

Options for disposing of wastes from a natural disaster in northeastern Minnesota

Floods, tornadoes, and even large structural fires can create significant amounts of debris. To manage, sort, and dispose of such large volumes of unexpected waste, a variety of temporary and permanent disposal facilities may be required. This fact sheet provides information on disposal facilities so local decision-makers can review and plan their disposal options.

Although the alternate disposal options for some items will differ from those normally available to you, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has determined that these temporary options will provide the flexibility and expediency needed to address this issue.

For specific information, contact your local emergency operations center (EOC) or your county's solid waste office. If you do not know the phone number for your local contact, call the MPCA Duluth office at 218-723-4660 or 800-657-3864 or check MPCA's webpage: www.pca.state.mn.us/countycontacts.

You can help the collection efforts by separating your damaged materials for community pickup and disposal as specified in Table 1 below. Owners of damaged vehicles should personally arrange for their disposal.

Table 1: Waste categories for community pickup and disposal

Category	Disposal option
Demolition debris, building materials, and concrete	Demolition landfill
Municipal waste , such as food, paper, clothing, household furniture, household waste, trash and asbestos waste.	Sanitary landfill
Hazardous waste: commercial or household	Household hazardous waste collection facility
Tree and brush waste	Compost facility
Appliances (white goods) and electronics , including washers, dryers, dishwashers, furnaces, microwave ovens, water heaters, televisions and computers	Appliance and electronics recycling/disposal site
Oil-soaked absorbent pads and other special wastes	Local designated collection

Table 2 on next page lists common household items and their waste categories. These categories may become less restrictive if a major flood, tornado, or other natural disaster occurs. If that happens, additional guidance will be issued.

Some counties may have established special procedures and/or temporary storage sites to accommodate the large volumes of damaged materials. So, contact your local EOC or solid waste office for disposal facility locations if you plan to haul the flood-damaged materials yourself.

Table 2: Temporary solid waste categories for residential items

Item	Solid waste category
Air conditioners	Appliances
Appliances, portable (e.g., toasters, hotplates, heaters)	Municipal waste
Books, magazines (not recyclable)	Municipal waste
Cardboard (not recyclable)	Municipal waste
Carpeting (if remaining in demolished building)	Demolition waste
Carpeting (if removed and placed separately for disposal)	Municipal waste
Clothes dryers	Appliances
Clothing	Municipal waste
Concrete	Demolition waste
Food	Municipal waste
Freezers	Appliances
Furnaces	Appliances
Furniture	Municipal waste
Household pesticides, paints, stains, etc.	Household hazardous waste
Insulation (non-asbestos)	Demolition waste
Lumber (treated)	Municipal waste
Lumber (untreated)	Demolition waste
Microwave ovens	Appliances
Powdered detergent (not Household hazardous waste)	Municipal waste
Refrigerators	Appliances
Sheetrock, wallboard	Demolition waste
Stereos, radios	Municipal waste
Stoves	Appliances
Televisions, computers	Appliances or electronics
Window glass	Demolition waste

See Table 3 below for disposal facilities or transfer stations in your area that accept waste.

Table 3: Disposal locations for northeastern Minnesota

Name	County	City	Address	Phone
Sanitary landfills (SLFs)				
St. Louis County SLF	St. Louis	Virginia	5341 Regional Landfill Rd.	218-749-9703
Industrial landfills (ILFs)				
Shamrock Environmental LF	Carlton	Cloquet	761 Hwy. 45, S.	218-878-0112
Voyageur ILF (Waste Management)	St. Louis	Canyon	6830 Hwy. 53	218-345-6303
Demolition landfills (Demo LFs)				
Oak Ridge Demo LF	Aitkin	Aitkin	42500 310th Lane (Hwy. 169, S.)	218-927-4600
Itasca County Demo LF	Itasca	Grand Rapids	29959 E. Bass Lake Rd. (Itasca County Hwy. 62)	218-327-2857
Trout Demo LF	Itasca	Grand Rapids	Hwy. 38 (1.5 miles north of Hwy. 2)	218-246-8165

Name	County	City	Address	Phone
General Waste Demo LF	Itasca	Keewatin	35005 County Rd. 571 (off Hwy. 169)	218-778-6600
Spring Lake Demolition Land Disposal	Itasca	Spring Lake	50524 County Rd. 4	218-327-2857
Koochiching County Demo LF	Koochiching	International Falls	4100 Hwy. 11 (west of International Falls)	218-283-1157
Big Falls Demo LF	Koochiching	Big Falls	County Hwy. 13 and U.T. 87	218-283-1157
International Falls Demo LF	Koochiching	International Falls	4201 Town Rd. 214	218-283-4403
Wagner Demo LF	Koochiching	International Falls	3151 Hwy. 53	218-283-3700
Lake County Demo LF	Lake	Castle Danger	County Hwy. 3	218-834-8304
Hibbing Demo LF	St. Louis	Hibbing	3994 Landfill Rd.	218-749-9703
Veit (Vonco V) Demo LF	St. Louis	Duluth	1100 W. Gary St.	218-626-3867
Transfer stations (sanitary)				
Garrison Disposal TS (sanitary and demolition)	Aitkin	Aitkin	36091 400th Ave.	218-927-6435
Carlton County TS (sanitary and demolition)	Carlton	Carlton	1950 Hwy. 210	218-879-9089
Peterson Disposal TS (sanitary and demolition)	Cook	Grand Marais	Gunflint Trail & Forest Rd. 304	218-387-1668
Tofte TS (demolition only)	Cook	Tofte	County Hwy. 2 (3/4 mi. north of Hwy. 61)	218-387-3633
Itasca County TS (sanitary only)	Itasca	Grand Rapids	29959 East Bass Lake Rd. (County Hwy. 62)	218-327-2857
Koochiching County TS (sanitary/recyclables only)	Koochiching	International Falls	4100 Hwy. 11, W.	218-283-1157 or 218-283-3005
John's Sanitary TS (sanitary and demolition)	Lake	Silver Bay	15 Golf Course Rd.	218-226-3418
Brookston TS (sanitary/recyclables only)	St. Louis	Brookston	8609 Hwy. 2	218-749-9703
Cook TS (sanitary and demolition)	St. Louis	Cook	2134 S. Beatty Rd.	218-749-9703
Demo-licious TS (demolition/recyclables only)	St. Louis	Duluth	306 S. Central Ave.	218-628-3880
Hibbing TS (sanitary/recyclables only)	St. Louis	Hibbing	3994 Landfill Rd.	218-749-9703
Hudson TS (sanitary and demolition)	St. Louis	Aurora	5910 Hwy. 135, N.	218-749-9703
Northwoods TS (sanitary and demolition)	St. Louis	Ely	9384 Hwy. 21, N.	218-749-9703
Veit (Vonco V) TS (demolition only)	St. Louis	Duluth	1100 W. Gary St.	218-626-3867
WLSSD Material Recovery Center (demolition/recyclables only)	St. Louis	Duluth	4587 Ridgeview Rd. (off Rice Lake Road)	218-722-3336
WLSSD TS (sanitary only)	St. Louis	Duluth	2626 Courtland St.	218-722-3336

Name	County	City	Address	Phone
Household hazardous waste (HHW) collection sites				
Carlton County Transfer Station	Carlton	Carlton	1950 Hwy. 210	218-879-9089
Cook County Recycling Center	Cook	Grand Marais	630 5th Ave., W.	218-387-3633
Itasca County Transfer Station	Itasca	Grand Rapids	29959 E. Bass Lake Rd. (County Hwy. 62)	218-327-2857
Koochiching County Transfer Station	Koochiching	International Falls	4100 Hwy. 11, W.	218-283-1157
WLSSD HHW	St. Louis	Duluth	2626 Courtland St.	218-722-3336
St. Louis County Regional LF	St. Louis	Virginia	5341 Regional Landfill Rd.	218-749-9703