

Yard Waste & Compost

Yard waste is **banned from Minnesota landfills**. Placing brush, leaves, grass clippings, and garden waste in the garbage is **not allowed**

Yard Waste Facilities

- **Yard Waste at Construction and Demolition Landfill** • Bunker Hill Road, Two Harbors
- **Fall Lake Transfer Station** • 303 Kawishiwi Trail, Ely
- **John's Sanitary** • 15 Golf Course Road, Silver Bay
- **Two Harbors Yard Waste Facility** • Fairgrounds Road, Two Harbors
(open to residents and businesses within city limits, details on page 16)

Facilities outside Lake County

- **Northwoods Transfer Station** • 9384 Hwy 21 N, Ely
- **St. Louis County Regional Landfill** • 5341 Regional Landfill Road, Virginia
- **WLSSD Yard Waste and Compost Site** • 27th Ave W & Courtland St, Duluth
(food waste accepted at WLSSD)



Yard Waste Guide

Accepted

- Brush
- Leaves
- Clean soil
- Sod
- Hay or straw
- Lawn clippings
- Wood chips
- Tree limbs
- Firewood

NOT Accepted

- Boards
- Lawn furniture
- Railroad ties
- Root balls
- Bricks
- Landscaping timbers
- Pallets
- Cement blocks
- Flower pots

Backyard Composting

Up to 30% of household waste is food scraps and **yard waste**. Composting this material saves space in landfills and creates a nutrient-rich soil addition

There are no State or County laws or ordinances that prohibit property owners from having their own compost area on their property

Items that can be composted in the backyard

Fruits • Vegetables • Eggshells • Coffee Grounds & Filters • Tea Bags • Shredded paper • Cardboard
Yard trimmings • Grass clippings • Houseplants
Hay & Straw • Leaves • Lint, hair, fur • Wood Ashes

DO NOT COMPOST:

Meat • Dairy • Oils & Fats • Bones
Pet waste • Charcoal ash

There are four main steps to backyard composting:

- 1 Make a compost bin or buy one
- 2 Toss in about $\frac{3}{4}$ browns and $\frac{1}{4}$ greens
Browns: dry leaves, woodchips, twigs, pine needles and cones, straw, non-waxy paper and cardboard, egg cartons
Greens: grass clippings, kitchen scraps, including fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds, and tea bags
- 3 Add water as needed
- 4 Mix it up with a shovel or pitchfork once in a while

More resources on backyard composting:

[Minnesota Pollution Control Agency](#)

[Planet Natural](#)

[US EPA](#)

