



## **Waste Reduction & Recycling Board**

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Anoka City Hall | 5:00 p.m. | Worksession Room

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of February 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes
4. Old Business
  - a. Subcommittees Reports
  - b. General Updates
  - c. Finalize 2026 Goals and 2025 Accomplishments
  - d. Residential Reuse Tonnage
  - e. RAW Spring Newsletter Update
  - f. Solid Waste Ordinance Update
  - g. 2026 Recycling Events
5. New Business
  - a. Holiday Stuff Reuse Event
6. Communications
  - a. Chairpersons Communication Board Report
  - b. Anoka County Municipal Waste Prevention & Recycling Grant Program
  - c. Organized Solid Waste Collection
  - d. Environmental Specialist Position
  - e. 2026 Meetings & Activities Schedule
  - f. General Recycling Questions
7. Adjournment



## Memo

To: Waste Reduction & Recycling Board Members  
From: Pam Bowman, Communications & Recycling Manager  
Date: March 5, 2026  
Re: Wednesday, March 11, 2026, Agenda

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1. **Call to Order.** Meeting will be called to order at 5 p.m. in the Worksession Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of City Hall.
2. **Roll Call.** Roll call will be taken.
3. **Approval of February 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes.** I recommend approval of the meeting minutes with any necessary corrections. **Action: Approval of minutes. (Attachment 1)**
4. **Old Business**
  - a. **Subcommittee Reports.**
    - **Alley & Ave Retail Boutique Follow Up.** Member Rathbun will provide an update.
    - **Multi-Unit Program.** Nothing new to report.
    - **Organics Program.** Chair Jones & Member Dergantz will provide a report.
    - **Little Free Library.** Member Belland will provide and update.
    - **Citywide Garage Sale.** I will provide an update.
    - **Soles4Souls Program.** Member Rathbun or I will provide an update.
    - **Swap/Reuse Committee.** The committee will provide an update.
    - **ReCork Program.** Member Belland will provide an update.
    - **Closing the Loop on Zero Waste Follow Up.** Member Dergantz will provide an update.
  - b. **General Updates:**
    - o **Holiday Lights Collection Update.** I will provide an update at the meeting.
    - o **Aluminum Can Recycling Trailer Update.** Both trailers continue to be utilized. Public Services continues to monitor and transport as needed.
    - o **Electronics and Battery Product Stewardship Bill.** If anyone has an update, please provide at the meeting. This item remains on the agenda as a reminder.
  - c. **Finalize 2026 Goals and 2025 Accomplishments.** Attached are the revised goals and accomplishments discussed at your February meeting, along with the Council's draft goals. Members will discuss, finalize, and vote on the lists. **Action: Finalize Goals & Accomplishments (Attachment 2)**

- d. **Residential Reuse Tonnage.** Chair Jones will provide an update on this item.
- e. **RAW Spring Newsletter Update.** The newsletter draft is attached and is in review with Anoka County. I was unable to include the organics information and the Alley & Ave information. It is set to mail on April 1<sup>st</sup>. **(Attachment 3)**
- f. **Solid Waste Ordinance Update.** This item is to remain on the agenda as a reminder and will be discussed at future meetings. Please continue reviewing the 2024 Anoka County Solid Waste Master Plan ([Here is a link to the report](#)). When the new environmental specialist is on board, they will take the lead on this item and finalize it.
- g. **2006 Recycling Events.**
  - o **Spring Recycling Event.** Attached is the flyer. We will finalize event day specifics at the meeting. **(Attachment 4)**
  - o **Curbside Recycling of Bulky Items –** This service begins on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and runs through the last Tuesday of December. Residents contact JRs Advanced Recyclers directly. SCORE funds cover the cost of service and the recycling of appliances. Residents pay for the recycling of electronics only. This is listed in the RAW newsletter and additional advertising will begin soon.
  - o **Farmers Market Booth.** The market takes place each Wednesday from 3-7 p.m., June 17 – September 30<sup>th</sup>. The new environmental specialist will be managing the Farmers Market. Booth dates/details can be coordinated through them.
  - o **Summer Recycling Event at RTI in Blaine.** The budget is \$12,900. The date is Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. At your February meeting you decided to provide a coupon good for the recycling of any two appliances, electronics, or mattresses, per customer. Advertising will get underway after the spring event.
- 5. **New Business.**
  - a. **Holiday Stuff Reuse Event.** Chair Jones requested this item be added to the agenda.
- 6. **Communications.**
  - a. **Chairpersons Communication Board Meeting Report.** Chair Jones will provide an update from that meeting.
  - b. **Anoka County Municipal Waste Prevention & Recycling Grant Program.** Attached is information on a grant opportunity through Anoka County. This is for information purposes. If the board would like to consider applying, this would be an ideal project for the environmental specialist. We applied a few years ago to help cover the costs of the social district recycling containers; however, that request was denied. **(Attachment 5)**
  - c. **Organized Solid Waste Collection.** I will provide an update at the meeting, if available.
  - d. **Environmental Specialist Position.** The job should be posted soon.
  - e. **2026 Meetings & Activities Schedule.** Attached is the draft 2026 schedule. We will review this and adjust as needed throughout the year. **(Attachment 5)**

- f. **General Recycling Questions.** Oftentimes questions come up during the meetings unrelated to the agenda item being discussed. To keep the meeting on track, this item will now be included on each agenda so each of you has an opportunity to ask general recycling questions.

If you have a topic to discuss at a future meeting, please let me know in advance.

**REMINDER:** A topic may not be discussed if it is not on the agenda. The topic should relate to our mission/goals.

7. **Adjournment.** Let's plan to adjourn by 6:30 p.m.



**CITY OF ANOKA  
WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING BOARD  
Meeting Minutes February 11, 2026**



**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Knappek at 5:03 p.m. in the Worksession Room of Anoka City Hall.

**Roll Call**

- Board Members present: Brenda Belland, Sue Dergantz, Marijo Hain, Cheryl Knappek, and Shawn Weddel.
- Absent: Chair Veronica Jones
- Remote/Via Zoom: Eileen Rathbun (out of town)
- Staff present: Pam Bowman, Recycling Manager
- Others Present: None

**Approval of January 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the January 14, 2026, meeting minutes was made by Member Hain, seconded by Member Belland.

6 ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

**Subcommittees Reports:**

- **Alley & Ave Retail Boutique Follow up.** Member Rathbun reported the manager would be happy for us to collect something. Suggesting canning jars and flower pots, and/or wooden picture frames. Add gently used canning jars and wooden frames to spring recycling flyer.
- **Multi-Unit Program** –Nothing new to report.
- **Organics Program** – Member Dergantz reported that it has been going really well. Bowman said she received a concern from a participant that a person was sitting or maybe hiding on the opposite side of the dumpster while she was dropping off her organics. The

participant felt unsafe and said will never bring her organics to that site. Bowman suggested a future discussion of security camera options should be held again.

- **Little Free Library** – Member Belland reported it is full. She cleaned it out. About 65% kids and 35% novels.
- **Citywide Garage Sale** – VC Knappek reported she contacted Thrifty MN website. Bowman reported registration will be available beginning March 2nd. Event is scheduled for May 15 & 16. The Swap/Reuse Committee members reported they will be organizing swap events, but not a reuse event the size of previous years. Bowman will tell registrants that Anoka County has changed and will be having a reuse event at a later date; watch for information from Anoka County.
- **Soles4Souls Program** – Member Rathbun reported we are ending the Soles4Souls Program but shifting the shoe collection to support ACBC Food Shelf's thrift store. Peterson Shoes will continue to collect gently used shoes, package them, and contact ACBC for pickup. ACBC will then provide them in their clothing store for reuse. The city will promote the program. We won't be working with Sneakers4Good; however, Peterson Shoes may continue to do so on their own. Rathbun requested specific boxes for the shoes to be collected at the spring recycling event.
- **Swap/Reuse** – Member Rathbun reported that several cities are doing various swap events. Hennepin County does as well. Halloween costumes, sporting equipment, etc. The subcommittee will be meeting soon to discuss ideas.
- **ReCork Program** – Member Belland reported it has slowed down, but we have emptied it twice. She will check with Ambi to see if they would like to participate.
- **Closing the Loop on Zero Waste Follow-up.** Member Dergantz reported that she is waiting for a response from the author.

### General Updates

- **Holiday Lights Collection Update.** Bowman thanked VC Knappek and Member Belland for packaging the holidays lights today that were collected in January. They will be picked up for recycling on Friday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Aluminum Can Recycling Trailer Update.** Bowman reported collection continues, trailers remain at Grey Ghost Field and the Anoka Aquatic Center. Public Services continues to monitor and empty as needed.
- **Electronics and Battery Product Stewardship Bill.** Rathbun said she attended a webinar. There will be two bills referencing e-recycling and batteries. This group that presented this to us a couple years ago are working on a Right to Repair Act. VC Knappek had information on the Right to Repair Act. Senate file 2484 and House file 2519.

## **Review 2025 Accomplishments & 2026 Goals**

Members reviewed the list and made recommendations. Bowman will update and bring it back to the March meeting. They will vote on the lists in March.

**RAW Newsletter.** Bowman reported articles are due on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to the designer. The following will be included:

- Did You Know - we collected “\_\_\_\_ pairs of shoes” and switching to support ACBC Food Shelf.
  - Do you know the difference between biodegradable and compostable? By Chair Jones.
  - Shout out about Alley & Ave Boutique
  - Spring Recycling Event
  - Citywide Garage Sale
  - Boost for organics participants if space allows.
  - Bowman will work with designer to maximize space on the cover.
  - VC Knappek – suggested articles from the CR newsletter (wish cycling, etc.).
- **Spring Recycling Event** – Bowman reported she is still waiting on confirmation from First State Tire and pricing, but everything else is in place. She asked what items should be subsidized other than appliances, batteries, and bulbs. It was determined to price all mattresses and box springs at \$15 (including crib), offer all small appliances and electronics for free – these are \$6/ea.

Rathbun reported that Alley & Ave retail store could use some wooden frames and canning jars. We will add “gently used” in our spring recycling event information.

- **July - December 2025 SCORE Report.** Bowman reviewed the reports with the members. She reminded them that the requested reimbursement for expenses was \$48,322.19, with about \$12,000 remaining in SCORE fund and that Anoka County personnel allowed for more dollars to be accounted toward labor. While we are still waiting on some last minute tonnage reports, the approximate tonnage collected should be close to 1,036 tons.
- **Solid Waste Ordinance Update.** Bowman referred to the 2024 Anoka County Solid Waste Master Plan and asked if members had time to review it. She said she has not had a chance to review it and would like more time to do so and suggested reviewing it for another month and to discuss in March and finalize in April. All agreed.

## **2026 Recycling Events**

- **Curbside Recycling Event with JR’s Advanced Recyclers.** Bowman reminded there is \$15,000 budgeted for this service and they can choose a couple dates throughout the year or the all year program and/or subsidize costs.

She said Coon Rapids offers all year - the city covers the service fee (\$30/- \$40 per stop), and the resident pays the cost of the recycling. The resident contacts the vendor directly to

schedule and make payment. The city is billed accordingly. Bowman said it is the same concept as the other curbside events they held last year with JRs Advanced Recyclers, only this is on an ongoing basis. Members determined to go this route. Bowman will make arrangements with JRs Advanced Recyclers.

- **Farmers Market Participation**

Members will choose a date for June, July, August, and September.

- **Summer Recycling Drop-Off Event** – This is scheduled with Recycle Technologies for Saturday, July 25, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Budget of \$12,900 for residents' discounts. Members determined to offer a coupon good for recycling of two items for free. Items will include appliances, electronics, and mattresses and box springs. Members declined adding a paper shredding truck. This will be advertised in the summer City View newsletter.

### **New Business**

**Holiday Stuff Reuse Event.** This item will be moved to the March meeting due to Chair Jones' absence.

### **Communications**

**Organized Solid Waste Collection.** Bowman reported that the city and haulers entered into a 60-day negotiation period in early January. Their first meeting was held on January 29<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. The City Manager and Assistant City Manager continue to schedule weekly meetings with the haulers. The City Council can next discuss the topic at their March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting if they choose to do so, which would be beyond the 60-day negotiation phase. No other information is available.

Member Hain left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**Environmental Specialist Position.** Bowman reported that this new city position will be advertised soon and the new hire will take over all her responsibilities related to the recycling program and as staff liaison to the WRRB. Bowman is hopeful they will be hired before the April recycling event so they can be included and know what to expect for the fall event.

**2026 Meetings & Activities Schedule** – Members reviewed the schedule.

### **General Recycling Questions.**

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**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.





## 2025 WRRB Accomplishments & 2026 Goals

### 2025 Accomplishments

1. Participation in the organics drop-off program increased by 10%.
2. Partnered with R Marketplace to host a children's clothing swap and held a reuse event with Anoka County.
3. Hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Anoka Citywide Garage Sale with more than 75 households.
4. Promoted recycling of the Social District plastic cups:
  - a. Members starred in a video produced by QCTV
  - b. Assisted with recycling container assembly
5. Diversified the RAW newsletter content; providing topics for both beginner and experienced recyclers.
6. Continued educating ourselves on current topics.
7. Implemented the ReCork recycling program in partnership with Better Values Liquor.
8. Continued to foster existing programs; collecting gently used shoes, the Little Free Library, aluminum can collections, annual pumpkin smash, recycling events, etc.
9. Invited guest speakers to share their information; Ridwell and Alley & Ave.

### 2026 Goals

1. Increase organics recycling participation by 10%.
  - a. Educate ourselves on curbside organics recycling
  - b. Offer educational resources on organics recycling
  - c. Enhance promotion of the free drop-off program
2. Swap & Reuse Programs & Events
  - a. Expand the ReCork natural wine cork collection program to one or more locations.
  - b. Coordinate a Local Buy Nothing/Local Free Stuff event.
  - c. Partner with R Marketplace to host a swap or reuse event.
  - d. Continue partnering with Peterson Shoes to collect gently used to donate to ACBC Food Shelf's Thrift Store.
3. Promote recycling of the Social District plastic cups.
4. Invite youth representative(s) to join the WRRB.
5. Research how to collect independent residential reuse tonnage.
6. Present recycling information to the Landlords & Managers Association.

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SPRING 2026

**RAW**

REDUCE ANOKA'S WASTE

SPRING  
RECYCLING  
DROP-OFF EVENT  
APRIL 25  
(DETAILS INSIDE)



WASTE REDUCTION  
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## Avoid Wishcycling

Wishcycling is when you place non-recyclable materials in your curbside recycling container with the hope that they will be recycled. Sadly, those items will do more harm than good!

Non-recyclable materials cause contamination, decrease the quality of the recycled materials, and damage machinery if added to your recycling container.

Some common items that are “wishcycled” include greasy pizza boxes, mirrors, plastic bags, plastic bubble wrap, plastic toys, plastic utensils, Styrofoam®, and tangles (cords, hoses, ropes).

When in doubt, throw it out! If you are not sure the material is recyclable, place it in the trash.

## Free Organics Drop-off Program

Sign up online for free at [anokamn.gov](http://anokamn.gov) ▼

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FREE Residential Drop-off Program  
It's easy and convenient!

**ORGANICS  
RECYCLING  
Food Scraps**

Get started today – it's FREE!  
Organics include all food scraps, non-recyclable paper products like paper towels, facial tissue, and BPI-certified compostable products.

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[www.anokaminnnesota.com](http://www.anokaminnnesota.com)

FREE KIT

# SPRING RECYCLING EVENT

**Saturday, April 25 | 8 a.m. – Noon**

**501 Pierce St. (enter off 7th Ave. & Pierce St.)**

**FREE PAPER  
SHREDDING**  
(5 BOX/BAG LIMIT  
PER CUSTOMER)

## FREE to Recycle:

- Appliances (major: stove, refrigerator, dryer, water softener, etc.)
- Batteries (all household and lead acid)
- Bicycles (any condition)
- Cell phones, eyeglasses, ink cartridges, hearing aids
- Computer towers, laptops, tablets, (cords, cables, etc.)
- Corrugated cardboard
- Fluorescent lamps (limit 30), bulbs, ballasts,
- Small appliances and electronics (toaster, DVD player, coffee maker, etc.)
- String lights
- Scrap metal (must remove all non-metal parts and fluids; grills and lawn mowers accepted)

## \$ FEES \$ to Recycle (per each):

**CASH OR CHECKS ONLY – NO CREDIT  
CARDS ACCEPTED BY ANY VENDOR!**

### Electronics – Cash or check to Recycling Technologies, Inc.

\$7 – Computer or laptop with hard drive intact  
\$10 – Desktop printer | \$35 large printers (over 40 lbs.)  
\$25 – Non-electric exercise equipment  
\$40 – Treadmill

### TVs & Computer Monitors

\$20 – Up to 17”  
\$30 – 18”-31”  
\$55 – 32”+  
\$85 – Console/rear projection TVs  
\$20 – Additional broken TV or CRT

### Mattresses/Box Springs–Cash or check to Recycle Technologies, Inc.

\$15 – All sizes from crib to king. All must be dry.

### Tires–Cash or check to First State Tire Disposal

\$1.75 – ATV or motorcycle tires (on/off rims)  
\$2.50 – Passenger tires  
\$3 – Light truck 16” & 17” (on/off rims)  
\$5.25 – Bobcat or skid steer (on/off rims)  
\$9-\$50 – Semi and tractor, varying sizes and types  
(\$10 additional on rim)

### DONATE – Gently Used Clothing, Accessories, Shoes, Mason Jars, and Wooden Frames (in good condition only):

- Clothing, accessories, bedding and linens to support the Epilepsy Foundation (no socks, underwear, or soiled items).
- Shoes – any types, must be paired. We are partnering with Peterson Shoes of Anoka to support ACBC Food Shelf's Thrift Store.
- Mason jars and wooden frames for repurposing – for Alley & Ave, a student-run retail store in downtown Anoka.

### NOT Accepted

Auto hulks, building/construction materials (windows, doors, wood, glass, etc.), carpet, child car seats, furniture, knick knacks, garbage, hazardous waste (paint, oil, propane tanks, etc.), smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, yard waste, organics, or compost.

**We reserve the right to refuse items.**

Questions? Call 763-576-2725 or email [pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us](mailto:pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us) BEFORE Friday, April 24th, or visit [anokaminnesota.com](http://anokaminnesota.com).

*Thank you to Anoka Municipal Utility for subsidizing costs for appliances and fluorescent recycling.  
The Anoka Lions Club for volunteering, and for Anoka Public Services for labor assistance.*

*This event is funded by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners & State  
SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment) funds.*

## ANOKA CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

Do you like to host garage sales or do you like to attend them? Either way, join us in our 4th Annual Citywide Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday, May 15th & 16th.

If you plan to host a garage sale on either or both dates, register your sale for FREE at [anokaminnnesota.com](http://anokaminnnesota.com). All registered addresses hosting a garage sale on those dates will be added to a map that will be shared with the public a week or so prior to the sale dates. Registration closes at 10 p.m. on Friday, May 1st.

If you just like shopping around and checking out garage sales, mark your calendar for this event! Sales will occur generally from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. This is a great way to reuse items that could otherwise end up in a landfill.

Questions? Contact Pam at 763-576-2725 or email [pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us](mailto:pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us).

## COMPOSTABLE & BIODEGRADABLE

### Do You Know the Difference?

Compostable and biodegradable are not the same. If you are a participant in Anoka's organics recycling drop off program, be sure the items included in your compostable bags are compostable—food scraps, paper towels/napkins, facial tissues, pizza boxes, and other items marked as certified compostable. Look for the BPI Certified label on food packaging materials; those clearly marked are accepted in the organics drop-off program. Items labeled as biodegradable must go in the garbage.



#### Compostable

Made from organic materials  
Breaks down in 30-180 days when properly processed  
Leaves little or no toxins or residues  
Regulated, certified, well-defined



#### Biodegradable

Can contain organic and fossil fuel materials  
May take years, decades, or longer to break down  
May leave toxic residue, including microplastics  
Generally unregulated, can be misleading

### Fast Facts:

- Most biodegradable products are not compostable
- Look for Compostable or BPI Certification on non-food scrap items
- **As always, if in doubt – throw it out.**

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY

### Appliances & Electronics Only

Anoka is partnering with JR's Advanced Recyclers for pick-up service every Tuesday from April through December 2026. This service is only for household appliances and electronics. No other materials will be collected.

### Call JR's Advanced Recyclers (651-454-9215) to:

- Schedule your service pick-up for a Tuesday
- Make payment directly with JR's Advanced Recyclers
- Ask questions about this service

Have your item(s) at your curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled Tuesday.

### Fees covered by SCORE funding (city pays):

Transportation costs & recycling of major household appliances.

### Major Appliances (no ammonia units):

- Free recycling – must be cleaned (no food/materials)

### Electronics—resident pays recycling fee (per item)

- FREE: keyboard, mouse, and cords
- If not listed—call JR's for information

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|--------------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| CD, DVD, or VCR Player   | \$5  | Stereo Console         | \$50 |
| Copier (small)           | \$25 | Treadmill              | \$25 |
| Copier (medium)          | \$60 | TV (13" and smaller)   | \$25 |
| Laptop                   | \$15 | TV (14"-19")           | \$30 |
| Monitor (CRT up to 17")  | \$30 | TV (20"-27")           | \$35 |
| Monitor (CRT 18" and up) | \$35 | TV (28" and larger)    | \$55 |
| Printer (small)          | \$15 | TV Console             | \$55 |
| Printer (large/laser)    | \$35 | TV (Plasma/LCD 4"-20") | \$20 |
| Small Radio or Scanner   | \$15 | TV (Plasma/LCD 21"+)   | \$30 |
| Stereo Receiver          | \$25 | Vacuum cleaner         | \$5  |





## DONATE GENTLY USED SHOES



used shoes you would like to donate, please bring them to Peterson Shoes (209 E Main St) during regular business hours.

We thank Peterson Shoes for their partnership. To learn more about Peterson Shoes, visit [petersonshoes.com](http://petersonshoes.com). Learn more about ACBC Food Shelf at [acbcfoodshelf.com](http://acbcfoodshelf.com).

Anoka's Waste Reduction & Recycling Board is happy to continue to team up with Peterson Shoes of Anoka to collect gently used shoes! We are now pairing up to support ACBC Food Shelf's thrift store, which means the shoes will stay local and benefit those in the community. If you have gently

## PLASTIC FREE JULY™

Join millions of people in reducing their plastic waste. Plastic Free July™ is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution. By refusing single-use plastics, you can help create cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities.



Whether you're a beginner looking for a few single-use plastics to avoid, ready to take the next steps, or want to share with others, there are ideas to inspire you at home, work, school, and within the community. Best of all, being part of Plastic Free July will help you find great alternatives that can become new habits forever.

To take the pledge, get ideas, solutions, stories from other participants, and more, visit [plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org).

## RECYCLING IS NO FAIRYTALE IN THE TWIN CITIES

Do you wonder what really happens to recyclables when they leave your home? The City of Anoka is teaming up with the metro counties to assure you that recycling is no myth. It's real and it works here.

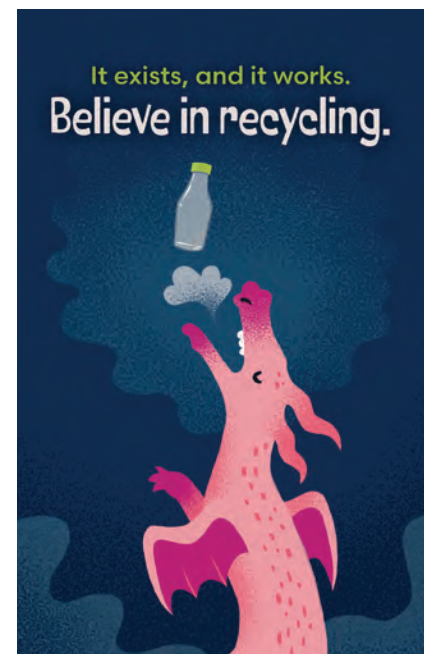
Minnesota is home to many recycling facilities that collect, sort, process and manufacture items made from the bottles, boxes, and other containers you put in your recycling cart every day. When you put the right items in your recycling cart, they become new products, locally, and regionally.

- Glass bottles and jars are sorted by color in Saint Paul. Clear glass is sent to Shakopee to make bottles for drinks, pickles, salad dressing and more.
- Plastic milk and laundry detergent jugs are made into durable decking, fencing, and landscaping products in Paynesville, and plastic drink bottles and produce containers are made into new plastic bottles in Wisconsin and Ohio.
- Recycled paper and cardboard are made into cereal and cracker boxes in Saint Paul.
- Recycled food cans are made into new products like wire, and parts for cars and appliances in the Midwest.

- Local efforts to recycle and reduce waste save energy, protect resources and support about 78,000 jobs in the state. Annually, the Twin Cities metro area recycles an average of 900,000 tons of paper and cardboard, metal, glass and plastic – that's the weight of about four large cruise ships!

You can be proud that recycling works in Minnesota.

Learn more at [RecyclingExists.com](http://RecyclingExists.com).



## Residential Recycling Questions?

**ACE Solid Waste, Inc. 763-427-3110**

- Curbside recycling information
- Missed service
- Service schedule
- Additional recycling container (no charge)

**City Recycling Manager 763-576-2725**  
General residential recycling information



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Publication and events funded by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners & State SCORE funds (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment).

[anokamn.gov](http://anokamn.gov)



**WASTE REDUCTION**  
— & RECYCLING BOARD —

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## FREE TO RECYCLE

Appliances (all major household & small appliances)

\***Batteries** (household & lead acid),

Cardboard, Cell Phones, Computer Towers & Laptops (w/out hard drive), Cords, Eyeglasses, Ink Cartridges, Hearing Aids, Keyboard/Mouse, Fluorescent Lamps/Bulbs (limit 30), Ballasts, String Lights, Small Electronics (VCR, stereo, etc.), Tablets, Scrap Metal - **MUST remove all non-metal parts & fluids from all scrap metal including grills, lawn mowers, etc.**

## DONATE GENTLY USED CLOTHING & SHOES

Support Epilepsy Foundation

Donate clothing, hats, belts, purses, bedding & linens in good condition. *No socks or undergarments.*

Support ACBC Food Shelf's Thrift Store

Donate gently used shoes (all types).

In partnership with **Peterson Shoes** of Anoka!

## FREE PAPER SHREDDING

Mixed papers, envelopes, file folders. Paper clips & staples are fine.

No 3-ring binders, laminated or carbon paper.

**Limit 5 boxes/bags per customer.**

## DONATE BICYCLES

Collected for **Bikes4Kids** all sizes and any condition!

## DONATE MASON JARS & WOODEN FRAMES

Donate gently used canning jars & wooden frames for **Alley & Ave**; student-run retail home decor store in downtown Anoka!

*\*Please place lithium batteries in a separate bag from general batteries.*

ATTACHMENT 1  
**ANOKA**  
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**Cash or checks only, NO CREDIT CARDS!**

# Spring RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, April 25, 2026

8AM-12PM

501 Pierce St., Anoka

*Enter off 7th Ave & Pierce St*

## SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

Anoka Municipal Utilities (AMU) and Waste Reduction & Recycling Board (WRRB) for subsidizing fees.  
Anoka Lions Club volunteers.  
Anoka Public Services labor.

*We reserve the right to refuse items.  
Thank you!*

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WASTE REDUCTION  
— & RECYCLING BOARD —

All prices are per item 

## FEES TO RECYCLE

 **Cash or checks only, NO CREDIT CARDS!**

### ELECTRONICS

**Cash or check to Recycle Technologies Inc.**

- \$7 - Computer or laptop with hard drive intact
- \$10 - Desktop printer/\$35 - large printers (over 40 lbs.)
- \$20 - TV and computer monitor up to 17"
- \$30 - TV and computer monitor 18" - 31"
- \$55 - TV and computer monitor 32"+
- \$40 - Treadmill /\$25 non-electric exercise equipment
- \$85 - TV console and rear projection
- \$20 - additional if TV screen or monitor is broken**

### TIRES **Cash or check to First State Tires**

- \$1.75 - ATV and motorcycle (on/off rims)
- \$2.50 - Passenger (on/off rims)
- \$3.00 - Light truck 16" & 17" (on/off rims)
- \$5.25 - Bobcat/skid steer (on/off rims)
- \$9-\$50 - Semi and tractor varying sizes and types (on rim add'l \$10)

**Cash or checks only, NO CREDIT CARDS!**

### MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS

**Cash or check to Recycle Technologies Inc.**

\$15 - All sizes from crib to king!

## NOT ACCEPTED - DO NOT BRING!

**NO** Auto hulks, building/construction materials (windows, doors, wood, etc.), carpet, child car seats, furniture, household goods (except linens), garbage of any kind, hazardous waste (paint, oil, propane tanks, etc.), smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, yard waste or compost materials!

**PLEASE, DO NOT DROP OFF ANY ITEMS  
BEFORE OR AFTER EVENT DATE OR HOURS**

**Questions?** 763-576-2725 | [pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us](mailto:pbowman@ci.anoka.mn.us)

Event is funded by Anoka County Board of Commissioners & State SCORE funds (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment).







## 2026 Municipal Waste Prevention & Recycling Grant Program Application

Date Application Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Application Reviewed by Anoka County: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Application Approved by Anoka County: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved Grant Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Application Denied by Anoka County: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant funding of up to \$25,000 per municipality may be available for municipal waste prevention, reuse, and recycling projects in Anoka County that are not included in the approved 2026 SCORE grant program.

Waste prevention, reuse, and recycling grant applications will be considered on first-served, case-by-case basis with approval at the discretion Anoka County. **Note that grant requests exceeding \$25,000 may be considered. Contact Jill Curran for further information.**

Submit completed applications and/or grant program questions via email to Jill Curran at [jill.curran@anokacountymn.gov](mailto:jill.curran@anokacountymn.gov). **Applications will be accepted until November 13, 2026. All projects must be completed and invoiced by the end of day December 31, 2026.**



## **Eligible Project Expenses**

### **Waste Prevention and Reuse Project Expenses**

- New waste prevention or reuse project start-up expenses
  - Project viability study
  - Equipment and supplies
  - Program promotion materials
  - Staff training
- Space remodeling
- New space construction

### **Organics/Food Waste Project Expenses**

- Food waste drop-off start-up expenses
- Food waste enclosure
- Food waste prevention

### **Problem Materials Project Expenses**

- New problem materials collection start-up expenses
- Pop-up event expenses

### **NEW or Improved Recycling Program Project Expenses**

- Mid-calendar year program expansion expenses may be eligible for this grant program if they have not already been approved in the 2026 SCORE grant program application.
- Start-up collection expenses for targeted materials that are not currently being collected may qualify for this grant program.
- Expenses related to reducing contamination may be eligible for this grant program.

## Project Description

1. Indicate focus area for project (check one):

- ☐ Waste Prevention or Reuse
- ☐ Organics/Food Waste
- ☐ Problem Materials
- ☐ NEW Recycling

2. Describe in detail the project purpose, scope, design, and detailed project costs. Include in this description how the project will prevent waste, increase materials reuse, improve efficiency, and increase collaboration between communities.

3. Explain in detail how the project will be sustained over time after the grant funds are depleted.

## Project Outcomes

1. Describe in detail the expected project outcomes including materials to be collected for reuse or recycling and estimated annual diversion weight for each material.

2. For waste prevention and reuse projects, list strategies for promoting and executing these projects. Also list reuse outlets for the materials.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereunto set their hands.

**CITY OF** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY OF ANOKA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2026 WRRB Meetings & Activities Schedule

Red indicates recent changes/updates.

| DATE                                | MEETING ITEMS                                                                                                                                                                                  | EVENTS & ACTIVITIES DATES                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| JAN. 14                             | Oath of Office   Election of Officers<br>2025 Accomplishments & 2026 Goals<br>Annual review of mission, bylaws, etc.<br>Updates & Subcommittee Reports<br>Discuss/Confirm Events Dates         |                                                                                                                               |
| FEB. 11                             | Subcommittee Reports<br>July-Dec 2025 SCORE Report<br>2025 Accomplishments & 2026 Goals<br>RAW newsletter topics<br>Spring Recycling Event                                                     |                                                                                                                               |
| MARCH 11                            | Subcommittee Reports   RAW Newsletter draft   2026 Recycling Events<br>Goals & Accomplishments<br>Holiday Stuff Reuse Event<br>Residential Reuse Tonnage<br>Chairpersons Communications Update | Wed., March 4 - Chairpersons Comm. Board<br>March 2-May 1 - Garage Sale <b>Registration</b>                                   |
| April 8                             | Subcommittee Reports                                                                                                                                                                           | Sat., April 25 - Spring Recycling Event<br>Tuesdays – Curbside Recycling Bulk Items                                           |
| MAY 13                              | Subcommittee Reports<br>Events Updates                                                                                                                                                         | Fri. & Sat., May 15 & 16 - Citywide Garage Sale<br>Tuesdays – Curbside Recycling Bulk Items                                   |
| JUNE 10                             | Subcommittee Reports<br>Events Updates<br>2026 SCORE Funding Application                                                                                                                       | June 3 - Chairpersons Comm. Board<br>Tuesdays – Curbside Recycling Bulk Items                                                 |
| JULY 8                              | Subcommittee Reports<br>2027 SCORE Grant application<br>RAW newsletter topics<br>Fall Recycling Day                                                                                            | Sat., July 25 - Summer Drop-off Event at RTI<br>Tuesdays – Curbside Recycling Bulk Items                                      |
| AUGUST 12                           | Subcommittee Reports<br>2027 SCORE Grant application<br>Fall Recycling Day                                                                                                                     | Tues., Aug. 4 - Night to Unite<br>Tuesdays – Curbside Recycling Bulk Items<br>Mon., <b>August 17</b> - Report to City Council |
| SEPT. 9                             | Subcommittee Reports<br>Fall Recycling Day<br>Pumpkin Smash<br>SCORE Report Results                                                                                                            | Wed., Sept. 3 - Chairpersons Comm. Board<br>Sat., Sept. 26 - Fall Recycling Event<br>Tuesdays – Curbside Recycling Bulk Items |
| OCT. 14                             | Subcommittee Reports<br>Fall Recycling Day Report<br>Pumpkin Smash                                                                                                                             | Tuesdays – Curbside Recycling Bulk Items                                                                                      |
| NOV. 11<br>Veterans Day<br>(closed) | Subcommittee Reports, 2027 Anoka County<br>Recycling Agreement<br>2026 Accomplishments & 2027 Goals                                                                                            | November 1-8 - DIY Pumpkin Smash<br>Tuesdays – Curbside Recycling Bulk Items                                                  |
| DEC. 9                              | <b>ACE Solid Waste Annual Report</b>                                                                                                                                                           | Wed, Dec. 2 Chairpersons Communication Board<br>Tuesdays – Curbside Recycling Bulk Items                                      |