

City Designated Refuse Bags ("Blue Bags")

Why do we have to use blue bags?

Since 1993, state law has required garbage disposal pricing in Minnesota to be based on either weight or volume to encourage waste reduction and recycling efforts. This means that a household that produces 1 trash bag a week shouldn't have the same disposal cost as a household that produces 3 bags a week. The City of Virginia, along with other cities throughout the state, designed a bag system based on volume that requires all residential customers to use a blue bag for garbage.

How does the bag system work?

The cost of City of Virginia blue bags is the cost of disposing of the trash at the County landfill. Residents of Virginia also pay a flat fee on utility bills that covers weekly pick up and haulage. The "flexible" cost of your garbage disposal is through the blue bags. While the bags are sold at a set price, it lets a household determine how many bags full they need. By reducing and recycling waste, households can reduce garbage and spend less money on blue bags.

Blue bags are available at most grocery and hardware stores in the Virginia area in two sizes— 13 and 30 gallons.