

# RECYCLE NEWSLETTER

## 2015 Recycle Day Stats

<b>Bikes:</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Mattresses:</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Appliances:</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Tires:</b>	<b>291</b>
<b>Cell Phones:</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Batteries:</b>	<b>900 lbs</b>



### More ways to recycle include:

Bring your recycle weight slip to St. Francis Public Works at 4058 St. Francis Blvd NW, St. Francis, MN 55070.

Use the blue recycle carts in St. Francis city parks.

Recycle more at home using the Recycle Guide on page 2!

This past spring, many of you participated in our annual Recycling Event. We had a total of 427 vehicles come through and participate. Next year, let's make it 500! We collected many items including bikes, appliances, electronics and batteries. We also collected problem items like mattresses and tires. A big thanks goes out to the businesses that helped during the event and to our residents for making it a big success! For more information on next year's event or general recycling questions call St. Francis Public Works at 763-233-5200.

### Help us reach our goal of 679 tons!

Each year, the city of St. Francis receives a recycling goal to meet as set by Anoka County. The goals are based on achieving the overall state goal of recycling 45% waste by 2015. So far, St. Francis has recycled 455 tons but we still need more.

### Recycle all over your house!

Recycling does not stop in your kitchen. You can recycle many household items, including your empty laundry soap containers and dryer lint! Dryer lint is a great additive to your compost pile. The natural fibers break down and create compost along side your food waste. You can also create crafts and fire starters with dryer lint and toilet paper rolls.



Recycle in your bathroom? Yes! Items such as toilet paper rolls, shampoo bottles and paper stem Q-tips can be put into your regular recycle bins.

**For general recycling questions, call St. Francis Public Works at 763-233-5200.**

# Recycling curbside



Paper	Glass	Metal	Cartons	Plastic
<p><b>Yes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mail, office &amp; school papers</li> <li>• Magazines &amp; catalogs</li> <li>• Newspapers &amp; inserts</li> <li>• Phonebooks</li> <li>• Paper towel/toilet paper cores</li> </ul> <p><b>Boxes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardboard</li> <li>• Cereal, cracker &amp; pasta boxes</li> <li>• Shoe, gift &amp; boxes</li> <li>• Toothpaste &amp; other toiletry boxes</li> </ul> <p><b>No</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pizza boxes or boxes soiled with food</li> <li>• Egg cartons</li> <li>• Refrigerator &amp; freezer boxes</li> <li>• Paper towels, napkins, paper plates &amp; cups</li> <li>• Gift wrap &amp; tissue paper</li> </ul> <p><b>Food box guidelines</b></p> <p>If a box is from the refrigerator or freezer, it is not recyclable. Cartons are an exception; they are recyclable.</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beverage/food bottles &amp; jars</li> </ul> <p><b>No</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drinking, glasses, mugs, dishes, cookware, pottery &amp; vases</li> <li>• Window &amp; mirror glass</li> <li>• Containers that held hazardous products, such as nail polish or hobby paints</li> <li>• Light bulbs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beverage/food cans</li> </ul> <p><b>No</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paint cans</li> <li>• Aerosol cans</li> <li>• Containers that held hazardous products, such as paint thinner automotive fluids</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milk cartons</li> <li>• Juice cartons</li> <li>• Juice boxes (remove straws)</li> <li>• Soup, broth &amp; wine cartons</li> </ul> <p><b>No</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice cream cartons</li> <li>• Egg cartons</li> <li>• Plastic straws</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Bottles &amp; jugs (caps on)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water, soda &amp; juice bottles</li> <li>• Milk &amp; juice jugs</li> <li>• Ketchup &amp; salad dressing bottles</li> <li>• Dish soap bottles &amp; detergent jugs</li> <li>• Shampoo, soap &amp; lotion bottles</li> </ul> <p><b>Cups, tubs &amp; containers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yogurt, pudding &amp; fruit cups</li> <li>• Clear plastic cups</li> <li>• Margarine, cottage cheese, cream cheese &amp; other tubs</li> <li>• Clear deli, berry &amp; produce containers</li> </ul> <p><b>No</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Styrofoam cups, plates or packaging</li> <li>• Containers that held hazardous automotive &amp; yard products, such as, motor oil or pesticides</li> <li>• Plastic bags &amp; plastic wrap*</li> <li>• Toys &amp; kiddie pools</li> <li>• Garden hose</li> <li>• Black food trays &amp; containers</li> <li>• Containers larger than an ice cream pail/bucket</li> </ul> <p>*Plastic bags &amp; wrap that are clean &amp; dry are accepted at grocery/retail stores for recycling.</p>
<p><b>Recycling Drop-off Centers &amp; Sites</b></p> <p>Recyclable materials that are not picked up at the curb may be taken to a municipal recycling drop-off center or a monthly drop-off collection site, open to all county residents. For information on recycling drop-off centers/sites and materials accepted visit</p> <p><b>AnokaCounty.us/Recycle</b></p>				
 <p><b>Anoka County</b> MINNESOTA</p> <p>Respectful, Innovative, Fiscally Responsible</p> <p><b>1530 Bunker Lake Blvd NW</b> <b>Andover MN 55304</b> <b>AnokaCounty.us/Recycle</b> <b>763-323-5730</b></p>				



# RECYCLING IS EVERYWHERE !

Some household products are hazardous and should not be placed in the garbage. Take unneeded paint, cleaners, automotive fluids, fluorescent bulbs, and garden products to:

## **Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility**

3230 101st Ave NE, Blaine (off Radisson Road)

### ***April - October***

Monday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Wednesday 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### ***November - March***

Wednesday 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
*Closed holidays*

There is no charge to use the site. The facility accepts household hazardous waste from residents of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington counties. Proof of residency required. Businesses, organizations and schools may NOT bring hazardous waste to his facility.

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## **Anoka County Compost Sites**

Anoka County has two compost sites that accept yard waste. Sites are open April - November, weather permitting, and close each day at the time indicated or at sunset, if earlier.

### **Leaves and Grass (and other soft bodied plants)**

**A fee is charged** for all materials dropped at the compost sites based on the materials and the size of the load. Residents are required to unload their own yard waste and take their bags and containers with them.

### **Tree Waste**

Brush, evergreen boughs, logs and stumps are charged by the cubic yard depending on the size and amount of the material. Tree waste may be loose or bundled.

### **Bunker Hills Compost Site 763-767-7964**

**13285 Hanson Blvd, Coon Rapids**

Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### **Rice Creek Chain of Lake Compost Site 651-429-3723**

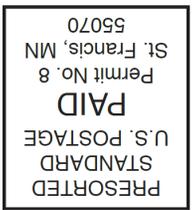
**7701 Main St, Lino Lakes**

Tuesday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Closed Holidays

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# Recycle Newsletter



## Go Green with Organics!

This year, the city of St. Francis added organics recycling to Pioneer Days. We had 10 Recycling Stations that included garbage, recycling and an organics bin. The organics was collected in a clear stream bin so we can see the organics collected and detect any contamination. Currently, 24% of the solid waste stream is comprised of organics. Organics includes leftover foods and yard waste.

### What can I do with organics?

You can collect your food and yard waste and start an organics compost bin. You can even compost in your kitchen with a small pail and transport the contents to your garden in the spring. Organic compost material holds moisture better and can produce more yield with the natural fertilizer in the compost.

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## Contact Us

**St. Francis Public Works**  
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St. Francis, MN 55070  
763-233-5200

Visit us on the web at  
[stfrancismn.org/](http://stfrancismn.org/)



**2016 ST. FRANCIS RECYCLING DAY**

**Saturday, April 30 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**