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Junk Hauler Handbook



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose

This handbook provides the general information needed to do business in Olmsted County as a Class D Licensed Hauler.

In Olmsted County, licenses are required for anyone engaged in the **collection and transportation of solid waste** by Minnesota law ([MN Statutes 115a.93](#)) and the Solid Waste Management Ordinance ([Olmsted County Code of Ordinances Chapter 3500](#)) and the Designation Ordinance ([Olmsted County Code of Ordinances Chapter 3550](#)). This includes individuals or businesses engaged in waste collection and cleanup services or junk haulers. Services cannot begin until the appropriate license is obtained, and licenses must remain valid at all times.



MN Statutes
115a.93



Solid Waste
Management
Ordinance



Designation
Ordinance

GENERAL INFORMATION

County Solid Waste Ordinances

The Solid Waste Management Ordinance (SWMO) was enacted to protect, and ensure the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents through sound management of Solid Waste generated in and existing within the County.

Minnesota Statutes and Rules grant the County the authority to provide for, establish, conduct, and regulate Solid Waste management programs and services that protect the county's water, air, and land resources, thereby promoting its residents' public health, safety, and welfare. The County intends to remove and abate actual or potential threats to public health such as Public Health Nuisances, sources of filth or causes of sickness found on any property.

The Olmsted County Designation Ordinance specifies where waste generated in Olmsted County must be delivered for disposal. It also establishes procedures for the County to establish and amend rates and charges at the Designated Point of Delivery; excepting from the ordinance certain materials; stating additional regulations governing Commercial Haulers, Registered Haulers, Self-Haulers; and other matters.

GENERAL INFORMATION

County Solid Waste Ordinance (continued)

This handbook is for informational purposes only and is not designed to modify, override, or supplant the actual text of the ordinance as officially ratified by the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners. The ordinances are the definitive sources of legal obligations and regulations. If there are discrepancies or uncertainties between this document and the ordinances, precedence should be given to the authoritative ordinances.

Fees & Taxes

Class D Haulers are classified as Self-Haulers for purposes of service charges and the Minnesota Solid Waste Management Tax.

Disposal fees and taxes must be paid at the time of disposal.

LICENSING

Why Licensing Matters

Licensing helps:

- Promote environmentally responsible waste management.
- Prevent illegal dumping and improper disposal.
- Align services with Olmsted County's solid waste management goals.
- Provide fair competition.

By complying with these licensing requirements, junk haulers and cleanup service providers support a cleaner, safer community.

Licenses Required

License Classes (SWMO Section 3504.02)

Olmsted County offers four types of Solid Waste Hauler Licenses: Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class D. This guide focuses on the Class D License, designed for junk haulers and cleanup service providers.

LICENSING

Class A Licensed Haulers

Waste Collection Services:

Providing a full array of Solid Waste Collection Services

Number of Licenses: 12

Eligible Waste Types:

- Mixed Municipal Solid Waste (MMSW)
- Industrial Solid Waste (ISW)
- Recyclable Materials
- Asbestos containing material (ACM)
- Construction & demolition debris (C&D)
- Bulky Items
- Yard Waste
- Source-separated organics (food waste)
- Infectious waste (if permitted by MPCA)

Transportation Vehicles:

- Packer trucks
- Roll-off trucks
- Box trucks
- Semi-trucks with trailers

Collection Containers Allowed:

- Curbside containers
- Dumpsters
- Roll-off containers
- Compactor boxes

Frequency of Service: Subscription or on-demand

LICENSING

Class A Licensed Haulers

Hauling MMSW & Collection Service Standards:

Must provide residential MMSW curbside service and/or commercial subscription dumpster services (If only providing roll-off services would only be eligible for a Class C license).

Must provide an estimate of the number of MMSW residential curbside customers and/or commercial subscription dumpster customers to be serviced by location. Effective January 1, 2024, in the event there are more than 12 license applications, points will be deducted if an existing Licensed Hauler does not meet the minimum Collection service standard of 100 tons of MMSW in Olmsted County from January to October of the preceding year.

Who is the Generator:

Any person that produces and gathers (aggregates) materials and deposits them into a container for Collection.

Collection of Service Charge/SW Management Tax

Payment: Must bill customers

Disposal Location Options:

- OCRC
- OWEF (must complete training to access OWEF and have acceptable equipment)
- Kalmar Landfill

LICENSING

Class B Licensed Haulers

Waste Collection Services:

Providing Source Separated Organic Material Collection Services

Number of Licenses: Unlimited

Eligible Waste Types:

Yard Waste and source separated organics (food waste)

Transportation Vehicles:

- Packer trucks
- Roll-off trucks
- Pickup trucks
- Trailers
- Box trucks
- Dump trailers
- Semi-trucks with trailers

Collection Containers Allowed:

- Curbside containers
- Dumpsters
- Roll-off containers
- Compactor boxes

Frequency of Service: Subscription or on-demand

LICENSING

Class B Licensed Haulers

Hauling MMSW & Collection Service Standards: No

Who is the Generator:

Any person that produces and gathers (aggregates) materials and deposits them into a container for Collection.

Collection of Service Charge/SW Management Tax

Payment: Must bill customers

Disposal Location Options:

- Permitted SSO Compost Facility
- Anaerobic Digester Facility



LICENSING

Class C Licensed Haulers

Waste Collection Services:

Providing roll-off and compactor box Solid Waste Collection Services

Number of Licenses: 8

Eligible Waste Types:

- Mixed Municipal Solid Waste (MMSW)
- Industrial Solid Waste (ISW)
- Recyclable Materials
- Asbestos containing material (ACM)
- Construction & demolition debris (C&D)
- Bulky Items
- Yard Waste (if disposed as a Separate Waste Stream)
- Infectious waste (if permitted by MPCA)

Transportation Vehicles:

- Roll-off trucks
- Roll-off trailers

Collection Containers Allowed:

Roll-off containers and compactor boxes. Containers typically filled by Generator.

Frequency of Service: Subscription or on-demand

LICENSING

Class C Licensed Haulers

Hauling MMSW & Collection Service Standards:

MMSW contained in roll-off open top boxes or compactor boxes. Can serve both MMSW commercial and residential customers.

Effective January 1, 2024, in the event there are more than eight (8) license applications, points will be deducted if an existing Licensed Hauler does not meet the minimum Collection service standard of 10 tons of MMSW in Olmsted County from January through October in the prior year.

Who is the Generator:

Any person that produces and gathers (aggregates) materials and deposits them into a container for Collection.

Collection of Service Charge/SW Management Tax

Payment: Must bill customers

Disposal Location Options:

- OCRC
- OWEF (must complete training to access OWEF and have acceptable equipment)
- Kalmar Landfill

LICENSING

Class D Licensed Haulers

Waste Collection Services:

Providing Bulky Item Collection and cleanup services (Collection and transportation of Solid Waste as an adjunct secondary service to their primary service of providing labor for general site cleanup in return for compensation)

Number of Licenses: Unlimited

Eligible Waste Types:

- Mixed Municipal Solid Waste (MMSW)
- Recyclable Materials
- Construction & demolition debris (C&D)
- Bulky Items
- Yard Waste (if disposed as a Separate Waste Stream)

Transportation Vehicles:

- Pickup trucks
- Box trucks
- Trailers
- Dump trailers

Collection Containers Allowed:

N/A - Collection containers not allowed.

Class D Hauler aggregates materials into their transportation vehicle at the time of performing the cleanup service or picking up Bulky Items. Containers and dump trailers cannot be dropped off at Customer's location for the Customer to fill. Transportation vehicles must be filled by Class D Hauler providing the bulky item or cleanup service.

Frequency of Service: On-demand

LICENSING

Class D Licensed Haulers

Hauling MMSW & Collection Service Standards:

MMSW associated with general site cleanup services.

Primary service of providing labor or general site cleanup services. Not subscription or recurring weekly/monthly

Collection. Hauler aggregates MMSW for Collection and fills transportation vehicle.

Who is the Generator:

A Class D Licensed Hauler is the Generator when it performs waste cleanup services, gathers (aggregates) the materials and Bulky Items, and deposits them into their transportation vehicle.

Collection of Service Charge/SW Management Tax

Payment: A Class D Licensed Hauler shall be considered a Self-Hauler for all purposes related to the Service Charge under section 3508 and MN Solid Waste Management Tax. Pay at the time of disposal.

Disposal Location Options:

- OCRC
- OWEF (must complete training to access OWEF and have acceptable equipment)
- Kalmar Landfill
- Transfer stations under contact to the County for Designated Waste

LICENSING

Steps to Obtain a Class D License

1. Submit an Application:
 - Apply for a Class D License through the Olmsted County Environmental Resources Department.
2. Complete Required Training:
 - Training is mandatory for accessing facilities like OWEF and ensures compliance with county regulations.
3. Maintain Valid Licensing:
 - Renew the license as needed and remain compliant with all service and disposal standards.

Class D License Requirements

Who Needs a Class D License?

A Class D License is required for individuals or businesses that:

- Provide bulky item collection and general site cleanup services.
- Collect and transport solid waste as a secondary adjunct service to their primary service of labor or site cleanup.

Note: Class D License holders cannot simultaneously hold a Class C License unless operating under a separate business entity.

Service and Compliance:

This service involves aggregating Solid Waste (garbage) during cleanup or bulky item pickup. Containers cannot be left at the customer's location for self-filling.

MATERIALS

Construction and Demolition (C&D)

Only C & D materials may be aggregated by the customer/resident in a container or trailer dropped off by a Class D Hauler

- IF:
 - The container is used ONLY for C & D materials.
 - The equipment has a county-issued identification number sticker.
 - The container or trailer is clearly labeled on the outside with the words: "C & D Only – No Trash/MSW."
 - The guidelines for C & D materials are strictly followed.
- Scan QR Code for C & D material guidance.

Waste must be transported to designated disposal facilities immediately after collection.

**C & D
Material
Guidance**



Mixed Municipal Solid Waste (MMSW)

Includes garbage, refuse, and other solid waste from residential, commercial, industrial, and community activities that the Generator aggregates for collection.

Note: MMSW does not include auto hulks, street sweepings, ash, Construction Debris, mining waste, sludges, tree and agricultural waste, tires, lead acid batteries, motor and vehicle fluids and filters, and other materials collected, processed, and disposed of as a Separate Waste Stream.

MATERIALS

Recyclable Materials

Any materials that are separated from MMSW for the purpose of recycling, including:

- Paper
- Glass
- Plastics
- Metals
- Automobile oil
- Batteries

Refuse-derived fuel or other material that is destroyed by incineration is not a Recyclable Material.

Bulky Items

Large items like mattresses, major appliances, and furniture that cannot fit into standard residential-sized curbside collection containers.

Yard Waste

Yard waste (if disposed of as a Separate Waste Stream) includes:

- Garden waste
- Leaves
- Lawn cuttings

Does not include:

- Tree waste
- Brush waste

MATERIALS

Junk Hauler Waste Designation Guide

These types of items are considered designated waste unless they are recycled (not an inclusive list)

Note: All MMSW generated in Olmsted County must be disposed of in Olmsted County. MMSW disposed of at any other facility is subject to fines up to \$1,000 per instance.

Designated Waste Item	OCRC	Kalmar Landfill
Carpet & Carpet Padding	Yes	Yes
Electronic Fireplace	Yes	Yes
Exercise Equipment <i>treadmills, ellipticals, rowing machines, stair climbers, stationary bicycles</i>	Yes	Yes
Furniture <i>bed frames, chairs (kitchen, office, rocking, reclining), loveseats, couches, sectionals, desks, end tables, kitchen tables, dressers, bookcases, cabinets</i>	Yes	Yes
Grills	Yes	Yes
Hot tub	Yes	Yes
Household Garbage	Yes	Yes
Outdoor Power Equipment (empty of fluids) <i>lawnmowers (pushing & riding), chainsaws, garden tillers/cultivators, hedge trimmers, leaf blowers, pressure washers, snowblowers, weed whippers</i>	Yes	Yes
Railroad ties	Yes	Yes
Toilets	Yes	Yes

APPROVED DISPOSAL LOCATIONS

Class D Licensed Haulers may dispose of designated waste at the following approved locations. MMSW disposed of at any other facility is subject to fines up to \$1,000 per instance.

Olmsted County Recycling Center Plus (OCRC)

305 Energy Parkway NE, Rochester, MN 55906

Facility Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Scale House: Scales are not available on Saturdays

Note: Driver safety training is required for all Class D Solid Waste Hauler “Junk Hauler” Drivers. Contact the Solid Waste Assurance Coordinator to set up.



APPROVED DISPOSAL LOCATIONS

Kalmar Landfill

7401 19 Street NW, Rochester, MN 55901

Facility Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Note: Driver safety training is required for Licensed Haulers who meet the requirements to elevate and unload materials mechanically. Contact the Solid Waste Assurance Coordinator to set up.

Olmsted Waste-to-Energy Facility (OWEF)

301 Energy Pkwy NE, Rochester, MN 55906

Facility Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Note: To access the OWEF, licensed hauler vehicles must be able to mechanically elevate and discharge waste directly into the designated pit. When this equipment is activated for dumping, the vehicle's rear end must

maintain an elevation of at least two feet above ground level. Driver safety training is required to enter the tipping floor. Contact the Solid Waste Assurance Coordinator to set up.



APPROVED DISPOSAL LOCATIONS

LRS Stewartville Transfer Station

943 2nd Ave SW, Stewartville, MN 55976

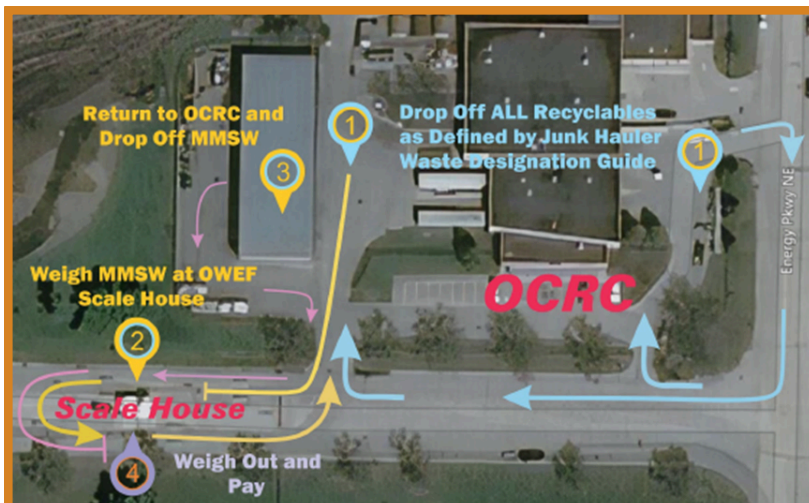
Facility Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Note: All MMSW generated in Olmsted County must be disposed of in Olmsted County. MMSW disposed of at any other facility is subject to fines up to \$1,000 per instance.

APPROVED DISPOSAL LOCATIONS

Scale House Junk Haulers User Guide

1. Drop off all recyclable items following the Junk Hauler Waste Designation Guide and pay OCRC staff for ANY RECYCLABLE items (like mattresses, electronics, and appliances) according to the current Fee Schedule. Incidental brush is not recyclable at the OCRC and should be weighed as MMSW.
2. Weigh ALL MMSW at the OWEF Scale House. All waste must be Olmsted County Waste - No Splitting Loads between counties.
3. Return to the OCRC to empty MMSW into the appropriate roll-off container.
4. Return to the OWEF Scale House to weigh out and make payment for the MMSW at the Scale House. Total MMSW Rate is \$189.11/ton based on the current Fee Schedule.



PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES FOR CLASS D HAULERS

Collection of MMSW Requires a License:

- Junk haulers removing household contents, waste, or debris, collecting and transporting garbage for hire are required to be licensed. Per Minnesota Statutes 115a.93 and the Olmsted County Solid Waste Management Ordinance.
- Junk haulers who remove recyclable or disposable materials are subject to reporting and operational oversight to ensure compliance with state solid waste management policies and goals.

Subscription-Based Collection Services

- E.g., weekly or monthly subscriptions
- Vehicle or trailer must be loaded by the Class D Hauler providing the service.

Using Non-Rigid Containers for Waste Storage

- E.g., Bagster™-type containers

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES FOR CLASS D HAULERS

Dropping Off Containers or Dump Trailers at Customer Locations for Self-filling

- Note: An exception for the drop-off rule applies to containers or trailers used for construction and demolition (C&D) materials. Class D Haulers may provide equipment for C&D work, provided that:
 - The equipment has a county-issues sticker.
 - The container or trailer is clearly labeled on the outside with the words: “C&D Only - Not Trash/MSW”.
 - This exception must strictly adhere to the county’s rules for acceptable and unacceptable materials. For more information, scan the QR code to view the guidelines on Construction and Demolition Materials.

C&D
Materials
Guidelines



ENFORCEMENT

Authority of Enforcement

The Environmental Resources Department (ER) and the County Attorney are empowered to enforce the Solid Waste Ordinance. Enforcement actions aim to ensure compliance and may include:

- Criminal prosecution
- Civil notices of violation
- Civil claims or injunctions
- Abatement of public health nuisances
- Civil penalties for unauthorized solid waste disposal

The ER determines the most appropriate enforcement based on the nature of the violation.

Enforcement Options

a. Criminal Violations

- Violations handled as criminal offenses result in misdemeanor charges.
- Penalties:
 - Fine of up to \$1,000.
 - Jail time of up to 90 days.
- Criminal penalties do not exempt offenders from compliance; additional remedies may be pursued.

ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement Options (continued)

b. Civil Administrative Violations

- Violations may result in a civil Notice of Violation (NOV) issued under Olmsted County's Administrative Enforcement and Appeals Procedure Ordinance.
- Penalties:
 - As specified in the Administrative Enforcement Ordinance.
 - May include penalties approved by the County Board.
- Contracted haulers and transfer station operators may face additional penalties under their agreements with the County.

c. Civil Violations Enforcement in Court

- For severe violations, the ER and County Attorney may pursue civil claims in state or federal court to seek:
 - Damages
 - Injunctive relief
 - Reimbursement for enforcement-related expenses

d. Abatement of Public Health Nuisances

Under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 145A, the ER can address threats to public health caused by improper waste disposal.

ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement Options (continued)

d. Abatement of Public Health Nuisances (continued)

Process for Abatement:

1. Notice to Property Owners:
 - Served via certified mail, by an officer, or an authorized individual.
 - Specifies up to 10 days for abatement or removal of nuisance.
2. County Intervention:
 - If the owner fails to comply, the County may abate the nuisance and recover associated costs.
 - Costs may include attorney fees, disposal, contractor services, and more.
 - Expenses can be added as a special assessment or lien on the property.

e. Unauthorized Deposit of Solid Waste

Under Minnesota Statutes Sections 375.18 and 115A.99, unauthorized solid waste deposit may result in:

- Civil penalties and damages.
- Unpaid penalties imposed as a lien on property and collected as a special assessment.

f. Consequences for Non-payment of Fees

Non-payment of authorized disposal fees, service charges, or fines is a violation of the Ordinance. Consequences include:

- Revocation of licenses or registrations.

ENFORCEMENT

Administrative Penalty Schedule

Violations are subject to penalties outlined in Addendum E of the Olmsted County Solid Waste Management Ordinance: Environmental Resources Department Administrative Penalty Schedule.

Reporting and Compliance

To avoid enforcement actions:

- Follow all solid waste disposal guidelines.
- Pay all applicable fees, service charges, and penalties on time.
- Abate any public health nuisances promptly upon notice.

For questions or additional clarification, contact the Environmental Resources Department.

(See also SWMO Addendum E - Environmental Resources Department Administrative Penalty Schedule)

All complaints regarding enforcement should be directed to the Solid Waste Assurance Coordinator.

DEFINITIONS

Bulky Items

Bulky Items (SW Ordinance Section 3502.04) - means large items like mattresses, major appliances, and furniture that cannot fit into standard residential-sized curbside Collection Containers. Class D Licensed Haulers often collect and transport bulky items during site cleanup services.

Commercial Hauler

Commercial Hauler (SW Ordinance Section 3502.08) - A person or business that:

- Owns, operates, or leases vehicles.
- Contracts with a **Generator** to collect and transport **Solid Waste**.

Note: Class D Licensed Haulers are **not considered Commercial Haulers**, as their services are secondary to their primary labor or cleanup activities.

Hauler Services

Hauler Services (SW Ordinance Section 3502.32) - encompass the collection, transportation, and delivery or disposal of **Solid Waste**, including the provision of containers.

- Provided by Commercial Haulers and Self-Haulers.

DEFINITIONS

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste (MMSW)

MMSW (SW Ordinance Section 3502.38) - refers to aggregated garbage and refuse from residential, commercial, and industrial sources. MMSW includes:

- typical household and business waste.

MMSW does not include:

- Auto hulks
- Construction debris
- Tires or lead-acid batteries
- Items handled as a Separate Waste Stream (e.g., tree waste or mining waste)

Class D Licensed Haulers may collect MMSW as part of site cleanup services, provided it is aggregated and transported in compliance with county standards.

Self-Hauler

Self-Hauler (SW Ordinance Section 3502.51) - A Generator that:

- Collects and transports their own Solid Waste without contracting with a licensed hauler.
- Does not provide collection or transportation services to others for compensation.

Class D Licensed Haulers may function as Self-Haulers when they aggregate, and transport waste collected during their services and pay applicable disposal fees and taxes as required.

DEFINITIONS

Solid Waste

Solid Waste (SW Ordinance Section 3502.53) - includes discarded materials resulting from residential, commercial, or community activities. Examples include:

- Garbage and refuse
- Sludges from water or air contaminant treatment facilities

Solid waste does not include:

- Hazardous waste
- Materials such as boulders, rocks, or sewage sludge
- Nuclear or by-product materials regulated by the Atomic Energy Act

Summary

Class D Licensed Haulers in Olmsted County are not categorized as **Commercial Haulers** or **Self-Haulers** under standard definitions. Their role focuses on collecting **Bulky Items** and other waste types during on-demand cleanup services, while adhering to regulations for **MMSW** and **Solid Waste** transportation and disposal.

For a detailed understanding of operational requirements, refer to Olmsted County's solid waste licensing and compliance documentation.

STATE STATUTES/RULES

MN Department of Revenue - Junk Removal Taxable Services

Junk removal is the first step in cleaning a building and is a taxable service.

Taxable Junk Removal Services

The following types of junk removal services are taxable:

- Removal of household contents or discarded items from buildings, including garages, abandoned buildings, and storage units
- Cleaning and removal of household waste
- Periodic cleaning
- Maintenance of the building
- Lawn care and maintenance
- Removal of twigs and grass clippings
- Tree, bush, and stump removal

For more information, scan the QR code below to learn more about Lawn and Garden Maintenance, Tree, and Shrub Services.

**Lawn & Garden
Maintenance,
Tree, and Shrub
Services**



STATE STATUTES/RULES

MN Department of Revenue - Junk Removal Taxable Services

Non-Taxable Junk Removal Services

The following types of junk removal services are not subject to sales tax:

- Waste management services provided by the city sanitation department, solid waste management service providers, or the waste control department (may be subject to Solid Waste Management Tax)
- Curbside pickup of items placed by the property owner, including yard waste (may be subject to Solid Waste Management Tax)
- Removal of appliances when being replaced, if removal service is optional
- Charges for the removal of dumpsters or dumpster bags

Note: Non-taxable services must be listed separately on the customer's invoice.

**MN Department of
Revenue
Requirements**



STATE STATUTES/RULES

115A.93 Licensing; Solid Waste Collection

A person may not collect mixed municipal solid waste for hire without a license from the jurisdiction where the mixed municipal solid waste is collected. The local licensing entity shall submit a list of licensed collectors to the agency.

Subd. 2. Local Licensing

(a) Each city and town may issue licenses for persons to collect mixed municipal solid waste for hire within their jurisdictions.

(b) County boards shall by resolution adopt the licensing authority of a city or town that does not issue licenses. A county may delegate its licensing authority to a consortium of counties or to municipalities to license collection of mixed municipal solid waste within the county.

STATE STATUTES/RULES

Solid Waste Transfer, Processing, and Permitting Compliance

All Licensed haulers are required to comply with **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)** rules and regulations when handling, storing, transferring, or processing solid waste.

Minnesota Rule Section 7001.3050, requires a **solid waste management facility permit** for any operation that:

- Treats, stores, processes, transfers, or disposes of solid waste.
- Establishes, constructs, or operates a solid waste management facility.
- Changes, adds, or expands an existing permitted solid waste management facility.

For example, under this law, unsaleable materials—such as mattresses cannot be transported to a separate location for disassembly before disposal unless the necessary permits are obtained. This would be considered **storing, processing, and transferring solid waste**, and would require **MPCA approval**.

Without MPCA approval, it would be a violation of a Class D license and could result in suspension or termination of your license.

STATE STATUTES/RULES

Solid Waste Transfer, Processing, and Permitting Compliance

There are exemptions for specific cases, such as mobile transfer facilities or facilities serving individual residents in areas with limited waste collection services. If you are uncertain whether your operations requires a permit contact MPCA staff to ensure compliance and avoid potential legal enforcement.

MPCA Solid Waste Compliance

KeyLee Hoffstatter

507-206-2608

keylee.hoffstatter@state.mn.us



Material Removal & Load Compliance

Junk haulers are permitted to **remove materials from loads** for **reuse, recycling, or donation** as part of responsible waste management practices. However, haulers **may not combine loads from multiple customers** into a single load. All materials collected from a customer must be **disposed of as a single load** to ensure proper tracking and compliance with solid waste regulations.

FAQS

Can I use my personal vehicle?

Guidance related to personal vehicles, trailers, and donated services.

1. General Requirements for Class D Haulers

- Definition: Class D Haulers provide collection and transportation of bulky items and solid waste as a secondary service to labor-intensive operations such as site cleanups or junk removal.
- Sticker Requirement: Any trailer or vehicle used for business operations under a Class D license must display the appropriate County-issued sticker.

2. Personal Trailers Used for Business Purposes

Applicability of Class D Rates

- Business Use: If a personal trailer is being used as part of a licensed Class D Hauler's operations, it is considered a business vehicle, and the Class D Hauler rate applies, regardless of whether the trailer displays a County sticker.
- Sticker Compliance: The trailer must have a valid County sticker to meet regulatory requirements.

FAQS

Can I use my personal vehicle? (Continued)

Exception for Personal Loads

- A hauler may avoid Class D rates only if they can clearly demonstrate that a load is entirely personal and unrelated to business operations.
- Examples of personal loads may include household waste or items not associated with the hauler's services.

If a Class D hauler uses their personal truck or trailer for their business, it is considered a business operation, and the Class D rate applies.

3. Donated Services and Class D Rates

Loads Donated to a Church or Other Nonprofits

- Olmsted County requires payment for all loads delivered to a Designated Facility. When a licensed Class D hauler provides services—even as a donation—the load is still subject to the Class D Hauler rate.

Church or Other Nonprofits Self-Hauling

- A church or nonprofit organization may self-haul its junk at the self-haul rate, provided it does not engage a licensed hauler.
- If the organization chooses to use a Class D hauler's services, the Class D Hauler rate applies, even if the Class D hauler donates their services.

FAQS

Can I use my personal vehicle? (Continued)

4. Key Points for Compliance

- **Trailer or Truck Usage:** Any trailer or truck used for business purposes by a licensed Class D hauler must have a County sticker, and the corresponding rate applies.
- **Donated Services:** Loads handled by Class D haulers are subject to Class D rates, regardless of the charitable nature of the service.
- **Personal Loads:** Haulers must clearly distinguish personal loads from business loads to avoid Class D rates.

5. Recommendations for Class D Haulers

- **Ensure Compliance:** Always display the required County stickers on vehicles and trailers used for business.
- **Clarify Load Purpose:** Be prepared to provide evidence if a load is claimed as personal and unrelated to business.
- **Communicate with Clients:** Explain the rate structure to clients, including nonprofits, to avoid misunderstandings.

This guidance aligns with Olmsted County's ordinance and ensures fair and consistent application of Class D Hauler rates. If you have questions contact:

Alex Kromminga

507-328-6556

alex.kromminga@olmstedcounty.gov

FAQS

Who can I contact with additional questions?

If you have additional questions, you can contact:

Olmsted County Environmental Resources

(507) 328-7070

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