



MCLEOD COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SINGLE SORT RECYCLING SYSTEM

How the System Works: West Central Sanitation will be collecting recyclable materials every other week using fully automated trucks. Recycling and refuse are picked up on the same day, but by different trucks. This is a FREE service to all McLeod County Residents who live in the municipalities of McLeod County.

Recycling Cart: Each user household in the County is provided with a green/tan recycling cart imprinted with "West Central Sanitation." If you move, please leave the recycling cart at the old address for the new owner. If you construct a new house, please contact McLeod County Solid Waste at 1-800-335-0575 for the delivery of a recycling cart to your new address. If you lose your recycling cart, please make arrangements to have it replaced as soon as possible. Without a West Central Sanitation recycling cart, West Central Sanitation crews will not pick up your recyclables.

Ordering a Replacement Cart: Contact McLeod County Solid Waste at 1-800-335-0575 to arrange to have a recycling cart delivered to your residence. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Recyclable Materials: The following items are accepted for recycling under the County's program:

- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic items with a recycling symbol of #1- #7
- Aluminum and bimetal (tin and steel) cans
- Newspaper and inserts
- Junk mail
- Magazines, catalogs and telephone books
- Corrugated cardboard
- Boxboard
- Shredded paper

Preparing Recyclable Items:

- Place glass bottles and jars, tin and aluminum cans, plastic items, corrugated cardboard and paper products into your recycling cart.
- No separation or bagging is needed.
- Do not use plastic bags.

Placement of Cart: The cart shall be set out for collection no later than 6:00 a.m. on the designated recycling day. Pickup times for recycling on a particular route may change due to weather delay, equipment problems or other unforeseen circumstances. The front side of the recycling cart shall face the street or alley and have a clearance of 4 feet from buildings, parked cars, trees, mailboxes and other objects to allow the automated equipment to work properly. Carts will not be emptied if not set out for collection properly. The lid on the recycling cart must be completely closed in order for the cart to be emptied. The cart may be stored outside as long as the lid of the cart is kept securely closed at all times to prevent recycling from blowing out of the cart and to keep rain and snow from accumulating inside.

WINSTED BRUSH SITE

The Winsted Brush site is located approximately ½ mile south of Winsted on County Road 9. The collection/drop-off site is available to all city and rural residents of McLeod County. Residents are responsible for proper disposal of their yard waste in the designated areas.

Hours of Operation:

Open until November (Weather Permitting)

Wednesdays	4 p.m. to Sunset
Saturdays	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Yard Waste Accepted:

Grass Clippings, Leaves, Brush, and Small Logs (18" diameter or less)
Stumps are not accepted.



Permits are not required for brush & compost. Permits are required to recycle appliances & electronics.

Utility Bill Payment Options

1. Sign-up for Automatic Withdrawal (ACH) from your checking or savings account & have your payments withdrawn automatically each month.
2. Pay online with your credit or debit card at www.winsted.mn.us, where you can easily pay bills anytime, without worrying about mail delays. It's convenient, easy & secure.
3. A secure payment drop box is also available 24/7. It is located in the front entrance to City Hall.



Punt, Pass & Kick Challenge



SEPTEMBER 10TH
1 P.M. AT WEINBECK FIELD
Family fun for all ages!

This free event is not an official event of the NFL™ and all children must be accompanied by an adult to attend.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS & FACTS



In order to preserve our water resources, it is important that everyone in our community practice water conservation by making simple changes in our daily routines. This will also ensure savings on water bills. Consider your daily activities and how you can help conserve water, and how you can make a difference!

In the Bathroom

- Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons of water per day and dripping faucets waste up to 2,000 gallons of water per year.
- Toilets should not be used as trash cans to flush tissues, gum wrappers, cigarettes, insects, diapers, etc.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Don't turn the shower on until you're ready to step in.
- Use less water for baths. You can save 5 gallons of water for each inch of water you don't use.
- If your shower fills a 1 gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model.
- Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up or runs. Use this water to flush toilets or water plants.
- Don't leave water running while washing your face, shaving or brushing your teeth. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- An electric razor uses less energy than it takes to heat up the water for razor shaving.

In the Kitchen

- Instead of running hot water to defrost frozen food, defrost in the microwave or refrigerator.
- Keep a pitcher of cold water in the refrigerator. Don't run the tap until the water is cold enough to drink.
- Use the smallest amount of water possible in cooking to save both water and nutrients. Most frozen vegetables require about 1/2 to 1 cup of water, not half a saucepan.
- Rather than letting the water run while peeling vegetables, rinse them briefly at the beginning and end of the chore.
- When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Use the prewash, rinse-hold and scrub cycles of your dishwasher only when necessary.
- Use low-sudsing detergents - they require less rinsing.
- Adding ¼ to ½ cup of vinegar to your wash water cuts grease more readily than hot water alone.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- Install an instant water heater near your kitchen sink so you don't have to run the water while it heats up. This also reduces energy costs.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.

In the Laundry Room

- Only run clothes washers and dish washers when they are full.
- If your washer has a variable load control, always adjust water levels to fit the size of the load.
- This saves both water and the energy needed to heat the extra hot water.
- Remember that in soft water clothes get cleaner and require less detergent and less rinse water.
- When buying a new washing machine, look for models with water or energy-saving controls.
- Washing dark clothes in cold water saves both on water and energy while it helps your clothes to keep their colors.

Did You Know?

The average indoor water use in a typical single-family home is 70 gallons per person, per day!

Other Areas of the House

- Insulate the hot water heater, pay special attention to the insulation qualities of the shell. Avoid buying a larger tank than is necessary for your needs.
- Collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables, and then reuse it to water houseplants.
- Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home.
- Insulate hot water pipes for more immediate hot water at the faucet and for energy savings.
- Setting cooling systems and water softeners for a minimum number of refills saves water and chemicals, plus more on utility bills.



Conserve and Save!