Lyon County Disposal Guide

Small Effort
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Marshall, MN 56258
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Lyon County Environmental Department & Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility

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Open Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
2nd Saturday of each month 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

What we take:
- Car seats
- Christmas lights/cords
- Computers and accessories
- DVD/VCR machines
- Fluorescent tube lights
- Household chemicals
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Mattress and box frames
- Paint
- Printers
- Rechargeable batteries
- Rigid foam (styrofoam)
- Shredded paper
- TV’s

Some fees apply. View the Lyon County website for current fees.

Lyon County Landfill

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What we take:
- Appliances
- Computers and accessories
- Construction, remodeling and demolition materials
- Metal Objects (such as poles, grills, bed frames, etc.)
- Tires
- Trash/garbage
- TV’s

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Reducing waste is one way to make a difference in our homes and communities to help the environment. While it may seem that recycling is the best way, it is actually only part of the best methods to do our best to help the environment. Reduce and reuse should be first on our list and then recycle what we can’t reduce or reuse.

**Recycling Tips**

**Tips for Spring/Fall Clean Up or Moving Day**

1. Plan ahead. Residents who participate in their own clean-up day or with their city/county are encouraged to plan ahead.

2. Plan your load. The items that need to be first off a load should be the last items on your truck or trailer.

3. Call ahead to double check what time the business is open and what they do take. There are many places that have what they do and don’t take on their websites.

4. Make sure your things are clean. Businesses that accept items that are no longer wanted can reject your items if they are not meeting their standards for care.

5. Resell or donate locally. Some examples are:
   - Facebook Marketplace
   - HyVee Trader
   - Garage sales
   - Thrift or consignment stores

**Tips for Home**

1. Residents’ purchasing power can be used to help the environment by purchasing items that will last longer. Residents may need to save up for that higher quality item but keep in mind that if an item lasts longer it will not only save money but also use less natural resources to make more of the same item.

2. Look in your trash for items you can recycle. Once you feel comfortable about recycling, look into your recycling containers to see what you can reduce. Remember, if there are less items being recycled and if they are of a high quality, the price for these marketable items goes up.

3. Reusing is becoming fashionable again. Residents are encouraged to do what they can to reuse items or to take them to one of our many places such as thrift stores where others may be able to reuse an item a resident no longer wants or needs.
Aluminum and Steel Cans
- Aluminum cans
- Steel food cans
- Tin cans

**RECYCLING TIPS:**
- No need to remove labels
- Quick rinse

Food and Beverage Cartons
- Broth boxes
- Drink boxes
- Juice cartons
- Milk cartons

**RECYCLING TIPS:**
- Quick rinse
- No need to remove cap
- Do not crush

Glass Bottles and Jars
- Glass food containers (example: pickle jars, jam jars)
- Pop bottles
- Beer bottles

**RECYCLING TIPS:**
- No need to remove labels
- Quick rinse
- No need to remove caps
- No dishware, glass or window/mirror glass

Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers
- (Plastic #1, 2 and 5)
- Berry containers
- Juice containers
- Milk jugs
- Water bottles
- Yogurt or butter tubs

**RECYCLING TIPS:**
- No need to remove labels
- Quick rinse
- No need to remove caps

Paperboard, including Pop/Beer Boxes
- Beverage boxes
- Cake and snack boxes
- Cereal boxes
- Pizza delivery boxes
- Frozen food boxes
- (food must not touch inside of container)

**RECYCLING TIPS:**
- No need to crush
- Leave windows in boxes

Cardboard and Paper
- Brown paper bags
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Office/school paper (all colors)
- Junk mail
- Newspaper and inserts
- Cardboard

**RECYCLING TIPS:**
- Flatten cardboard

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NOT ALLOWED in curbside or community recycling drop sites (including illegal dumping):

- Vinyl siding (call Environmental Dept 532-8210)
- TV’s (take to Landfill or HHW facility)
- DVD/VCR machines (take to Landfill or HHW facility)
- Tires (take to service station or Landfill)
- Computers (take to Landfill or HHW facility)
- NO TRASH!
- Appliances, including microwaves, dehumidifiers, air conditioners (bring to landfill)
- Garden hoses, electrical wire or sump pump hoses (throw in trash)
- Styrofoam (take to HHW facility)
- Clothes (bring to thrift store)
- Cat litter or diapers (throw in trash)
- Laundry baskets or 5 gallon pails (throw in trash)
- Chemical jugs (call co-op or Landfill)
- Plastic bags or plastic film (take back to retailer)

The photo above shows items that were put in recycling carts or bins that don't belong there. These items can be recycled but not in the carts or bins. Call the Environmental Office or check out the Lyon County website for proper disposal.

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Curbside Recycling Service offers collection every other week. Find the schedule below or visit the Lyon County website.

Small Effort: Recycle your clean and dry food packaging, paper and cardboard through curbside collection or local drop-off containers.

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See page 8 to see what's NOT ALLOWED in curbside recycling

2021 Curbside Recycling Collection Calendar
What is a Community Recycling Drop Site?

Community Recycling Drop Site locations are used by rural residents who do not have curbside recycling. Rural residents bring their recycling to a central location in their community where a recycling rolloff has been provided for them to use. These drop sites are also available for anyone in the community who has extra recycling than what they can fit into their curbside cart. The rules for what we can and cannot place into the community recycling drop sites is the same as it is for curbside recycling. Businesses are not allowed to utilize recycling sheds or containers.

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Community Recycling Drop Site Locations

Recycling Drop-off Containers are currently available for all Lyon County residents at the following locations. NOTE: Businesses are not allowed to utilize recycling sheds or containers.

- Amiret: Located by the County shop
- Balaton: Next to the railroad tracks and East 2nd Street
- Cottonwood: By the County Highway and Cottonwood City Shop
- Florence: Next to the City Shop
- Garvin: SE corner of Sherman Street and 1st Street
- Ghent: 113 ½ Burlingame Street West (Hwy 68), AgPlus building
- Green Valley: North side of town, West of the Church on Township Hall property
- Lynd: North River Street
- Marshall:
  1) County Fair Grocery Store parking lot
  2) Lyon County Fairgrounds–parking lot on east side of Public Works Building
- Minneota: County Road 3 on south edge of town by County Shop
- Russell: Next to the County Shop
- Taunton: East side of the Fire Hall
- Tracy: Tracy Food Pride

Locations subject to change.

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## Reduce Waste and Recycle During Your Move

Give yourself enough time to sort through your things before you move so you don’t feel overwhelmed, and allow yourself to find the best reuse, recycling and safe disposal options for your items.

### Start off by separating your things into 2 piles:

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<td>• Recycle computers, TV’s and other electronics at the HHW Facility.</td>
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<td><strong>Car seats FREE DISPOSAL</strong></td>
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<td>• Donate working computers to the Lyon County ResQ Zone program to be refurbished for families in need.</td>
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<td>FREE DISPOSAL</td>
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<td>• Take batteries, mattresses and car seats to the HHW facility.</td>
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<td><strong>Household Hazardous Waste</strong></td>
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<td>• Mattresses that are filthy, soaked, or show signs of mold, damage, or infestation will NOT be accepted – take to the Lyon County Landfill.</td>
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<td><strong>Scrap metal</strong></td>
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<td><strong>FREE DISPOSAL FOR HOMEOWNERS</strong></td>
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<td>• Appliances including: air conditioners, dehumidifiers, furnaces, heat pumps, conventional ovens/ranges/stoves, dishwashers, garbage disposals, microwaves, refrigerators/freezers, trash compactors, washers/dryers, water heaters (fees apply)</td>
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<td><strong>Sharps FREE DISPOSAL</strong></td>
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<td>• Medicine including: prescriptions, over-the-counter, pet medicines, vitamins and supplements, inhalers FREE DISPOSAL</td>
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<td>• Recycle scrap metal at Alter Trading in Marshall, MN.</td>
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<td><strong>Plastic bags FREE DISPOSAL</strong></td>
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<td>• Take appliances to the Lyon County Landfill. Box fans, humidifiers, small appliances, toaster ovens and vacuum cleaners not accepted; throw these in the trash.</td>
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<td><strong>Plastic wrap FREE DISPOSAL</strong></td>
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<td>• Clothes and shoes</td>
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<td>• Take sharps in approved sharps disposal container to the HHW Facility.</td>
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<td>• DO NOT throw sharps in household garbage or recycling!</td>
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<td>• Furniture</td>
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<td>• Take medicine to “Take It To The Box” location at the Lyon County Law Enforcement Center in Marshall, MN.</td>
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<td><strong>Donate or Sell:</strong></td>
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<td>• Donate these items to charitable organizations or thrift stores.</td>
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<td>• Give food to neighbors or donate to a local food pantry.</td>
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Packing
Use Reusable or Recyclable Packing Materials
- Pack your boxes with reusable or recyclable padding like towels, blankets, cloth napkins, clothing, newspaper, reusable bags and string rope.
- If you use packing peanuts, choose starch-based ones that break down in water.
- Use reusable crates or bins instead of cardboard boxes. There are some companies that will deliver reusable boxes and moving supplies and will pick up the materials after your move.
- If you’re using a moving company, ask if they provide reusable moving crate, reused boxes, or if they’ll buy back your boxes.
- Look for local options to dispose of packing supplies.

Cleaning Supplies
- Use up the last of your cleaning supplies during the final top-to-bottom clean of the property you are leaving. This will limit the products you need to safely dispose of at the HHW facility or take with you.
- Do not pour cleaners down the drain.

Moving In
Properly Dispose of Items Left Behind
- If the previous tenants of your new home left behind any hazardous materials, bring them to the local HHW Facility.
- Check for city-hosted cleanup days to dispose of unusable non-hazardous items.

Use Less-Toxic Cleaning Supplies
- Save money while cleaning and keep your pets and family members healthy by making your own cleaning products. Find recipes at: swrswc.org/livegreen
- If you choose to purchase cleaning products, do so carefully. Learn about what product labels mean and how to reduce toxins in your home at: epa.gov/saferchoice

Dispose of Packing Supplies
- Check with packing or shipping stores to see if they will reuse your packing materials.
- Give away boxes by posting them online or giving them to a friend.
- If you can’t find anyone to reuse your boxes, make sure to recycle them.

Set Up Recycling!
- Find out how recycling service works in your city by contacting Lyon County Environmental Office at 507-532-8210. If you live in an apartment, condo or townhouse, ask your property manager where the recycling bins are located or how to acquire one.
- Make recycling convenient for yourself by placing containers wherever you generate recycling, such as the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room and office.

Buy Used
- Visit local reuse retailers or look online for used household goods and furniture.
Garbage Services

Small Effort: Have you looked into the cost of garbage service recently? Garbage service at your rural property may be quite affordable and is a much better alternative to onsite burning or burying.

Garbage Hauling Services
Lyon County residents have several options for garbage collection services; this includes rural residents. Burning household garbage in burn barrels, stoves, and fire pits creates pollution that’s dangerous to human health and contaminates the air, water, and soil. It’s also against the law. (see the link below for complete details).

Visit Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s website for more info:
www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/burn-barrels-dont-burn-your-garbage

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• The landfill has a different off-load area for each of the following groups of materials: Garbage, Construction/Demolition debris, Appliances, Electronic waste (computers, TVs, etc.), Metal, Concrete.

• If you have a mix of materials, separating the items listed above can speed up your disposal time if you haul these items to the landfill yourself.

• Garbage and Construction/Demolition waste is weighed, and the other items have per item charges.

• Remember, the last thing you load onto your vehicle will be the first thing unloaded off.

• The landfill does NOT assist with unloading. Please make sure you have help, and if you have a dump trailer be sure your trailer battery is fully charged.

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Big Impact

1. Save money! Tipping fees for C&D waste are half the cost of trash. Why? Household and industrial waste landfills cost more to construct and operate.

2. Help others in the community. Donate usable items to Habitat for Humanity for reuse – a majority of waste can be recycled or diverted from jobsites.

3. Keep trash collection prices lower. Locally, if C&D waste is separated from household waste, this will prolong the lifespan of the landfill and save money from expense of a new one.

4. Lyon County Landfill is a collection point for C&D waste which gets transported to another location.

Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste ONLY includes materials used to build or remodel a home. If you can sort out your C&D waste you can save money on disposal cost. But if this is not practical all waste can enter the landfill.

Acceptable C&D Materials
- Built-in Cabinetry
- Concrete, Brick & Rock*
- Drywall Metals*
- Plumbing PVC & Fixtures
- Roofing Materials
- Sheetrock
- Tile
- Untreated Wood
- Vinyl Siding*
- Wiring*
- *see next page

Not Accepted as C&D Materials
- These items CANNOT go in C&D waste. Call for disposal options.
  - Appliances/Electronics
  - Asbestos
  - Batteries
  - Cardboard
  - Carpet
  - Empty containers such as caulk tubes, pails, etc.
  - Hazardous Waste Materials
  - Household Trash
  - Liquids
  - Radioactive Waste
  - Treated Wood
  - Yard Waste

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Items commonly found in C&D waste that are NOT ACCEPTABLE:

*Recyclable Job Site Materials

- Dimensional lumber, fixtures and windows in good condition can go to Habitat for Humanity ReStore
- Vinyl siding can go to Lyon County Environmental Office
- Metals can go to Alter Trading
- Electrical grade wire may be recycled, but check first with your local metal recycler, like Alter Trading
- Concrete, bricks, and rock may be taken for free IF they meet certain specifications; call the landfill for more details
Appliance Recycling

Small Effort: Recycle your old or non-working appliances. Minnesota law bans major appliances from landfill disposal.

Accepted Major Appliances include:

HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning):
- Air conditioners
- Dehumidifiers
- Furnaces
- Heat pumps

KITCHEN:
- Conventional ovens/ranges/stoves
- Dishwashers
- Garbage disposals
- Microwave ovens
- Refrigerators/freezers
- Trash compactors

OTHER:
- Washers/dryers
- Water heaters

$15 DISPOSAL FEE

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1. Keep hazardous waste out of our landfill. Many appliances contain PCB’s (a hazardous waste), and refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners have CFC’s that contribute to ozone depletion.

2. Upgrading appliances to more energy-efficient products reduces energy consumption.

3. Recycling metal components saves landfill space. Metals and fluids are captured and recycled through a different company.

Not Accepted:
- PUT IN THE TRASH
- Box fans
- Humidifiers
- Small appliances
- Toaster ovens
- Vacuum cleaners

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Small Effort: Recycle your old or non-working flat-screen TV’s and cathode-ray tubes (CRT) computer monitors and TV’s.

**TV’s & CRT Computer Monitors**

**Flat-screen Televisions**

- **$5** FLAT-SCREEN DISPOSAL FEE

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1. Keeps hazardous waste out of our landfill. TV’s and CRT computer monitors containing the cathode-ray tubes can NOT be disposed of in Minnesota landfills. They contain up to 8 lbs. of lead and can cause an environmental problem if discarded with regular garbage.

2. Lyon County Landfill is a collection point. TV’s and monitors are shipped to an electronics recycling processor.

**CRT Monitors and Televisions**

- **$20** CRT DISPOSAL FEE

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Small Effort: Recycle your mattress and box frames.

1. Local jobs for adults with disABILITIES. Competitive employment for adults with the abilities to disassemble mattresses. On an average day, 18–20 mattresses will be recycled with an estimate of 3,500 mattresses/year!
2. Did you know 80% of a mattress can be recycled? Recyclable materials from the mattress and box frames create carpet padding, textiles and wood chips.
3. Save money. Recycling mattresses saves money on the wasted air space that they typically take up in the landfill.

$7 PER PIECE DISPOSAL FEE

See next page for Frequently Asked Questions!

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Cash, check, debit card or credit card (Visa, Discover, Mastercard) accepted.
A convenience fee is charged for using debit/credit cards. Fees subject to change.
Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What items are accepted? Bed, futon, and sleep number mattresses and box frames for crib, twin, double, queen, and king sizes.

2. What items are NOT accepted? Air mattresses, water beds, bed frames, and other furniture.

3. What condition should the mattress be in? Mattresses accepted for recycling must be clean and dry. All mattresses will be inspected upon arrival, and any that are filthy, soaked, or show signs of mold, damage, or infestation will NOT be accepted.

4. What if my mattress is unacceptable? If the mattress cannot be recycled, you will need to take it to the landfill for a disposal cost of $25.

5. Where should I bring my mattress? Bring your mattress to the Lyon County Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

6. Why is it important to recycle mattresses and box frames? A mattress uses considerable air space in a landfill due to the metal springs, foam padding, and cotton. For instance, a cubic yard of a mattress weighs around 80 pounds, while a cubic yard of typical landfill waste weighs around 1,000 pounds. This means 920 pounds of landfill waste is displaced, filling the available landfill space faster than expected. Furthermore, 80% of a mattress is recyclable, so it just makes sense! The materials in a mattress and box frame can be used for wood chips, carpet padding, scrap metal, and textiles.

7. What do you do with the mattresses? The mattresses are disassembled and the materials are sorted and sent out to be used for wood chips, textiles, scrap metal, and carpet padding.

8. Is there a fee for mattresses and box frames? There is a fee of $7 per item, mattress or box frame. This money goes towards competitive wages for Advance Opportunities employees to disassemble, as well as for the cost of processing. We are able to recycle mattresses and box frames at this low cost due to the space and money saved in the landfill.

9. Can someone pick up my mattress and/or box frame for me? No, please bring your mattress and box frame to the Lyon County Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

10. Can I leave my mattress by my recycling cart for collection? No, a mattress will not be picked up with regular recycling.

11. Will there be someone on site to help me unload my items? Yes, we will help you unload your items. Do not leave your mattress or box spring at the site if an employee is not there to accept it.
Small Effort: Donate used computers, laptops, monitors and accessories like keyboards and mice.

Donate used:
- Laptops
- Desktop Computers
- Working Flat Monitors (non-working flat or CRT monitor disposal fee is $10)
- Accessories: keyboards, mice, speakers, chargers, power cords, portable hard drives, etc.

IMPORTANT! Please keep hard drives, power cords and chargers with computers.

How does ResQ Zone handle information security?
ResQ Zone will securely erase hard drives with a software/hardware based sanitization that complies with Dept. of Defense (DoD) method 5220.22-M data sanitization. If you would like a certificate of secure hard drive deletion for your records, ResQ Zone will provide this in print or by email. Please do not remove hard drives; we will wipe them clean of confidential information.

BIG IMPACT
1. Empower low income families in Lyon County by giving them technology in their home. In its first year, more than 50 computers were donated!
Secure Computer Recycling

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Small Effort: Recycle your old or expired car seats – any make or model!

BIG IMPACT

1. Child safety: Protects children by keeping old and expired car seats off the roads (plastic and straps can wear and be less effective).
2. Employment: Employs local adults with disABILITIES who take great pride in their work.

NO FEE
ANY MAKE OR MODEL

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Small Effort: Recycle shredded paper and (hard or soft cover) books.

NO FEE

Please put shredded paper in clear bags if possible.

BIG IMPACT

1. Local jobs for adults with disABILITIES. Competitive employment for adults with the abilities to disassemble books and sort the covers and paper.
2. Books are recycled into insulation for homes.

PLEASE NOTE!
Books that are put in curbside recycling containers DO NOT get recycled, they end up in the landfill!

Please call ahead if bringing more than a couple boxes!

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Small Effort: Eliminate use of plastic shopping bags and plastic film as much as you can.

Americans use over 100,000,000,000 (that's 100 billion) plastic shopping bags/year!!!

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Only 1% are recycled!

Local recycling locations accept grocery bags, solar salt bags, bread bags and Ziploc bags:

- **Hy-Vee (located inside)**
  900 East Main Street, Marshall, MN
  507-532-2247

- **Walmart (blue box located in front entry of store)**
  1221 East Main Street, Marshall, MN
  507-532-9383

1. **Reduce**: Reduce this waste first by using reusable, cloth shopping bags. You can purchase these from any store. If you have a hard time remembering to bring your bags into the store, tie a little piece of yarn on your steering wheel to help you remember. When possible, do not take a plastic shopping bag for only a few items.

2. **Reuse**: Return your plastic shopping bags and plastic film to the retailer.

3. **Stop pollution**: Plastic shopping bags break down with sunlight and they become microplastics which can pollute the environment.

Contact locations listed above for more information.

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40% of the food we purchase is thrown away – a sad fact of American life. Placing food and yard waste into our trash (which goes into our landfill) contributes to methane gas generation. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) landfills are the third-largest source of human-related methane emissions in the United States, accounting for approximately 14.1 percent of these emissions in 2017. At the same time, methane emissions from landfills represent a lost opportunity to capture and use a significant energy resource.

When MSW is first deposited in a landfill, it undergoes an aerobic (with oxygen) decomposition stage when little methane is generated. Then, typically within less than 1 year, anaerobic conditions are established and methane-producing bacteria begin to decompose the waste and generate methane. We can help by not adding food and yard waste to the landfill.

Composting is one way to help keep methane gases from being generated in the first place. It is against the law to place yard waste into the landfill. Yard waste can be composted in your own backyard or brought to your communities’ compost site. Remember to double check what you can or cannot take to these sites before you go.

Compostable organic materials:
- Grass
- Leaves
- Coffee grounds
- Eggshells
- Flowers
- Fruits and vegetables
- Lake plants
- Leftover plants at the end of the gardening season
- Non-woody shrub trimmings or twigs less than one-fourth inch in diameter
- Shredded newspaper (black and white print)
- Small amounts of wood ash and sawdust
- Straw
- Weeds

Take to: Marshall’s Compost Site or your city’s compost site
North 7th Street, Marshall, MN 56258 (next to ADM Corn Plant)
Open 24 hours, 7 days a week. No garbage is allowed (including plastic bags).
Below are just a few locations that take clothing donations; check your area for additional ones.

**Advance Opportunities Clothing Bins**
Located at Habitat for Humanity ReStore and Lyon County Fairgrounds (beside old hockey arena)
507-537-7018
Accepts: clothing, linens, blankets, towels, shoes. NO garbage please.

**Avera Marshall Auxiliary Thrift Shop**
1000 E. Southview Dr., Marshall, MN
HOURS: Mon—Fri 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Sat 9 a.m.—12 p.m.
507-337-2910
Accepts: clothing, books, household items, small furniture. NO large appliances, TV’s, computers. NO hazardous waste items.

**Goodwill**
1200 E Main, Marshall, MN
HOURS: Mon—Sat 9 a.m.—9 p.m. Sun 10 a.m.—6 p.m.
507-929-0276
Accepts: clothing, books, household items, furniture, small appliances, computers/computers components**, printer ink cartridges. NO large appliances please. NO hazardous waste items.
**Computers are sent to electronics recycling processors.

**Simple Treasures Thrift Store**
1111 Craig Avenue, Tracy, MN
HOURS: Tue—Thu 10 a.m.—4 p.m.
507-829-4640
Accepts: clothing, furniture, linens, small appliances, purses, shoes, jewelry, books, etc. Call for more information.

Small Effort: Donate, reuse or sell clothing that is clean and in good condition.

1. Support charitable services with a mission. Please make sure clothing and other items are clean before donating them.
2. Make money by selling them at a garage/ rummage sale.
3. Save money and consider buying secondhand.

Contact locations listed above for more information.

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Styrofoam Recycling

Small Effort: Recycle your rigid foam (e.g. Styrofoam).

**ACCEPTED**

- Foam Packing Blocks
- Foam Food Containers

Important information:
- Foam must be clean and dry. No food inside.
- Remove labels, stickers, tape or any stuck on cardboard.
- Keep all 3 types of foam in separate bags or containers; foam that is different colors must be kept separate.
- We reserve the right to reject any dirty foam.

DO NOT place foam in curbside carts or community drop site rolloffs!

**NOT ACCEPTED**

- Foam Packing Peanuts
- Plastic Foam or Wrap made of LDPE #4 or HDPE #2
- Construction Foam Board Insulation (contains fire retardant)

We do not accept foam packing peanuts of any kind. Please check with Mailboxes and Parcel Depot of Marshall; this business will accept clean packing peanuts at this time.

**BIG IMPACT**

1. Styrofoam is a nuisance at the landfill and blows into fields, wildlife areas and wetlands.
2. Styrofoam gets recycled into molding and picture frames.
3. Provides a competitive employment opportunity for a local adult with disABILITIES.

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Does your organization want to reduce the amount of garbage generated? Do you wish you had a solution to a recycling problem at work? Ask us how we can help! In addition to our assistance we are well connected to organizations in Minnesota that may also be of help to your situations at work. Some of these provide free or low cost services. Technical assistance is available for existing and new businesses that seek to improve environmental performance and prevent pollution.

Small Business Environmental Assistance Program provides free, confidential, environmental assistance to small businesses. RETAP employs skilled, retired professionals to provide no-cost, non-regulatory facility assessments to small businesses and public and private institutions.

MnTAP: Minnesota Technical Assistance Program is located at the University of Minnesota, and provides on-site and telephone assistance, interns, an information clearinghouse, and a coordinating role in the state materials exchange program. MnTAP’s services to Minnesota businesses and organizations has substantial economic and environmental benefits.

Minnesota Waste Wise is a non-profit assistance program of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. It is designed to help businesses develop effective waste reduction and recycling programs and find new markets for waste materials.

Minnesota Materials Exchange is a free service that connects businesses that have reusable goods to those who can use them. The Materials Exchange can help you find low or no-cost materials, save money on disposal costs and find new markets for surplus materials.

Enterprise Minnesota helps manufacturing companies become operationally efficient and well positioned to grow profitably.

Energy Business Center, a program of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, offers assistance to businesses on energy efficient technologies.

BIG IMPACT

1. Save money by reducing your garbage. There is no tax on recyclables or organics in Minnesota, but there is a 17% state solid waste management tax charged on all commercial trash.

2. Save money by reducing fees. By keeping recyclables and organics out of your trash, you may be able to reduce the container size or frequency of your trash collection.

3. Community leadership: Your organization has the potential to inspire improvements in the areas of recycling, material reuse, and waste reduction. Do you have the ability to lead by example?
Of all the ways we can reduce our impact on the environment, recycling is the easiest way for residents. Unfortunately, residents of apartment buildings are much less likely to recycle than those who live in a single family home. The reason? Convenience!

While curbside collection works well for those who live in a single family or duplex homes, it is difficult to standardize collection efforts in multifamily complexes. A pilot program that was recently started in Lyon County, shows that the average weekly amount of recycling that apartment residents have is about the amount that can fit into a 7 gallon container.

Apartment residents who currently do not have recycling services can take their recycling to any of the community drop site locations. Apartment residents are not unlike our rural residents who have the choice of recycling but will need to bring their recycling to a collection point.

Apartment owners and managers can increase recycling by their tenants by making it more convenient by offering recycling at the building(s) they own.

**PRINT MATERIALS**

Lyon County can provide materials such as a toolkit for apartment managers and owners, signs for buildings, tips for storing recyclables in apartments, a move-in letter that can be handed out to new tenants and sample information for newsletters or emails to tenants. Please call us for a sample of these items or to request in other languages.

Questions? Contact Lyon County Environmental Office
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### Household Hazardous Waste Guide

**Small Effort:** To protect the environment, **DO NOT** dispose of these items in the trash, sewer, ground, rivers, lakes or streams:

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* Empty aerosol or paint cans can be disposed of in the trash

** Dry out unusable latex paint and dispose of in the trash.

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Rechargeable Batteries and Button Batteries (from watches, calculators, etc)

Accepted at the following Marshall locations:

Hazardous Waste Facility
504 Fairgrounds Road
507-532-8210

Runnings Warehouse
911 Michigan Road
507-337-1031

Ace Hardware
500 North US Hwy 59
507-532-3296

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Alkaline Batteries
Can be disposed in trash

BIG IMPACT

1. Keep our environment safe. Household batteries may contain heavy metals such as nickel cadmium, carbon zinc or mercury which can be harmful to the environment if disposed of improperly.

2. Reduce fire hazard at the garbage facility, especially lithium batteries.
Fluorescent Bulbs & HID (High Intensity Discharge) Lamps

- Fluorescent bulbs CAN NOT be disposed of in the trash because of their mercury content.
- Bring spent fluorescent bulbs to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (see price list below). They are shipped to a company where the mercury and the component materials of the bulbs are recovered for recycling.

**Bulb Price List**
(Fees subject to change)

**Straight Fluorescent Tubes**
- Any length ......................................................... $0.50 each
- PCB ballasts ....................................................... $6.00 each

**Other Fluorescent Bulbs/Lamps**
- Compact ............................................................... no fee
- Circular ............................................................... $0.50 each
- U-shaped ............................................................. $0.50 each
- Broken bulbs ....................................................... $1.00/lb.

**High Intensity Discharge Lamps (HID)**
- High Pressure Sodium Metal Halide Mercury Vapor ....................... $1.75

Incandescent Light Bulbs

- Incandescent bulbs can be disposed of in the trash. They don’t contain mercury.

LED (Light-Emitting Diode) Bulbs

- LED bulbs can be disposed of in the trash. They don’t contain mercury.
Vehicle maintenance for “Do-it-Yourselfers” saves money – just remember it’s important to properly recycle. Automotive wastes should NEVER be put in curbside or community recycling containers. Many services stations will take items for recycling that SHOULD NOT go in the garbage.

Other than contacting a local service station, the following options are available:

**Tires**
Take to the Lyon County Regional Landfill.

**Motor Oils/Fluids** *(small amounts)*
Take to the Lyon County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility. If you have containers with good product still inside those can also be taken to the HHW facility for possible reuse by others with a need.

**Oil Filters**
The Lyon County Regional Landfill can collect oil filters.

**Batteries**
Take vehicle batteries (from all vehicles) to the HHW facility. You might also want to check with a local metal recycler.

**BIG IMPACT**

1. **Save money.** Do-it-yourself auto repairs and maintenance can save you money.
2. **Protect the environment.** Taking responsibility for your fluids, filters, tires, and batteries protects the environment, and keeps hazardous and potentially toxic materials out of the landfill.
3. **Convenience.** Many service stations charge a small fee for recycling, because there is a cost to them for disposal. Using their recycling service is very convenient.

Contact: Lyon County Household Hazardous Waste Facility
504 Fairgrounds Road, Marshall, MN 56258  phone: 507-532-8210
Open Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  2nd Saturday of each month 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Small Effort: Take the time to dispose of medications and pills correctly in your local drop box.

DO NOT FLUSH MEDICATION!

Minnesota’s “Take It To The Box” program allows for proper/safe disposal of prescriptions and over-the-counter medications.

- Includes: human medications, animal medications and illegal drugs.
- Keep medication in its original container.
- Leave the name of the drug and contents clearly visible. Remove the name and other identifying information by scratching the person’s name out, covering with a permanent marker or by cutting that part off.

Needles are NOT accepted. See "Needles and Sharps Disposal" page 33 or call 507-532-8210 for information on disposal of needles or other sharps.

"Take It To The Box" locations:

- Lyon County Law Enforcement Center (main lobby) 611 West Main Street, Marshall, MN 507-537-7000
- HyVee Pharmacy 900 East Main Street, Marshall, MN 507-532-2247
- Tracy Police Station 336 Morgan Street, Marshall, MN 507-629-5534

Contact locations listed above for more information.

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Needles & Sharps Disposal

Small Effort: Dispose of needles, lancets and syringes (sharps) safely and properly.

Approved sharps containers can be brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for FREE disposal. **DO NOT bring containers to the hospital.**

Purchase a sharps container (see example below) at the following locations:
- Avera Hospital Gift Store
- HyVee Pharmacy
- Walmart Pharmacy

- Sharps containers must be appropriately sealed.
- Household Hazardous will not accept any containers except for the approved containers.
- This program is offered to ALL residents of Lyon County regardless of what hospital/clinic you may be a patient at.
- Other options include mail-in programs, which are located online and are not offered locally.

**BIG IMPACT**

1. Prevent injury and disease! Never leave sharps on streets, in parks or in garbage containers because someone could get injured from a needle-stick.

2. Properly disposing of needles and sharps protects other people from this hazardous material. Waste and recycling haulers could be placed in danger if they come into contact with them. People sort our recyclables at the material recovery facility too. Please be kind and dispose of needles and sharps appropriately.

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Approx. $3-5 TO BUY SHARPS DISPOSAL CONTAINER

NO DISPOSAL FEE
**Water Testing**

Water quality cannot be determined simply by looking at it. To ensure the quality of your drinking water, Public Health Services offers testing of your water.

Tests that can be requested include: Coliform-Bacteria, Nitrate-Nitrogen, Sulfates, and Others. For more information/cost contact:

Southwest Health and Human Services  
607 W. Main, Suite 200, Marshall, MN 56258  
Phone: 507-537-6713

**Well Sealing**

The Lyon SWCD provides landowners cost-share assistance to seal residential wells that provide an environmental or health threat. The District Board determines if the well poses a significant threat, and if so determined, the district cost-share is 50% of the bill up to $500. (Work must be completed by a certified well driller.) For details contact:

Lyon County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)  
1424 E College Drive, Marshall, MN 56258  
Phone: 507-537-1401 extension 3

**Radon**

Radon is a colorless and odorless gas that occurs naturally in soils. It’s estimated that 1 in 5 homes in Minnesota have elevated levels of radon. The southwest region of the state is an area with the greatest potential for high levels. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer.

Testing for radon is easy and inexpensive. Short-term test kits can be purchased from:

Southwest Health and Human Services  
607 W. Main, Suite 200, Marshall, MN 56258  
Phone: 507-537-6713

You can also check on the internet or in the phone book for radon testing/mitigation services.

For more information, contact numbers listed above.
Remodeling projects can uncover or disturb asbestos containing materials. Home renovation or deconstruction/demolition projects should have an asbestos check done if there is suspicion that asbestos might be present in existing materials.

Products Containing Asbestos:
- Boiler insulation in buildings and very old homes
- 9-inch square floor tile
- Old floor adhesives

For more information, contact numbers listed above.

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Thermostats & Mercury

Small Effort: Do not throw mercury-containing products in the garbage and do not purchase mercury-containing products if a substitute is available.

Proper Disposal
Mercurial devices such as thermostats, thermometers, barometers, relays, switches, measuring instruments, etc. cannot be thrown in the garbage.

Mercurial devices can be brought to the Lyon County Hazardous Waste Facility.

Mercury Spills
In the event that you have a mercury spill occur, call the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at 800-422-0798 for information regarding proper cleanup. Safe cleanup is important as mercury is toxic to many organ systems, including the central nervous system.

Mercury resulting from a cleanup can be brought to the Lyon County Hazardous Waste Facility.

BIG IMPACT
1. Protect the environment and living things! Mercury has many useful properties but if it is improperly disposed of it can cause human and wildlife health hazards.
Small Effort: Dispose of pesticides/herbicides by taking them to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility or Landfill.

Waste Pesticides/Herbicides
Waste pesticides/herbicides can be brought to the Lyon County HHW Facility and are disposed of through a contract with the MN Dept. of Agriculture. The contract allows qualifying participants (farmers, pesticide applicators, etc.) to dispose of their Waste Pesticides at no charge.

- Call the Lyon County Environmental Dept. at 507-532-8210 to find out if you qualify.

Please call ahead if you have amounts greater than 100 lbs. or containers larger than 5 gallons so preparations can be made to handle the waste. 507-532-8210

Empty Pesticide Container Disposal
Empty pesticide containers can be brought to the Lyon County Landfill during normal operation hours from June 1—August 31.

- Containers must be empty, clean, triple rinsed, caps and labels removed.
- Containers must be loose (not tied together).
- When delivering to the landfill please provide approx. number of containers.

Please call ahead if you have large quantities of containers to dispose. 507-865-4615

1. Stop pollution! Pesticides/herbicides pose a pollution threat if not handled and/or disposed of properly.
If you're making fire, you're making poison. IT'S BETTER NOT TO BURN!

Burning garbage releases dioxins that can end up in the food we eat! Burn barrels and burn pits release hazardous pollutants into the air which then settle on our fields, woods, waters and soils. As a result, these substances accumulate in the foods we eat and eventually end up in our bodies.

We’ve burned garbage for years not realizing the health and environmental problems it causes. Add the fact that “garbage” has changed quite a bit in the past decades and now includes more plastic and treated materials than what our grandparents would have burned so it ends up releasing more pollutants.

Burning is dangerous to property too. Backyard burning is responsible for over 40% of the wildfires in Minnesota. And don’t forget, someone has to put it out. Firefighting is a dangerous job!

Feasible alternatives are available:

• The Lyon County landfill accepts garbage. Call 507-865-4615 for fees and hours of operation.

• Call a garbage service provider in your area to inquire about details/fees regarding rural collection services available.

Burning household garbage in burn barrels, stoves, and fire pits creates pollution that's dangerous to human health and contaminates the air, water, and soil. It's also against the law for most homeowners in Minnesota, though there is an exemption allowing rural residents without garbage service to bury or burn household garbage. Have you looked into the cost of garbage service recently? Garbage service at your rural property may be quite affordable, and is a much better alternative to onsite burning or burying.