

# Trash and Recycling

## Residential and Business Recycling

All residents and commercial properties, including multifamily, in Dakota County must recycle designated materials and properly manage their waste. See the recycling [Yes/No List](#) for what to recycle and what to leave out.

Use Dakota County's [Recycling Guide](#) to find out what to do with hundreds of items.

Please do not bag recyclable items in plastic bags. Keep them loose in your cart or bin. Leave caps on containers and flatten boxes.

## Setting Up Service

Sciota Township residents and businesses have the option of choosing who collects their trash and recycling. Choosing a new hauler can be a great time to evaluate what you throw away and how you can save money. The less trash you produce, the smaller the cart you need, and the less you will pay. Even if you're sticking with your current hauler, consider contacting them to see if you can save money. Select from one of the licensed haulers below and set-up your service directly with the hauler. All haulers collect these [designated materials](#) for recycling.

## List of Licensed Trash and Recycling Haulers

If you suspect your hauler is taking recycling to a trash site, contact Dakota County at 952-891-7557 to report.

## Reduce and Reuse

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle: The three "R's". Most of us are familiar with recycling, but what about the other two. Reduce and Reuse come before Recycle, and therefore should take priority.

Find local repair, rental and donation options near you by searching the [Reduce & Reuse Map](#).

## Organics Drop Off

Sciota Township residents can drop off organics such as food scraps and non-recyclable paper (e.g., paper towels, napkins) at any of the Dakota County Organics Drop Off Sites. It is a free, convenient and easy way to manage household food scraps and reduce the amount of trash sent for disposal.

[Sign up online](#), call 952-891-7557 or email [organics@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:organics@co.dakota.mn.us). You'll receive a welcome kit with a free container label, compostable bags and details on how to drop-off your organics.

## Dakota County Recycling Resources

- [The Recycling Zone](#)
- [Dakota County Recycling Requirements](#)
- [Residential Recycling](#)
- [Business Recycling](#)
- [Multifamily Recycling](#)

- [School Recycling](#)
- [Environmental Education Resources](#)
- [Event Recycling](#)

## **Solid Waste Collection Requirements for Haulers**

A county license is required to provide trash and recycling services in Sciota Township. Collection services must occur between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Operations during these hours may also be conducted on Saturdays to accommodate recognized national holidays and special collections arranged between the collector and customer. Haulers must provide weekly trash and recycling services to residents. See duties and obligations for haulers in [Dakota County Solid Waste Ordinance 110, Section 15](#).

## **Event Recycling Requirements**

Dakota County requires event sponsors to ensure trash and recycling are collected at all events. Beginning in 2024, Dakota County requires food scraps to be collected in back-of-house areas (non-public areas) for events with at least 300 people that generate at least one ton (8 cubic yards) of trash per location. The County offers free assistance and collection containers to help meet these requirements.

1. **Have recycling service.** Provide recycling service through a contract with a hauler or self-haul recyclables. Collected recyclables, food scraps – if collected, and trash must be delivered to a facility permitted to accept it.
2. **Recycle designated materials.** Provide recycling containers in buildings and on grounds to collect Dakota County's [Designated Recyclables](#) from event participants.
3. **Locate recycling containers with trash containers.** Wherever there is a trash container, there must be a recycling container within 10 feet in all indoor and outdoor locations, including on property grounds. Recycling containers must be large enough to collect all recyclables, and not overflowing.
4. **Label containers.** Label each indoor and outdoor containers according to [County labeling requirements](#). Replace labels if they become damaged, unreadable or if text or images conflict with county label requirements.
5. **Provide recycling education.** Provide standardized recycling education at least once a year to employees, event volunteers and contractors who manage event waste. Provide education within 30 days of hire and within 30 days of a substantial change to the waste and recycling program. Education must cover what and how to recycle in accordance with requirements listed on [Dakota County's website](#).