

Compost

Yard trimmings and food residuals together constitute 27 percent of the US municipal solid waste stream.

Composting is the controlled decay of organic wastes from your yard, kitchen, and garden into a reusable soil-like product. It is a form of recycling and a natural way of returning valuable nutrients to the soil.



You can find home composting bins at most home improvement stores, county sales events, or you can make your own out of pallets like the photo above.

Businesses now have another option for composting in Dodge County— contact Andy at Full Circle Organics 612-578-30888.

By composting, you create a free source of fertilizer and reduce the amount of garbage you throw away. **Remember:** “the less you throw away, the less you pay!”

Talk to your Garbage Hauler

- Talk to your hauler about their volume based rates and see if you can go to a smaller garbage container.
- Compare Hauler Pricing
- Ask them about other possible services such as every-other week collection.

MORE TIPS...



- Bring your reusable shopping bag to the grocery store and beyond. If you do have single-use bags, use them again!
- Bring a reusable mug to the coffee shop.
- Pack lunches in a reusable bag with reusable food and drink containers.
- Reuse containers and other materials for storage and crafts.
- Reuse single-sided printed pages for scratch paper.

Ways to SAVE on Your Garbage Bill



Dodge County Environmental Services

721 Main St N, Dept 391
Mantorville, MN 55944
Phone: 507-635-6273

Transfer Station/Recycling Center/Demo Landfill

62236 240th Ave
Kasson, MN 55944
Phone: 507-634-7875

Reduce

When you **avoid making garbage in the first place**, you don't have to worry about disposing of waste or recycling it later. Changing your habits is the key — think about ways you can reduce your waste when you shop, work and play.



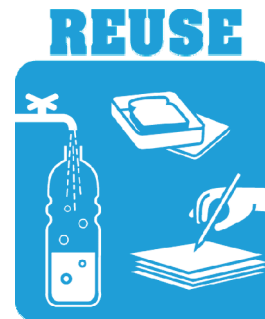
There's a ton of ways for you to reduce waste, save yourself some time and money, and be good to the Earth at the same time.

- Buy in bulk and buy items that have less packaging.
- Purchase reusable and refillable containers to use in your home instead of disposable items.
- Rent or borrow items that will only get used a few times.
- Reduce junk mail by opting out. Direct Marketing Association www.optoutprescreen.com 1-888-5-OPTOUT (567-8688)

Reuse

Reuse takes many forms, but all with the same goal: to keep items useful as long as they have a function or value. Reusing can save money and help the environment. Minnesota has an amazing network of reuse stores and online services that can help you “choose to reuse.”

- Donate your unwanted clothing and household items to Goodwill or a ReUse store. Or bring your clothing and shoes to a USAgain bins at the following county recycling bin locations— Recycling Center Gate C—Kasson, Hayfield, Claremont, and West Concord
- Refill water bottles with water or your favorite beverage.
- use both sides of paper before recycling it.
- When possible, purchase used items or repair broken items instead of buying new.



Recycle

RECYCLE these materials—

1. Newspaper, Junk Mail, Magazines, & Office Paper
2. Corrugated Cardboard and Folding Cartons
3. Tin/Steel/Aluminum Cans
4. Glass Bottles & Jars
5. Plastics #1-7



Co-mingled curbside collection is offered by most haulers in Dodge County.

Other items that can be brought to the Dodge County Recycling Center:

Batteries—auto and rechargeable
Cell Phones & Ink Cartridges
Used Oil
Electronic Waste