



Moving Guide

Reduce Waste and Recycle During Your Move

Give yourself enough time to sort through your things before you move so you don't feel overwhelmed, and allow yourself to find the best reuse, recycling and safe disposal options for your items.

Start off by separating your things into 2 piles:

#1: KEEP PILE

See "Packing and Moving Tips" on next page or repair/fix items

#2: GET RID OF PILE

See chart below on ways to Recycle, Donate/Sell or Safe Disposal

GET RID OF OPTIONS		
Recycle	• Cartons • Glass bottles and jars • Food and condiment containers • Metal and aluminum cans • Paper and cardboard • Plastic bottles, jugs, cups and containers	Recycle: You can recycle many items through curbside recycling, community drop off sites or apartment complex recycling programs. Contact the Environmental Office at (507) 532-8210 for more information and locations. DO NOT bag your recyclables.
Household Hazardous Waste	• Electronics (fees apply) • Electric cords & wires : FREE DISPOSAL • String lights : FREE DISPOSAL • TV's (fees apply) • Stereo equipment (fees apply)	Recycle and Safe Disposal: • Recycle computers, TV's and other electronics at the HHW Facility. • Donate working computers to the Lyon County's Computer Refurbishing program (HHW/Public Works building). Refurbished for families in need. • Donate working electronics to a thrift store or sell online.
	• Lithium batteries • Mattresses (fees apply) • Car seats FREE DISPOSAL	Recycle and Safe Disposal: • Take batteries, mattresses and car seats to the HHW facility. • Mattresses that are filthy, soaked, or show signs of mold, damage, or infestation will NOT be accepted – take to the Lyon County Landfill.
	• Automotive products • Cleaners • Lawn and garden products • Mercury-containing items • Paints, stains and thinners • Pesticides FREE DISPOSAL FOR HOMEOWNERS	Recycle and Safe Disposal: Take these products and more to the Lyon County HHW Facility. Contact the HHW Facility at (507) 532-8210 for more information. Dispose of these products safely. Never pour chemicals down the drain. DO NOT bag these items.
Landfill	• Scrap metal • Appliances including air conditioners, dehumidifiers, furnaces, heat pumps, conventional ovens/ranges/stoves, dishwashers, garbage disposals, microwaves, refrigerators/freezers, trash compactors, washers/dryers, water heaters (fees apply)	Recycle and Safe Disposal: • Recycle scrap metal at Alter Trading in Marshall, MN. • Take appliances to the Lyon County Landfill. • Small Appliances that are garbage (not recycled) include box fans, humidifiers, small appliances, toaster ovens, air fryers, steamers, and vacuum cleaners. These can be throw these in the trash.
Other Drop Off Locations	• Sharps FREE DISPOSAL • Medicine including: prescriptions, over-the-counter, pet medicines, vitamins and supplements, inhalers FREE DISPOSAL	Safe Disposal: • Take sharps in approved sharps disposal container to the HHW Facility. DO NOT throw sharps in household garbage or recycling! • Take medicine to "Take It To The Box" location at the Lyon County Law Enforcement Center in Marshall, MN.
	• Plastic bags FREE DISPOSAL • Plastic wrap FREE DISPOSAL	Recycle: • Recycle clean, dry plastic bags and plastic wrap at Walmart or Hy-Vee.
	• Clothes and shoes • Dishes • Furniture • Tools	Donate or Sell: • Donate these items to charitable organizations or thrift stores. • Sell items at a garage sale, consignment stores or online. • Give items away.
	• Food	Donate: Give food to neighbors or donate to a local food pantry.



Questions? Contact Lyon County Environmental Office

504 Fairgrounds Road, Marshall, MN 56258 **phone:** 507-532-8210
 Open Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. & 2nd Saturday of the Month 9a.m. - 2p.m.



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Packing

Use Reusable or Recyclable Packing Materials

- Pack your boxes with reusable or recyclable padding like towels, blankets, cloth napkins, clothing, newspaper, reusable bags and string rope.
- If you use packing peanuts, choose starch-based ones that break down in water.
- Use reusable crates or bins instead of cardboard boxes. There are some companies that will deliver reusable boxes and moving supplies and will pick up the materials after your move.
- If you're using a moving company, ask if they provide reusable moving crate, reused boxes, or if they'll buy back your boxes.
- Look for local options to dispose of packing supplies.

Cleaning Supplies

- Use up the last of your cleaning supplies during the final top-to-bottom clean of the property you are leaving. This will limit the products you need to safely dispose of at the HHW facility or take with you.
- Do not pour cleaners down the drain.

Moving In

Properly Dispose of Items Left Behind

- If the previous tenants of your new home left behind any hazardous materials, bring them to the local HHW Facility.
- Check for city-hosted cleanup days to dispose of unusable non-hazardous items.

Use Less-Toxic Cleaning Supplies

- Save money while cleaning and keep your pets and family members healthy by making your own cleaning products. Find recipes at: swrswc.org/livegreen
- If you choose to purchase cleaning products, do so carefully. Learn about what product labels mean and how to reduce toxins in your home at: epa.gov/saferchoice

Dispose of Packing Supplies

- Check with packing or shipping stores to see if they will reuse your packing materials.
- Give away boxes by posting them online or giving them to a friend.
- If you can't find anyone to reuse your boxes, make sure to recycle them.

Set Up Recycling!

- Find out how recycling service works in your city by contacting Lyon County Environmental Office at 507-532-8210. If you live in an apartment, condo or townhouse, ask your property manager where the recycling bins are located or how to acquire one.
- Make recycling convenient for yourself by placing containers wherever you generate recycling, such as the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room and office.

Buy Used

- Visit local reuse retailers or look online for used household goods and furniture.



Please call us if you have any questions:

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