

Curbside Recycling Instructions

Mixed Paper: newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, box board, catalogs up to 1/2 inch thick

Place in a paper grocery bag or loosely in a bin.

Please make sure your recycling won't blow down the street when you put it at the curb.



Cardboard: Cardboard flattened and cut into 2'x2' sections will be picked up through your curbside program. Cardboard may also be dropped off at one of several drop off locations throughout St. Louis County.



No wet cardboard, pizza boxes or plastic coated cardboard please!

Glass: all glass food and beverage bottles and jars. *No lids.* Rinse, drain and store separately in a paper grocery bag.



Examples of items that are NOT accepted:

- Improperly sorted materials
- Egg cartons
- Packaging contaminated with grease or food
- Tissue or gift wrapping paper
- Frozen or refrigerated food packaging
- Misc. metals such as hangers, pots/pans
- Window glass, light bulbs, ceramics, dishes
- Misc. plastics such as toys, dishes, lawn ornaments
- Motor oil containers
- Plastic bags (collected at our transfer stations and some big box stores)

Plastics: all #1 and #2 plastic bottles, tubs and jars. *No caps or lids.*

Rinse, drain, flatten and Place in a paper grocery bag or bin.



Metal cans: aluminum, tin and bi-metal food and beverage cans. Rinse drain, flatten and store with plastics and cartons.



Cartons: ***NEW*** gabled (milk, cream, egg substitute, etc.) and aseptic (juice boxes, soup boxes, gravies, sauces) cartons. *No caps or lids.* Rinse, drain, flatten and store with plastics and cans.



Make sure recycling is in **FRONT** of your residence by 7:00 am on your designated day. Recyclables can be put in a cardboard box, laundry basket, plastic bin or simply separated into paper bags.

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.

Household Hazardous Waste

can be brought to...

-HHW facility at the Regional Landfill in Virginia on Tuesdays and Saturdays 8am-1pm

-HHW facility at the Hibbing Transfer Station on Saturdays 8am-1pm



The following problem materials can be recycled at one of several St. Louis County Solid Waste sites for **FREE**:

- 2 appliances per trip
- 4 tires per trip
- 6 fluorescent tubes or CFLs per trip
- 6 drained oil filters per trip
- Used oil, car batteries and antifreeze
- Scrap metal
- Yard waste, brush and branches

*Computer monitors/televisions and mattresses can be dropped off for a fee. See [County website for current rates](#).

Call or visit us online for a drop off location near you!

**stlouiscountymn.gov/recycle
218- 749-9703**

For more information:

**City of Virginia Public Works (218) 748-7515
St. Louis County Environmental Services (218) 749-9703**