

Recycle News

Fall 2017

Recycling Plastic

Caps, bags and those numbers!

Here are some tips for reducing and recycling plastics

First step is to reduce. Before we talk plastics recycling, let's talk about avoiding plastic in the first place:

- Use reusable water bottles
- Bring reusable shopping bags to the grocery store
- When purchasing other products, consider choosing the product with the least amount of packaging.

Now we want to answer those common questions regarding recycling plastics:

Caps and lids are okay!

Empty the container and put the cap back on recyclable bottles, such as milk, juice, beverage, laundry soap, shampoo and more. Throw away the straw and put the lid back on clear to-go cups. If left loose in the recycling cart, the cap or lid will most likely get thrown away and not make it through the recycling process.

Left on the container, plastic recycling companies can recover them.

Plastic bags—recycle at retailers only

Plastic bags are not accepted in curbside recycling programs with other plastics since they are a problem at the recycling

facilities. They get tangled on their equipment and cause plant outages. However, they are collected in bins throughout the metropolitan area at many grocery stores and large retailers. This includes nearly any type of stretchy film plastic as long as it is clean and dry. Some examples include toilet paper wrap, paper towel wrap, and plastic bags.

What do those numbers on the plastic containers mean?

How many times have you asked yourself, 'I wonder if this is recyclable?' Plastic containers are labeled with the recycling symbol containing a number inside it. The number indicates the type of plastic used to make the product—not necessarily that it is recyclable. If a business

cannot make a new product from recycled materials, then it is not recyclable. These are the numbers that have strong markets and are desirable to collect and recycle:

- #1 PET and #2 HOPE, these plastic containers have long been recycled and now include many to-go cups and plastic to-go containers.
- #5 PP (polypropylene), examples of these plastic containers include yogurt and cottage cheese tubs, fruit cups, to-go cups and medicine bottles.
- #6 PS (polystyrene), clear plastic to-go containers are accepted in curbside programs. Deli and bakery product packaging are some examples.



Recycling 101

Document Shredding Offered at Fall Recycle Day!

Pioneer International will be at the Oak Grove Fall Recycling day on Saturday, September 16 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. All shredded documents are sent to pulping mills where they are recycled into paper which not only ensures complete destruction of materials, but also saves trees. **Each ton of paper saves 17**

trees and 7,000 gallons of water! You can bring bank account info, blank checks, billing invoices, health records, insurance data, legal documents, and any documents that you would like shredded. Help protect your identity, and help the environment.




No Household Hazardous Waste

Please remember household hazardous waste is not accepted at the Oak Grove Fall Recycle day. Take unwanted household chemicals to the Anoka County Hazardous Waste Facility, 3230 101st Avenue NE in Blaine.

You must be a resident of the county, and it is free of charge. Find more details at anokacounty.us/HHW or call 763-323-5730.

Curbside Recycling Guide

Paper	Glass	Metal	Cartons	Plastics
<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail, office & school papers • Magazines & catalogs • Newspapers & inserts • Phone books <p>Boxes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardboard • Cereal, cracker & pasta boxes • Shoe, gift & electronic boxes • Toothpaste & other toiletry boxes 	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverage & food bottles & jars 	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverage & food cans 	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk cartons • Juice cartons • Juice boxes (straws removed) • Soup, broth & wine cartons 	<p>YES</p> <p>Bottles & jugs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water, soda & juice bottles • Milk & juice jugs • Ketchup & salad dressing bottles • Dish soap bottles & detergent jugs • Shampoo, soap & lotion bottles <p>Cups, tubs & containers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yogurt, pudding & fruit cups • Clear plastic cups • Margarine, cottage cheese, cream cheese & other tubs • Clear deli, berry & produce containers
<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza boxes or boxes soiled with food • Egg cartons • Refrigerator & freezer boxes • Paper towels, napkins, paper plates & cups • Gift wrap & tissue paper • Paper towel/toilet paper cores 	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinking glasses, mugs, dishes, cook ware, pottery & vases • Window & mirror glass • Containers that held hazardous products, such as nail polish or hobby paints • Light bulbs 	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paint cans • Aerosol cans • Containers that held hazardous products, such as paint thinner or automotive fluids 	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cream cartons • Egg cartons • Plastic straws 	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Styrofoam™ • Containers from hazardous materials like automotive fluids & pesticides • Black food trays • Plastic utensils • Plastic bags



2017 Oak Grove Fall Residential Recycling Day

Saturday, September 16 • 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

815 Viking Boulevard NW, Oak Grove

Please bring this form to the recycling event.

Pay with cash or check, made out to the City of Oak Grove, only.

ITEM	FEE FOR EACH	QUANTITY	SUBTOTAL
Appliances			
Stove, refrigerator, oven, dishwasher, microwaves, toaster ovens, etc.	\$5		
Ammonia Gas Refrigerators	\$130		
Commercial Refrigerators	\$25-\$50		
Pop Machines	\$25		
Carpet			
Carpeting & pad tied in 5 foot segments No scraps, not wet!	\$6/roll		
Electronics			
Computer monitors, phones, printers, etc.	\$5		
Small TV 29" and under	\$10		
Large TV 30" and over	\$35		
Fluorescents			
Bulbs	50¢		
Over 4 feet	75¢		
Ballasts up to 4 pounds	\$4		
Ballasts up to 8 pounds	\$5		
Auto Batteries	FREE		
Paper Shredding	FREE		
Scrap Metal	FREE		
Tires			
Car/small truck without rims	FREE		
Car with rims	\$1		
Truck with rims	\$6		
Tractor without rims	\$25		
Tractor with rims	\$35		
TOTAL			

For more information, please call 763-404-7000.

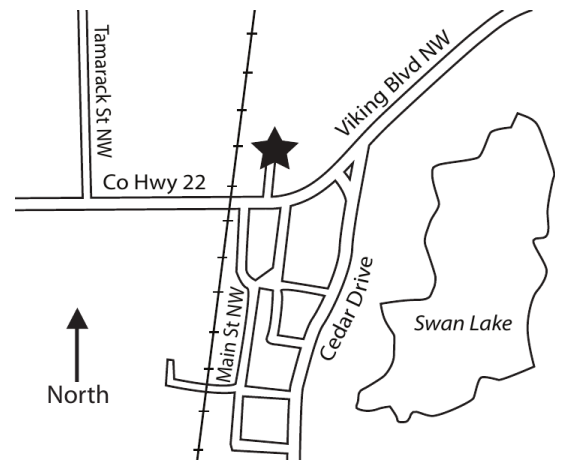
Fall Recycling Day



Gather your recyclables and join us for the City of Oak Grove's Fall Recycling Day.

Saturday, September 16
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Public Works Garage
815 Viking Boulevard NW
Oak Grove



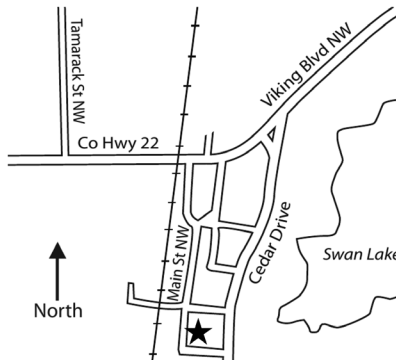
Oak Grove Drop Off Recycle Center

The Oak Grove Recycling Drop-Off Center is located at 19045 Main Street NW, across the street from Lifelong Learning Center in Oak Grove.

Items accepted at the center:

- Aluminum cans
- Steel food cans – rinse, remove labels
- Newspaper & supplements
- Box board
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Magazines
- Phone books
- Mixed paper/mail
- Glass – jars & bottles ONLY
- Plastic
- Used Motor Oil – RESIDENTS ONLY
- Used Oil Filters – RESIDENTS ONLY

For a complete list, please visit www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us, click on City Departments > Recycling > Recycling Center.



The Recycling Center is provided to serve your recycling needs and is not intended as a dumping area for unwanted wastes.

The Oak Grove City Hall is located at
19900 Nightingale Street NW
Oak Grove, MN 55011-9204
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday)
Phone 763-404-7000 • Fax 763-404-7001
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