Rice County
Recycling & Disposal

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Solid Waste Disposal For The Future

Years ago, disposal of unwanted items was easy. Trash was set out and a garbage hauler took it away to a dump. Environmental problems of contaminated groundwater began when chemicals were deposited in the landfills. Disposal regulations have changed and modern landfills are now constructed to protect groundwater.

Our natural resources are limited and materials can be remanufactured into new products rather than used once and stored forever in a landfill. Recycling has become a way of life for most of us.

Most everything can be reused or recycled into new products. Some materials have limited or no markets or are too costly to disassemble for recycling. This booklet explains how to manage the most common household wastes.

Questions regarding solid waste, contact

* Rice County 332-6833
  3800 145th Street E., Dundas 55019
* Northfield 645-9576
* Lonsdale 744-5185

All rates and disposal options are for Rice County residents ONLY! Out of county wastes are subject to prior approval. Call for rates.

Waste Reduction

Reduce

Reuse

Recycle

Waste reduction is considered the best method of waste management:

* Causes no harm to environment
* Costs nothing for a family to implement (in fact, saves money)
* Does not use up natural resources

IDEAS

* Purchase equipment that is durable, repairable and energy-efficient
* Pack lunches in reusable food containers
* Buy concentrates
* Use your own cloth bag or reuse brown or plastic grocery bags
* Look for products that are either biodegradable or nontoxic
* Reuse your own metal hangers instead of purchasing new
* Buy recycled products
* Donate clean clothing in good condition to a charity or sell through consignment shops and garage sales. Buy used clothing.
Common household products, such as paints, solvents, cleaning products, adhesives and pesticides can be hazardous to humans, animals and the environment when improperly disposed. Rice County works with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to provide a safe place for residents to dispose of household chemicals. Residents are encouraged to bring in any unwanted usable hazardous waste where it can be placed onto our reuse shelves for others to take home for use free of charge.

**Rice County Household Hazardous Waste Facility**

**Location:** Rice County Recycling Center 1 mile east of Hwy. 3 between Faribault and Northfield  
**Hours:** Wednesdays 7:30 am to 3:30 pm  
2nd & 4th Saturdays 7:30 am to 11:30 am  
**Phone:** Rice County Recycling Center 332-6833

**Business Hazardous Waste & Farm Pesticides/ Herbicides**

Hazardous Business Waste will be accepted by appointment only. Rice County’s Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator will help businesses and farms with the minimal paperwork. Many of the details can be handled over the phone. Information on packing, labeling, and shipping requirements will be provided when you pre-register.

### FREE PRODUCTS AT RICE COUNTY

- **Wood Chips** for landscaping
- **Cleaning Products**
- **Paints**
- **Adhesives**
- **Reconditioned Antifreeze** call for availability
- **Stains**
- **Sealers**
- **Solvents**

**Disposal at Recycling Center**

- **Used Antifreeze**  
  - *Keep in same container*
- **Used Oil & Filters**  
  - *Car batteries accepted*  
  - *Oil from small engines/cars/trucks*  
  - *Put in plastic container to avoid spills*

**Yard Wastes**  
- *Leaves, grass, clippings, twigs,*  
  - *No bags, lumber, or rocks*

**Tires**

- *16" & under = $1.00/each up to 8 after 8 = $2.00 each*
- *Rims are no extra charge*
- *Truck tires 16"-22"/racing slicks = $5.00/each*
- *Truck tires over 22" = $10.00/each*
- *Tractor tires = $20.00/each*
- *TRACTOR TIRES ON RIMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED*

**Appliances**

- *Air Conditioner = $10.00*
- *Appliances = $5.00/each*
- *No commercial appliances accepted*
- *Gas refrigerators under 4 feet = $25.00*
- *Gas refrigerators over 4 feet = $50.00*
- *GARBAGE: toasters, fans, hair dryers, TV’s, electric fry pans and other small appliances (place in garbage can).*

### Electronics Recycling Is Here!

To give the residents of Rice County an option for proper management of these devices, the Rice County Recycling Center will accept electronics for the following fees:

- **TV’s & Computer Screens** $15 per unit
- **Cell Phone/small rechargeable devices/batteries** No charge—taken to HHW facility
- **Computer towers, small home printers** $5 per unit
- **Small electronic devices** $2 per item

Businesses are currently prohibited from disposing of any electronic device with their garbage and must contact an electronic recycling company or the Solid Waste Department for recycling options. These fees are for Rice County Residents only. Call for out of county or business rates.
State law requires the following items to be recycled. In some cases, payment is required. Charges vary with the place of business and type of material. It may be more convenient to recycle these old items at the store you buy the new item. The Rice County Recycling Center will accept all of these items from non-businesses.

**TIRES**
Most tire dealers accept tires for recycling. Tires may also be recycled at the Rice County Recycling Center.

**BATTERIES**
Businesses that sell automotive (lead acid) batteries accept used batteries for recycling. Rechargeable Nickel-cadmium batteries must be recycled but household batteries may be trashed.

**MAJOR APPLIANCES**
These include washers, dryers, dishwashers, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, trash compactors, microwave ovens, stoves, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, heat pumps and furnaces.

**FLUORESCENT LAMPS**
Some area hardware stores will accept fluorescent bulbs for recycling as does the Rice County Household Hazardous Waste Program. Call the Recycling Center for information on fluorescent bulb recycling for businesses.

**USED MOTOR OIL AND MOTOR OIL FILTERS**
Do-it-Yourselfers may dispose of used oil at the Rice County Recycling Center. Many full service auto centers accept used oil. Most places that sell oil filters will recycle them for a fee.
Yard Waste

Minnesota law forbids the landfilling of yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings and brush. Minnesotans are encouraged to compost yard waste at home or bring yard waste to a community compost site.

Composting is a process that uses water, air and naturally occurring microbes to convert organic matter into a valuable resource. Added to gardens or placed at the base of trees and shrubs, compost contains essential nutrients for healthy plant growth, acts as a soil conditioner, helps the soil to hold moisture better and prevents erosion.

A backyard compost pile can be easily constructed and maintained. For information on backyard composting and options for building compost structures, call the Recycling Hotline.

Community Compost Sites

For more information on locations, call the Recycling Hotline at 332-6833.

Rice County Waste Management
Monday - Friday 7:30 am to 3:30 pm
Saturdays 7:30 am to 11:30 am

Call for hours at:

- Faribault: 334-2222
- Lonsdale: 744-2327
- Morristown: 685-2302
- Northfield: 645-8833

BRING TO THE RECYCLING CENTER

Clean Used Clothing

- Drapes & blankets ok;
- No belts, shoes, purses, rubber, plastic, carpet, etc.
- No leather shoes or belts
- Place in bags or boxes

Magazines

- Glossy magazines
- Glossy catalogs

Phone Books

Look for recycling drop-off instructions in the new phone book or bring to Rice County Recycling Center the rest of the year.

Junk Mail & Office Paper

- White/pastel papers
- Copy paper/letterhead
- Envelopes with/without windows

Corrugated Cardboard

- Look for wavy layer
- No cereal/kleenex carton boxes or waxy coatings
- Clean and dry

Electronics Recycling Is Here!

Effective July 1, 2006 all electronics with a Cathode Ray Tube (such as TV's and computer monitors) will be banned from disposal as garbage in Minnesota. This means that all CRT-containing devices will need to be recycled by businesses and households alike!

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For more information of electronic recyclers and collection events go to the Office of Environmental Assistance web site at: www.moea.state.mn.us/plugin

Any questions call the Solid Waste Department at:
- Faribault: 332-6833
- Northfield: 645-9576
- Lonsdale: 744-5185
LANDFILL

HOURS:
MONDAY - FRIDAY  7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
SATURDAY  7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

RATES:  $.03/LB MINIMUM CHARGE $17.55 (up to 500 lbs.)

ACCEPTED
Household refuse (food, diapers, etc.)
Asbestos (24 hour notice)
Furniture
Empty dried paint cans (remove lids)
New construction material
Greentreated wood
Railroad ties
All carpet and backing

NOT ACCEPTED
Recyclables
Yard waste
Tires
Ashes in barrels

LOADS WITH UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL SUBJECT TO A $100.00 CLEAN UP FEE

ALL LOADS MUST BE COVERED AND HAVE THE TAILGATE UP

DEMOLITION

HOURS:
MONDAY - FRIDAY  7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
SATURDAY  7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

RATES:  $26.00/TON MINIMUM CHARGE $10.00 (up to 500 lbs.)

ACCEPTED
Old building materials
Demolition of buildings
Untreated lumber (pallets on separate pile)
Windows & linoleum
Siding & insulation (no bags)
Fiberglass/Ceramic/Cast iron sinks/tubs

NOT ACCEPTED
New construction waste
Hazardous waste
Treated lumber or sheet rock
Buckets/Caulking tubes or paint pails
No plastic bags or sheet plastic

Minnesota Statues Section: 169.81 Subd. 5.
No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway unless such vehicle is so constructed, loaded, or the load securely covered as to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking, blowing, or otherwise escaping there from. Violation of this subdivision is a petty misdemeanor.