

The 3 R's

A local guide to reducing, reusing and recycling in Stillwater Township

All Stillwater Township residents can recycle at the curbside. But the rules about recycling depend on whether your waste hauler is Maroney's Sanitation or Waste Management. Here's a crib sheet on what and how to recycle. For both services, put items at the curb the night before pickup, and don't worry about the rain getting things wet.



Maroney's picks up recycling every week and uses the 2-stream method. Residents divide their recyclables into two groups:

- papers/fibers, including newspapers, non-coated cardboard, magazines and junk mail.
- containers, including can and glass containers, and plastic containers labeled 1 and 2 (usually narrow-necked).

Items that are NOT recyclable

- pizza boxes
- egg cartons
- refrigerated or frozen food boxes
- paper cups, plates or napkins
- soiled or food contaminated paper
- plastic types 3-7, including food tubs such as yogurt or margarine
- plastic toys
- Styrofoam
- bottles for hazardous materials (motor oil)
- aerosol cans
- scrap metal
- window glass and light bulbs
- dishes, ceramics or cookware



Waste Management collects recyclables every other week and uses the single-stream method. Residents can place all recyclables into one container. These items are collected:

- Glass bottles and jars, metal beverage and food cans, plastic bottles with narrow necks, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, dry non-coated food paper boxboard and small flat pieces of corrugated cardboard box material

Items that are NOT recyclable

- Garbage, food waste, diapers, paper plates
- Meat or dairy plastic or paper packaging
- Wax or plastic wrap or bags
- Freezer food packaging
- Plastic deli, product or take-out packaging or utensils
- Plastic bags or wrapping film
- Formed or pellet styrofoam packaging
- window glass
- ceramics or dishware
- mirrors
- light bulbs

How do I recycle clothing?

Textiles represent more than 3 percent of the waste stream. Here are ways you can reduce the waste in our landfills.

If your clothing is still in great condition, try to sell it through a garage sale, Craigslist or a consignment shop. Check the Yellow Pages or try these area consignment shops:

- Karma Clothing Company (651) 342-1004
- Obsessories Resale and Consignment Shop (651) 797-3587

If you're ready to give away your gently used clothing, find someone who could use it. Post it on the Twin Cities Free Market, (www.twincitiesfreemarket.com) a local website that allows you to give away items you no longer need.

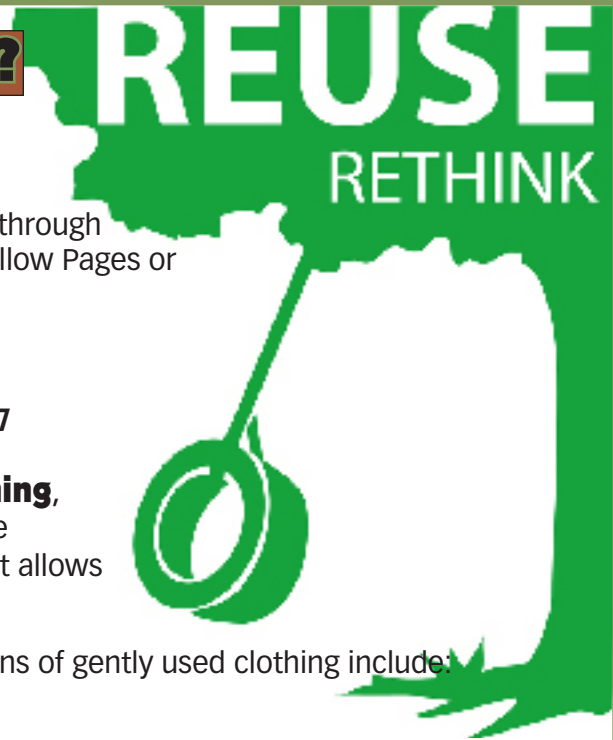
Area organizations and charities that accept drop-off donations of gently used clothing include:

- Goodwill Industries (651) 439-4207
- Arc's Value Village Thrift Stores and Donation Centers (651) 788-8300
- Salvation Army (651) 789-0099
- Dawn's Closet (through Valley Outreach) (651)430-2739

Some organizations will pick up your gently used clothing curbside, including:

- Maroney's Sanitation (for existing customers) (651) 439-7279
- Disabled American Veterans (651) 487-2002
- Courage Center (952) 881-1100
- Vietnam Veterans of America (651) 778-8387
- Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota (651) 287-2300

If your clothing is too worn out for anyone else to wear it, reuse it yourself as cleaning rags around the house. Or drop it off at Wipers Recycling, a Maplewood clothing recycling firm that maintains receptacles for drop-off on the south side of Hwy. 36 near the intersection with English St.



New state law on recycling leaves and yard waste

If you bag your yard waste for pickup, you must now use compostable bags, either paper (kraft) bags or compostable plastic bags.



Compostable plastic bags are distinct from traditional black plastic bags because they are usually clear or a translucent shade of green or white. Most home improvement, grocery, and hardware stores now carry them.

Maroney's Sanitation charges \$2 a bag to haul the waste to a compost site. Waste Management does not offer this service.

You may haul the yard waste yourself to a composting site or compost your yard waste on your own property and use the nutrient-rich compost for your garden and lawn.

For more information on compostable bags, go to www.rethinkrecycling.com/compostablebags. For compost sites, click here.