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REDUCE ANOKA'S WASTE
FALL 2025

Anoka Pumpkin Smash Compost your Halloween pumpkins

In an effort to increase composting tonnage and reduce costs, this year the Pumpkin Smash will again be a "DIY" activity! We invite you to bring your Halloween pumpkins to drop into the dumpster from Saturday, November 1st through Sunday, November 9th at Rick Sorenson Park – 2015 State Avenue.

Reminder: Please remove all decorations and candles! And while we know your painted pumpkins are adorable, the paint is not great for the compost, so please don't include painted pumpkins in the mix. Thank you for composting your pumpkins!



FALL RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, September 27 | 8 a.m. – Noon

501 Pierce St. (enter off 7th Ave. & Pierce St.)

FREE PAPER
SHREDDING
(5 BOX/BAG LIMIT
PER CUSTOMER)

FREE to Recycle:

- Appliances (all major; stove, refrigerator, dryer, etc.)
- Batteries (all household and lead acid)
Place all lithium batteries in a separate bag
- Bicycles (any condition) – Collected by Bikes4Kids
- Cell phones, eyeglasses, ink cartridges, hearing aids
- Computer towers, laptops, tablets, (cords, cables, etc.)
- Corrugated cardboard
- Fluorescent lamps (limit 30), bulbs, ballasts
- String lights
- Scrap metal (must remove all non-metal parts and fluids; grills and lawn mowers accepted)

\$ FEES \$ to Recycle (per each):

CASH OR CHECKS ONLY – NO CREDIT CARDS
ACCEPTED BY ANY VENDOR!

Electronics – Cash or check to Recycling Technologies, Inc.

\$6–DVD/VCR/CD players, stereos, record players, small copiers, speakers, small appliances (toaster, coffee maker, etc.), fans, landline phones, cable boxes, tools, game consoles, etc.

\$7 – Computer or laptop with hard drive intact

\$10–Desktop printer | \$35 large printers (over 40 lbs.)

TVs & Computer Monitors

\$20–up to 17”

\$30–18”-31”

\$55–32”+

\$85–console/rear projection TVs

\$20 additional broken TV or CRT

Exercise Equipment

\$25–non-electric exercise equipment

\$40–Treadmill

Mattresses/Box Springs–Cash or check to Recycle Technologies, Inc.

\$10 – Crib mattress

\$15 – Twin, full, queen or king (any condition, but MUST be dry)

Tires–Cash or check to First State Tire Disposal

\$1.75 ATV or motorcycle tires (on/off rims)

\$2.50- passenger tires

\$3–light truck 16” & 17” (on/off rims)

\$5.25 – Bobcat or skid steer (on/off rims)

\$9 - \$50 – Semi and tractor, varying sizes and types

(\$10 additional on rim)

DONATE – Gently Used Clothing, Accessories and Shoes (in good condition only):

- Clothing, accessories, bedding and linens. No socks, underwear, or soiled items to support the Epilepsy Foundation.
- Shoes – any types, must be paired. We are partnering with Peterson Shoes of Anoka to support Soles4Souls which benefits third world countries.

NOT Accepted

Auto hulks, building/construction materials (windows, doors, wood, glass, etc.), carpet, child car seats, furniture, household décor/knick knacks, garbage, hazardous waste (paint, oil, propane tanks, etc.), smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, yard waste, organics, or compost.

We reserve the right to refuse items.

Questions? Call 763-576-2725 or email pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us

BEFORE Friday, Sept. 26th or visit anokaminnesota.com.

Thank you to Anoka Municipal Utility for subsidizing recycling costs for appliances and fluorescent lamps recycling. The Anoka Lions Club for volunteering, and for Public Services for labor assistance.

This event is funded by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners & State SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment) funds.



FREE ORGANICS RECYCLING DROP-OFF PROGRAM

Are you considering participating in Anoka's organics recycling program but feeling overwhelmed? Wondering how to keep track of it all or get your family on board? Don't worry, it's easier than you think and it's FREE! Just sign up and **Start Small**.



Start Small

- Did you know you can compost pizza boxes?
- How can you make it easier? Put a small waste can in your bathroom to sort out the compostable materials – tissues, paper, cotton swabs with wooden sticks (not plastic sticks), and cotton balls without nail polish remover.
- What about meat? You can add meat, poultry, and fish scraps, including bones, in your organics compost bin.
- Worried about odors? Stash your compost bags in the freezer until you are ready to drop them off at the organics site.

For your FREE organics kit and detailed information, please visit anokaminnesota.com or email Pam at pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us or call 763-576-2725.

COOL WEATHER MEANS SOUP SEASON

Here's a Kitchen Tip

Did you know you can make soup stock from food you are probably tossing? Collect vegetable scraps in a bag or container in the freezer—carrot peels, onion trimmings, garlic skins, leftover cooked vegetables, etc. You can even add leftover poultry bones and trimmings. Once you have a gallon bag full, put it all in a pot and cover well with water. Add some herbs and seasonings, bring to a boil, and then reduce the heat to low and simmer for an hour. Cool and strain the broth, pressing the vegetables to get all the flavor. Freeze or use right away in your favorite soup, stew, or gravy recipe.



CURBSIDE RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY – NOVEMBER 4TH

Appliances & Electronics Only

Anoka is partnering with J.R.'s Advanced Recyclers for a fall curbside pickup service on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. This service is only for household appliances and electronics. No other materials will be collected.

Call J.R.'s Advanced Recyclers (651-454-9215) for the following:

- To sign up (no later than Friday, Oct. 31, 2025)
- Make payment directly with them
- Ask them questions about the service

Have your item(s) at your curb on Tuesday, November 4th by 7 a.m. J.R.'s will be servicing until 2 p.m.

FEES:

- Anoka will cover transportation, labor, and appliance recycling fees through SCORE funds.
- Residents will pay electronics recycling fees as noted below:

Major Appliances (no ammonia units):

- Free recycling – must be clean and empty (no food/containers)

Electronics: Prices are per item

- FREE: keyboard, mouse, and cords
- If not listed—call J.R.'s for information



CD, DVD, or VCR Player	\$5	Stereo Console	\$50
Copier (small)	\$25	Treadmill	\$25
Copier (medium)	\$60	TV (13" and smaller)	\$25
Laptop	\$15	TV (14"-19")	\$30
Monitor (CRT up to 17")	\$30	TV (20"-27")	\$35
Monitor (CRT 18" and up)	\$35	TV (28" and larger)	\$55
Printer (small)	\$15	TV Console	\$55
Printer (large/laser)	\$35	TV (Plasma/LCD 4"-20")	\$20
Small Radio or Scanner	\$15	TV (Plasma/LCD 21"+)	\$30
Stereo Receiver	\$25	Vacuum cleaner	\$5

DITCH THE SHOWER GEL

Making the switch from shower gel to bars of soap is an easy way to reduce consumption of single-use plastics. Bar soaps come in different blends to suit body washing, face wash, shampoo and shaving, so your line-up of bottles may become a line-up of bars.

Some people also go one step further and check the ingredients of the soap to ensure they don't contain palm oil, which contributes to deforestation.

Bar soap can often purchased packaging, especially bulk food, and organic stores.

Source: plasticfreejuly.org



RECYCLE STRING LIGHTS

Beginning Monday, November 3rd, Anoka's WRRB will be collecting old, unwanted string lights for recycling at Anoka City Hall. The collection will continue through the end of January 2026. Drop off string lights M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except holidays) in the collection boxes in the lower level of City Hall.

Please do NOT bring rope lights or decorations and please make sure the bag or box you bring the lights in is clean - our volunteers appreciate it.

Call 763-576-2725 or email pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us with questions.



REDUCE WRAPPING PAPER

This holiday season consider wrapping gifts in newspaper, an old map, towel, decorated reusable bag, or any type of cloth to reduce use of single-use wrapping paper.

DONATE GENTLY USED SHOES

Anoka's Waste Reduction & Recycling Board is happy to continue to "pair" up with Peterson Shoes of Anoka to collect gently used shoes for Soles4Souls. Please drop off paired shoes to Peterson Shoes located at 209 E Main St., during regular business hours.



We thank Peterson Shoes for their work in collecting, packaging, and mailing the shoes! This year, so far, over 800 pounds of shoes have been

collected. To learn more about Soles4Souls, visit soles4souls.org.

BUILDING MATERIAL COLLECTION EVENT

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
LINO LAKES PUBLIC WORKS
1189 Main St, Lino Lakes, MN 55014

Not sure what to do with leftover building materials from a home project? Bring leftover building materials to the collection event this September at Lino Lakes Public Works.

For more information and list of acceptable materials scan QR code or visit: AnokaCountyMN.gov/Reuse
*Event only for Anoka County residents, not for commercial use

For event questions, call Anoka County Recycling & Resource Solutions at 763-324-3400. For questions about what is and is not accepted, call Better Futures Minnesota at 612-351-8657.

Residential Recycling Questions?

ACE Solid Waste, Inc. 763-427-3110

- Curbside recycling information
- Missed service
- Service schedule
- Additional recycling container (no charge)

City Recycling Manager 763-576-2725
General residential recycling information



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