole. With this number, Dakota Electric knows the pole's exact location. If you do not know the pole number, please provide the closest address or cross streets. In addition to replacing burned out bulbs, Dakota Electric repairs

City Information on Channel 16

Apple Valley Government Access Community Television features useful City information on the Channel 16 Bulletin Board as part of its regular program day. The Bulletin Board lists a variety of City Meeting Schedules and Agendas, Hotline Numbers and gateway information for City Services, special announcements and events, and daily program guides.

Live, Gavel-To-Gavel, Televised Meeting Coverage

Apple Valley Government Access Channel 16 telecasts all of the City Council and Planning Commission meetings live. Meeting coverage is also replayed on a variety of days and times to provide more opportunities for citizen involvement in their local government. The City Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. In addition the meeting is replayed on Thursdays & Saturdays at 2:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 7:00 p.m. The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. Replays are on Wednesdays at 2:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Apple Valley Programs On Channel 16 :

"Valley Beat" and "Hook & Ladder" share information about, give a look inside, and highlight the excellent work and members of the Police and Fire Departments in Apple Valley. Six new episodes of each program are produced annually.

Valley Beat:

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Monday 1:00 a.m.

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 1:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Friday 1:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Apple Valley Hook & Ladder:

Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.

Monday 1:30 a.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 1:30 a.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Friday 1:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Programs and telecast times are also listed on the Channel 16 Bulletin Board Program Guide, and the City Web site at: www.cityofapplevalley.org

Diseased Shade Tree Inspections

Have you noticed any unhealthy looking elm or oak trees? Each year, Public Works inspects for oak wilt and Dutch elm disease beginning in June and continuing through the growing season.

Early detection is the most effective way to manage disease. Both diseases are caused by a fungus and can be transmitted from tree to tree by insects or root grafting. City Ordinance requires that elm trees infected with Dutch elm disease, and red oak trees infected with oak wilt must be removed and properly disposed to control the spread of these two diseases. The City will again offer residential property owners cost sharing in 2013 for costs associated with diseased tree expenses. Details on the Cost Share Program can be found on the City website or requested from Natural Resources.

If you suspect a tree is diseased, want information on the Cost Share Program, or have any tree-related questions; please call the Natural Resources Division at (952) 953-2460 or visit cityofapplevalley.org.

Buckthorn

Buckthorn is an invasive, non-native small tree infesting many forested areas. Left unmanaged, buckthorn overtakes native species and becomes the dominant plant in forest understories and along woodland edges. It is nearly impossible to walk through buckthorn-infested areas, and buckthorn provides little wildlife value. Buckthorn was brought from Europe to the United States as a landscape plant in the late 1800s.

For the average do-it-your-selfer, buckthorn is generally removed in two ways: pulled or dug out of the ground, or cut off at ground level. Plants less than 2" in diameter are the most feasible to pull or dig out, which removes the majority of the root system and eliminates the need for stump treatment. Plants greater than 2" in diameter are best tackled by cutting at ground level and applying a chemical stump treatment to kill the root system. Products such as Brush Be Gone (active ingredient triclopyr) or Roundup (active ingredient glyphosate) are effective for treating buckthorn stumps, and available at most retail stores selling yard and garden supplies. Herbicides for killing grass and weeds are not effective for killing buckthorn root systems. **ALWAYS READ THE PRODUCT LABEL AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS WHEN USING CHEMICALS.**

Apple Valley residents can use, free of charge, a City-owned weed wrench for pulling buckthorn plants from the ground. These mechanical levers are designed for pulling buckthorn plants up to 2.5" in diameter. A \$200 deposit is required at the time of tool pickup, and is returned when the tool is brought back.

The following options are recommended for buckthorn disposal:

- 1 Refuse haulers provide convenient and affordable yard waste service for residents. Most haulers can provide both a weekly yard waste collection service throughout the growing

season and an on-call service to collect yard waste materials. Contact your hauler for specifics relating to brush disposal.

- 2 Removed buckthorn plants pose no threat of spreading or impacting the environment. Buckthorn is about the same density as hickory so it makes good firewood.
- 3 Buckthorn trunks and branches can be chipped and used safely for mulch. The City maintains a list of tree work contractors licensed in Apple Valley, many of which provide wood chipping services.
- 4 Buckthorn materials, including stumps, can be disposed of at most compost sites. The Wood Mulch Store located in Empire Township accepts buckthorn materials. Details can be found on their website, <http://www.mulchstoremn.com>.

For additional information or assistance identifying buckthorn, call the Natural Resources Division at 952-953-2460, or search for buckthorn at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us>.

Doing Your Daily Dooty

Ah, spring. Leaves on the trees. Birds singing. And doggy doo-doo all over our City parks. Ok, so not all signs of spring are pleasant and tranquil. For example, the dog piles that were covered by snow until revealed by the spring thaw. Please be considerate and always pick up after your pet to help prevent the spread of disease, reduce phosphorus in local lakes, and be responsible. Old grocery, sandwich, and bread bags are easy to take with you when you walk your dog, and park garbage cans make disposal convenient. We'll all have a more enjoyable summer this year because you decided to pooper scoop.

Help Prevent Flooding!

With the rainy season upon us, the Public Works Department seeks your help to prevent flooding of streets and ponds which can cause damage to homes and property. Clogged catch basins and pond outlet grates prevent the City's storm water system from operating properly. Your assistance in removing or eliminating debris from street gutters and back yards can make a big difference.

Removing debris from the street gutter along your property will prevent it from washing down the street and clogging a catch basin grate. During a rainstorm, debris can be washed a long way. If you notice debris at a catch basin, please remove it as soon as possible. Flooded streets are often the result of a blocked storm water catch basin grate.

If you live on or near a pond or a drainage swale, it is important to keep woodpiles and other items above the potential high water line. Debris carried from backyards is a major contributor to clogged pond outlet grates. A clogged outlet can cause water levels to rise which may result in damage to yards and homes. If we all strive to keep the storm water flowing, perhaps we can minimize the occurrence of flooded streets and ponds, and help prevent property damage. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Public Works at **952-953-2400**. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Healthy Lawns, Blue Water

Now that spring is here, you may be looking forward to the switch from snow blower to lawnmower. But before you head outside to get the yard in order, here are a few time and money saving tips that will not only benefit your particular patch of green, but will also benefit the environment.

Fertilizing

Consider the amount of fertilizer you use, how you use it, and whether it can be reduced. Adding too much fertilizer wastes money, causes water quality problems, endangers drinking water supplies, and can even stress the grass to the point where it is more susceptible to disease.

You don't want to use more fertilizer than is needed to maintain a healthy lawn to out-compete weeds and prevent erosion. An inexpensive soil test will provide a homeowner with fertilizer recommendations for their lawn (University of Minnesota Soil Testing Lab,

<http://soiltest.cfans.umn.edu/>, 612-625-3101). Remember it is illegal in Minnesota to add fertilizer containing phosphorus to existing lawns unless a soil test indicates phosphorus levels are too low. Phosphorus is the middle number on the fertilizer bag and should be zero (e.g., 12-0-2). Use a slow release fertilizer whose percentage of water insoluble nitrogen is high to assure nitrogen is available for plants over a longer time period. This reduces the likelihood of nitrogen fertilizer being drained down through the soil into the groundwater and increases the likelihood that your lawn will have the nutrients it needs when it needs them.

Consider switching when you fertilize to the fall. Fertilizing in the fall doesn't promote grass blade growth at the expense of root growth.

Mowing

Mow higher and leave clippings on the lawn to biodegrade. Taller lawns have deeper roots that are better able to seek out moisture and nutrients in the soil, and dense grass growth helps shade out unwanted weeds. Mow your lawn to keep it about 3 – 3.5 inches high. Leaving grass clippings on your lawn when you mow can reduce yearly fertilizer amounts by 25% – 75%.

Watering

Change how and when you water. In general, about an inch of water per week will keep you're your lawn green throughout the summer. Pay attention to the weather. If it has already rained for a given week, you can subtract the amount it rained that week from how much you need to water. You can also consider upgrading your irrigation system with moisture sensing technology if you are worried about keeping track.

It is better to limit the time you water to no more than one day a week; watering frequently promotes shallow roots and turf diseases. Applying a larger volume of water less often promotes deeper root systems and healthier turf.

Don't be afraid to let your lawn go dormant. A brown lawn during August is usually dormant and not dead. Except for in cases of severe drought, your lawn will green right back up when rains return.

For more helpful watering tips, see the Water Conservation article in this newsletter.

For more information on growing a healthy, environmentally friendly lawn, consult the following websites: www.cityofapplevalley.org
www.bluethumb.org

www1.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/lawns/

Water Conservation

Conservation involves protection, upkeep, maintenance, management, and preservation of the water supply. Using water wisely will help protect this vital resource. Implement water conservation techniques in your daily routine.

Some outdoor watering tips:

- Check for leaks at outside fixtures. Leaks will needlessly cause your water bill to increase.
- Water in the early morning; it is the best time to water for all plants.
- Avoid watering during the afternoon, which is the hottest period of the day and when evaporation is greatest.
- Water only when your lawn needs it. If you step on the grass and it springs back, it doesn't need watering. An established lawn needs only one inch of water per week.
- Deep-soak your lawn. When you do water, do it long enough for the moisture to soak to the roots where it will be most beneficial.
- A light sprinkling can evaporate quickly and tends to encourage shallow root systems.
- Position your sprinklers so the water lands on the lawn or garden, not on paved areas.
- Plant drought resistant trees and plants. Add mulch around them to slow evaporation of moisture and discourage weak growth.

For additional information about water conservation, use the following links to the Metropolitan Council and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

www.metrocouncil.org/wastewater-water/planning/water-supply-planning/water-conservation-toolbox.aspx

www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/appropriations/conservation.html

If you have questions, contact the Public Works Department at 952-953-2400.





LEBANON CEMETERY

Lebanon Cemetery has two columbaria, which are above-ground structures designed for interring the cremated remains of our loved ones. The columbaria have single and double niches for one or two cremation urns. A bronze plaque with the deceased's name and years of birth and death is placed on the front of the niche space. The columbaria area provides a beautiful and peaceful setting for remembering loved ones. Drive through the cemetery sometime and take a look at this lovely feature. Rest on one of the benches and enjoy the flower gardens. Lebanon Cemetery of Apple Valley is located on the southeast corner of County Road 42 and Pilot Knob Road and is accessible from eastbound County Road 42 and northbound Pilot Knob Road.

For more information or to schedule an individual appointment to meet with a cemetery representative, please call **952-953-2400**.

Volunteers Needed

Would you be interested in assisting in providing a beautiful setting for people visiting the grave sites of loved ones? Your efforts picking up litter and weeding flower beds would be appreciated. This could be done at your convenience and as often as you would like.

For information about Lebanon Cemetery or volunteering, please visit www.cityofapplevalley.org, email pubworks@ci.apple-valley.mn.us, or call **952-953-2400**.

Staff would be pleased to assist you.

Prevent Vehicle Break-Ins

Along with the warm weather comes an increased risk of vehicle break-ins. The theft of items from vehicles is a crime of opportunity and is one of the most common types of crimes that Apple Valley police officers are called upon to investigate. They are also one of the most easily preventable crimes. You can do your part by securing your valuables. Helping to reduce your exposure will help to prevent property loss and damage.

This spring/summer the Apple Valley Police Department will be targeting surface parking lots in different areas of the city and issuing Risk Assessment Surveys to vehicle owners/drivers. The survey will be done by Police Department personnel and will notify you if you are at risk of being a victim of theft from your vehicle based on what is visible inside your vehicle and whether or not

your vehicle doors are locked and windows rolled up. In addition to the survey, vehicle owners/drivers will be supplied with a small circular vinyl cling to affix on their driver's side front window to serve as a reminder to lock your vehicle and remove all valuables upon leaving it.

In addition to the risk assessment, the Apple Valley Police want you to know some simple steps you can take to ensure you won't become a victim of theft from vehicle:

- Lock your vehicle at all times.
- Do not leave valuables, especially purses, in your vehicle even if it is for just a few minutes while at the gas station or convenience store or while dropping off the kids at day-care.
- Do not use the trunk as a secure storage area if the vehicle has an interior trunk release.
- If you choose to use the trunk as a storage area avoid transferring items to the trunk of a vehicle while in a parking lot where a thief may see you doing so.
- If you have an SUV without a trunk, consider carrying a blanket or coat to throw over valuables so that they aren't in plain sight.
- Remember, even items such as shopping bags, gym bags, etc. may seem to contain something of value and would be desirable to a thief.
- Avoid parking next to vans, pickups, and other large vehicles.
- These larger vehicles can "hide" your vehicle and make it more difficult for others to see.
- Park in well-lit parking spaces.
- If you have a garage, use it to keep your vehicle out of sight.
- If you absolutely have to park in your driveway, install motion sensor lights set to come on when someone approaches your vehicle or simply leave your outdoor lights on from dusk until dawn.
- Report any suspicious person(s) in or around vehicles in neighborhoods and in parking lots.

If you see or hear something that seems unusual or suspicious, get a description of the suspects and any vehicle used and call 911 immediately. Pay particular attention if you hear glass breaking (or a popping sound), you see someone looking into cars or ducking around them, you see someone tampering with a car or any other activity that just doesn't look or feel right.

By practicing these simple prevention tips and paying more attention to things going on in your neighborhood and around town we can all help prevent theft from vehicles.





2013 Environmental Guide

An environmental guide for the cities of Apple Valley, Burnsville and Eagan



www.DakotaValleyRecycling.org

Where Does Waste Go in Minnesota?



Data provided by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

In 2011, Minnesotans generated nearly 5.7 million tons of waste, of which 45% was recycled. The state goal is to reach a recycling rate of 50%.

Recycling Matters

When you've finished a can of pop, what do you do with it? Do you take the extra step to ensure that it is recycled? Recycling cans, bottles and paper not only decreases the materials going to landfills; it helps keep our environment healthy. By recycling, Twin Cities area residents:

USE LESS ENERGY

In one year, metro area recycling of recycling of metal, glass and plastics saves enough energy to heat over 78,000 houses for the year. Production of recycled paper uses 80% less water, 65% less energy and produces 95% less air pollution than paper production using raw materials. Recycling an aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours.

REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

The number of cans and bottles recycled in the Twin Cities metro area in one year reduced greenhouse gas emissions equal to taking 125,000 cars off the road.

SAVE NATURAL RESOURCES

Recycling aluminum reduces water consumption and air pollutants by 95%. Making glass from recycled material cuts water pollution by 50%. Recycling one ton of paper saves 7,000 gallons of water.

CREATE JOBS

Over 36,000 jobs in Minnesota are involved in recycling. In fact, recycling creates four jobs for every one job created in the waste management and disposal industries.

GENERATE REVENUE

Recycling generates \$64 million in Minnesota tax revenue every year.

So the next time you go to dispose of a pop can, bottle or newspaper, remind yourself how much recycling can do. To learn more, visit www.RethinkRecycling.com, the Twin Cities' resource for recycling and waste disposal.

What Can Go in my Recycling Cart at Home?

These guidelines apply to residents in Dakota County.

Paper



YES:

- Mail and envelopes
- Office and school paper
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspapers and inserts
- Phone books
- Shredded paper (in closed paper bag)
- Cardboard boxes (flattened)
- Boxes from toothpaste, medications and other toiletries
- Boxes from cereal, crackers, pasta and other dry foods
- Cardboard from empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls

NO:

- Paper or boxes soiled with food
- Paper towels or napkins
- Paper cups or plates
- Gift wrap

Plastic



YES:

- Water, soda and juice bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Ketchup and salad dressing bottles
- Dishwashing liquid bottles and detergent jugs
- Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles

NO:

- Styrofoam™
- PVC pipes
- Toys or school/office supplies
- Containers that held hazardous products, such as automotive fluids or pesticides

Glass



YES:

- Glass food/beverage bottles & jars

NO:

- Drinking glasses, mugs, dishes, cookware, pottery or vases
- Window or mirror glass
- Containers that held hazardous products, such as nail polish or hobby paint

Cartons



YES:

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

Metal



YES:

- Metal food and beverage cans

NO:

- Containers that held hazardous products, such as paint thinner or automotive fluids

Call your hauler: Some recycling haulers collect more materials than what is listed on this page. For Example:

Paper: Pizza boxes, paper egg cartons, and pop/beer cases

Plastics: Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups; disposable cups and bowls; margarine, cottage cheese, and other containers; produce, deli and take out containers; clear packaging from toys and electronics; plastic caps and lids

Metal: Aluminum foil, aluminum trays or pie tins, and empty aerosol cans

Go to www.DakotaValleyRecycling.org/haulers for hauler information.

Frequently Asked Disposal Questions

If you've cleaned out your attic, closet or garage, it's likely you've asked yourself "what do I do this this?" Some of that stuff might be chemicals, electronics or appliances, which are banned from the garbage because of environmental and health concerns. Others might just be things that don't fit in the trash can and can be recycled. Here are the answers to those disposal FAQs.



Household Chemicals

Automotive: auto batteries, antifreeze, motor oil/filters, tires.

Home Improvement:

paint, stain, paint remover/stripper/thinner, solvents, driveway sealer.

Household Items: aerosol cans, batteries (non-alkaline), cleaners, propane tanks, fluorescent lights.

The Recycling Zone • 651-905-4520

Free for residents • www.dakotacounty.us (search Recycling Zone) • See back page.



Major Appliances

Washers, dryers, ovens, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers,

dishwashers, dehumidifiers, trash compactors, water heaters, air conditioners, water softeners.

Local Appliance Recyclers

(call for hours, directions and fees)

Advanced Recyclers • 651-454-9215

Inver Grove Heights
www.advancedrecyclers.com

Certified Recycling • 952-894-1448

Burnsville • www.certifiedappliance.com

Plaza TV and Appliance • 651-457-1196

West Saint Paul • www.plazatv.com



Carpeting and Carpet Padding:

Clean, dry carpet and padding from remodeling projects.

Bro-Text Carpet Recycling Program

(call for hours and fees)

Hank's Specialties • 612-452-7222 • Eagan

www.DakotaValleyRecycling.org/other-residential-recycling/carpet • go to website for preparation requirements



Mattresses and Box Springs

PPL Industries • 612-332-0664

Minneapolis • www.pplindustries.org

Donation Opportunities

(Good condition only)

Bridging, Inc. • 952-888-1105

Bloomington • www.bridging.org



Electronics

Televisions, VCR players, DVD players, computers (laptops, monitors, printers,

keyboard, speakers, modem, etc.), stereo equipment, MP3 players, gaming systems, cell phones, tablets.

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Inver Grove Heights
www.advancedrecyclers.com

Certified Recycling • 952-894-1448

Burnsville • www.certifiedappliance.com

MPC • 651-681-8099

Mendota Heights • www.mpc-e.com

Plaza TV and Appliance • 651-457-1196

West Saint Paul • www.plazatv.com

Retail Store with Electronics Recycling Program

Best Buy • multiple locations

www.bestbuy.com/recycling

Staples • multiple locations

www.staples.com search "recycling"

The Recycling Zone

651-905-4520

3365 Dodd Road
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www.dakotacounty.us

Search: *The Recycling Zone*



Thank You for Your Recycling Efforts

In 2012, residents had opportunities to recycle old shoes, Halloween pumpkins, holiday lights, CFL bulbs and more. Recycling programs like these help the environment and create jobs for Minnesotans through the collection, sorting, processing and remanufacturing of recycled materials. For example, last November, residents dropped off a total of 5.5 tons of shoes in one week! The shoes were collected by Twin Cities business USAgain and were either sold for reuse or sorted for recycling, breaking down the materials like leather, nylon, and rubber for new products.

Thank you to everyone that participated in any of these programs, making 2012's recycling efforts a major success!

Drop-off Hours at The Recycling Zone

	Recyclables & Electronics	Household Chemical & Hazardous Waste
Wednesday:	9 a.m. – 8 p.m.	3 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday:	Noon – 8 p.m.	Noon – 5 p.m.
Friday:	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Not Accepted
Saturday:	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Services Offered at The Recycling Zone

The Recycling Zone is your place to get rid of the stuff you can't throw in the trash. For a full list of items that can be disposed of at The Recycling Zone, go to www.dakotacounty.us and search "Recycling Zone." A valid driver's license is required to use these services.

Recycling

Bring in items such as glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles/jugs, metal cans, paper, cardboard, plastic bags, packing peanuts, scrap metal and cooking oil to be recycled for free. **NEW! Also accepted: plastic cups, tubs and deli containers; paper milk, juice and soup cartons.**

Electronics Recycling

Items such as computers, laptops, monitors, computer accessories, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, and game systems are accepted for free from households ONLY. **NEW! Also accepted: small household electronics such as blenders, coffee makers, toasters, toaster ovens, hair dryers and vacuum cleaners.** Remove batteries. Full list at www.dakotacounty.us. Business electronics are collected separately; contact The Recycling Zone for information.

Household Chemicals & Hazardous Waste Area

Items like paint, cleaners, chemicals, batteries, gasoline, automotive fluids, and fluorescent bulbs are accepted for free from households ONLY. Businesses with hazardous waste should contact Dakota County at 952-891-7020 for more information.

Free Stuff Area

Usable household chemicals such as paint and cleaners are free for the taking.

Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sales

Buy backyard compost bins and rain barrels for your home. Call for availability and pricing.

Aluminum Can Redemption

Bring in your aluminum cans and The Recycling Zone will pay you for them. Call for redemption prices.

Mercury Thermometer Exchange

Exchange your mercury medical thermometer for a digital alternative.