

**COMPARABLE CITIES SURVEY
TREE DUMP SITE INFORMATION
04/2022**

CITY	DOES YOUR CITY OPERATE A TREE & GRASS DUMP SITE? IF NOT, IS THERE A TREE & GRASS DUMP SITE OPERATED BY ANOTHER ENTITY IN OR NEAR YOUR COMMUNITY?	RESTRICTIONS TO THE USE OF THE SITE?	SPECIFIC OPERATING HOURS OR OPEN AT ALL TIMES?	IS THERE AN EMPLOYEE PRESENT DURING OPERATING HOURS?	PERMIT REQUIRED?	FOR CITY RESIDENTS ONLY?
Albert Lea	Albert Lea has a transfer station, demolition landfill and compost site that we operate.	We take grass and leaves with a permit that costs \$13.00 per year. We have a brush burn pile that we have a permit from the DNR to operate that we can take trees less than 2 feet in diameter. We charge \$10.00 for a full pickup load for this site. If the trees are larger than 2 feet in diameter we will take at our demolition landfill but the cost is prohibitive and we rarely take any wood.	Only accept during operating hours	Yes	See restrictions column	It is for City residents. We do allow County residents but charge 1.5 times the rates of a city resident.
Alexandria						
Fairmont	Yes the City has a yard waste recycling site.	<p>GENERAL SITE RULES AND GUIDELINES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Site is available for personal use by Fairmont utility customers. Non-utility paying customers and non-residents are not authorized to utilize the Site. 2. Commercial use is not allowed unless a permit is obtained from the City of Fairmont. 3. UNAUTHORIZED MATERIALS may not be dumped at the site. Unauthorized materials include, but are not limited to dirt, rock, concrete, plastic, trash, appliances, electronics, construction debris, furniture, or other materials not part of natural yard waste materials. Anyone found leaving unauthorized material at the site may be prosecuted under city ordinance. 4. Wood chips are currently NOT available to the public. Customers may harvest branches and logs for personal use. Customers do so at their own risk and the City accepts no responsibility for accidents which occur at the site. EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) – Martin County is quarantined for transport of any wood outside of the county to limit spread of the EAB. 5. The site may be CLOSED due to poor site conditions or at the discretion of the City of Fairmont. <p>LEAF AND GRASS COMPOST SITE (West Driveway)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Material accepted includes leaves, grass, plant material, straw, and non-woody garden waste. 2. NO plastic bags or non-biodegradable containers. All material must be de-bagged at the site and bags placed in the available trash receptacles. 3. NO branches, shrubs, or thick plant stalks. 4. Compost is available free of charge from the site. Customers requiring large quantities of compost may contact City Hall for assistance. <p>BRANCH AND TREE RECYCLING SITE (East Driveway)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Main tree stem, branches, shrubs, and plant stalks are allowed. Natural wood only. 2. All logs and branches should be cut to a maximum length of 10 feet long. 3. NO stumps, tree roots, or stump grindings 4. NO trees over 36 inches in diameter. 5. Customers wanting to dispose of quantities of material more than 25 cubic yards or 36 inches in diameter will be charged \$10/cubic yard (measured by the truck or trailer capacity). Contact City Hall to make payment arrangements. 	It is open 24 hours a day from April-November.	No	Commercial use	It accepts grass/leaves and trees from residents only as they are charged a fee on their utility bills for this service. The site is available for personal use by Fairmont utility customers. Non-utility paying customers and non-residents are not authorized to utilize the Site. Commercial use is not allowed unless a permit is obtained from the City of Fairmont.

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Faribault	The City of Faribault maintains a compost site.	Accepted items include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leaves ○ Branches ○ Grass clippings ○ Brush ○ Garden residue in compost piles 	Weather permitting, the compost site opens in mid to late April and closes in November (actual opening and closing dates are weather dependent). Once open, seasonal hours of service are Monday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. It is closed on holidays.			
Hutchinson	Creekside Soils is the city owned and operated composting facility for the City of Hutchinson. We process all materials received on site therefore have a bit more unique operation than that of a typical municipal compost site, which are usually just drop off sites. All materials received are processed/composted on site and sold as either bulk or bagged (we operate a bagging line). We process both yard waste materials as well as Source Separated Organic Material (SSOM), in which the SSOM is generated from a City organized curbside collection program.	There are minimal restrictions for use of the site.	The facility is open year around. - Summer hours: April 1 st – Early Nov; 8:00am – 6:00pm M-F and 9:00am – 4:00pm on Saturdays - Winter hours: Early Nov – Mar 31 st ; 8:00am – 5:00pm M-F and closed on Saturdays	Site Monitor/Scale Operator is always present during open hours listed above	No	The facility is free to use by any McLeod County resident, however, we do not check ID's to verify residency. No fees are charged to anyone, contractors or general public, for disposal of yard waste and wood waste materials
MARSHALL						
New Ulm	Yes		The compost site is open 7 days a week during daylight hours, all year long. This site will be self-monitoring, as hours will be severely curtailed if an attendant is needed on duty to monitor site usage.	No - hours will be severely curtailed if an attendant is needed on duty to monitor site usage.		
North Mankato	Yes	Tree debris and compost materials only. We have a separate dump area for ash tree materials		No but there should be. We see some illegal dumping. We have two security cameras at the site.	No	Yes
Northfield	Yes	No plastic bags allowed/only paper refuse bags	Open Mid-April to Mid-November, Tues- Fri (2pm-7pm or sunset), Sat (8am-5pm or sunset), Sun (12pm-5pm or sunset) Sunset comes into play in late Fall, no lights at the facility.	Yes	No	Yes
Owatonna	contract out the operation of the City compost site to a private contractor	only accepts residential yard waste.	Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. They usually open early April, weather pending, and close end of fall. They also open for a short period of time following Christmas for Christmas tree disposal.	Yes through contracted out operation	There isn't a permit required but we do charge fees, which are set annually by the contractor.	It's only open to residents of Owatonna.
St. Peter						
Waseca						

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Willmar	Brush Compost site	We don't allow contractors to dump trees or brush (just residence of Willmar). We also allow grass and leaves from residence as well. We don't except root balls or other debris. We also do not except logs larger than 18" in diameter because the company that grinds our brush can't grind those large logs. We do dump city cut large logs, and we have to split them to grind that's why we don't accept them from others	April–November:Monday-Wednesday Saturday 9am-6pm	3 retired gentlemen share this and 1 full time staff that does daily maintenance	No permits/no fees	We really don't have any way of identifying who is out there
Worthington	No - Contract with our garbage and recycling company, to provide a area for residents to bring their grass and trees.		Area is open 24 hrs, 7 days a week			