

Options for disposing of wastes from a natural disaster in north-central 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 don't know the phone number for your local contact, call the MPCA Brainerd office at 218-828-2492 or 800-657-3864 or check MPCA's webpage: www.pca.state.mn.us/countycontacts.

You can help the collection efforts by separating your flood-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 north-central Minnesota

Name	County	City	Address	Phone
Sanitary landfills (SLFs)				
Crow Wing County SLF	Crow Wing	Brainerd	15732 State Hwy. 210	218-824-1290
East Central SLF	Kanabec	Mora	1756 180th Ave.	320-679-4930
Morrison County SLF	Morrison	Little Falls	17502 Iris Rd.	320-632-9592
Elk River SLF	Sherburne	Elk River	22460 Hwy. 169	763-441-2464
Demolition landfills (Demo LFs)				
Henkemeyer Demo LF	Benton	Sauk Rapids	6045 Lark Rd., N.W.	320-252-6487
Slagle Demo LF	Cass	Longville	3188 46th St., N.E., Remer	218-363-2119

Hengel's Westside Demo LF	Cass	Pequot Lakes	5253 21st Ave., S.W.	218-746-3355
Hengel Demo LF	Cass	Pillager	12883 Upper Sylvan Rd., SW	218-746-3355
Hoss Demo LF	Cass	Walker	Townhall Road	218-547-4677
Crow Wing County Demo LF	Crow Wing	Brainerd	15732 Hwy. 210	218-824-1290
Crosslake Demo LF	Crow Wing	Crosslake	13116 Fawn Lake Rd.	218-692-4185
Grinning Bear Demo LF	Crow Wing	Pine River	811 24th Ave, S.W., Backus	218-587-4990
Camp Ripley Demo LF	Morrison	Camp Ripley	15000 Hwy. 115, Little Falls	320-616-2625
Morrison Demo LF	Morrison	Little Falls	17502 Iris Rd.	320-632-9592
Vonco II Demo LF	Sherburne	Becker	15301 140th Ave., S.E.	763-428-2242
TK Demo LF	Stearns	Cold Spring	16820 County Rd. 158	320-685-8226
Bueckers City Sanitation	Stearns	Sauk Centre	39864 Hwy. 71, S.	320-352-5134
Todd County Demo LF	Todd	Browerville	30433 U.S. Hwy. 71	320-594-2210
Wadena Demo LF	Wadena	Wadena	10542 170th, S.	218-631-2474
Transfer stations (sanitary)				
Minden Transfer	Benton	Sauk Rapids	245 35th Ave., S.E., St. Cloud	320-252-0711
Cass County Transfer	Cass	Pine River	1705 Hwy. 371, S.W., Backus	218-547-7287
Camp Ripley Transfer	Morrison	Camp Ripley	15000 Hwy. 115, Little Falls	320-616-2625
Hinckley Transfer	Pine	Hinckley	339198 County Hwy. 61	320-679-4930, ext. 15
Bueckers Recycling Service Transfer	Stearns	Melrose	30838 County Rd. 157	320-836-2299
Danny's Disposal	Stearns	Melrose	30723 County Rd. 65	320-836-2700
Tom's Refuse Transfer (demolition only)	Stearns	Melrose	38164 Thunder Rd.	320-836-2206
Buecker City Sanitation Transfer	Stearns	Sauk Centre	39864 Hwy. 71, S.	320-352-2876
Todd County Transfer	Todd	Browerville	30433 U.S. Hwy. 71	320-594-2210
Household hazardous waste (HHW) collection sites				
Cass County HHW	Cass	Pine River	Hwy. 371, N.	218-547-7287
Chisago County HHW	Chisago	North Branch	39649 Grand Ave.	651-213-8923
Crow Wing County HHW	Crow Wing	Brainerd	15728 Hwy. 210	218-824-1290
Morrison County HHW	Morrison	Little Falls	17508 Iris Rd.	320-632-9592
Todd County HHW	Todd	Browerville	1 mile south of Browerville on U.S. Hwy. 71	320-594-2210
Tri-County HHW (serves Benton, Pope, Douglas, McLeod, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright counties)	Stearns	Waite Park	3601 S. 5th St.	320-656-6293 or 320-656-6418
Wadena County HHW	Wadena	Wadena	10542 170th St.	218-631-2474