

Forest & Land Management

The Pine County Land Department is responsible for the management of approximately 48,000 acres of Tax Forfeited lands in Pine County. Tax Forfeited lands are lands held in trust by the State of Minnesota; they are not directly owned by the County but are classified, managed, and controlled locally by the County Land Department.

Land Department management of tax forfeit lands includes:

- Sustainable forestry practices
- Timber production and sales
- Recreational use (camping, hiking, trail riding, hunting, snowmobiling, ATV/OHV riding, etc.)
- Land classification, sales & exchanges
- Minnesota Statutes 282, 94, and other affiliated statutes.

Tax forfeit lands are open to the public for passive use and recreation such as primitive camping, hunting, trail riding, and hiking. Please do not cut live trees or carry out activities that may damage or destroy the natural features on tax forfeit lands.

Proceeds from tax forfeit land sales, timber harvest, and gravel resources benefit all of Pine County. Townships, school districts, and the County receive direct payments when these activities take place. Pine County maintains an active list of tax forfeit land for sale and routinely conducts a fall land auction and a spring timber auction. We encourage you to view the website for current information and postings.



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Pine County on the Web

Pine County's website, www.co.pine.mn.us, offers information pertaining to each County Department and also gives links/resources to additional information from related outside entities. We encourage you to view the website to find applications, review ordinances, browse tax forfeit land sale or timber auction information, or find more information about the Tax Forfeit Land, Planning & Zoning, and Solid Waste Department.

Pine County Department of Land, Planning & Zoning, and Solid Waste

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Website Departments: Land; Planning & Zoning;
and Solid Waste & Recycling

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M – F



PINE COUNTY MINNESOTA

Department of Land,
Planning & Zoning, and
Solid Waste



*Pine County Mission:
To provide quality services to
the citizens of Pine County in
a cost-effective, courteous,
and efficient manner.*

Solid Waste & Recycling

The Pine County Solid Waste department oversees the management of all household, industrial, and commercial wastes (garbage) generated within and transported through the County. This includes the licensing and regulation of solid waste facilities and the development and administration of the County's solid waste plan and solid waste ordinances.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL: There are no landfills in Pine County. To dispose of solid waste (garbage) the most convenient option is to contact a licensed waste hauler (please see our website for a list). Waste haulers cover the entire county and can offer routine collection or special one-time dumpster and hauling alternatives.

If you have a large volume of waste and wish to haul it to the dump, the Hinckley Transfer Station is the best alternative within the County. The East Central Solid Waste Commission (ECSWC), of which Pine County is a member, operates the transfer station in Hinckley for residents and nonresidents. Waste collected at the Transfer Station is loaded and trucked to the ECSWC landfill in Mora. Disposal rates vary depending on scale weight and material.

ECSWC Transfer Station
33198 County Hwy 61
Hinckley, MN 55037

(320) 384-6596 or (320) 679-4930 Ext 15
Hours: M-F 8-4; Sat 8-noon

RECYCLING: The Hinckley Transfer Station also accepts recycling materials. Pine County residents can recycle tires, mattresses, and electronics at a **50% DISCOUNT** from the regular rates. Not subsidized but also accepted for recycling are appliances and scrap metal.



RECYCLING SHEDS: Pine County Recycle Sheds are placed throughout the County and are available for self serve residential use (please refrain from depositing commercially-generated recyclables). Locations include:

City/Twp	General Location
Askov	Askov Hardware & Lumber
Brook Park	Next to the Fire Hall
Bruno	Pine County Hwy Garage, East Side of Bruno
Finlayson	Behind the Municipal Liquor Store
Hinckley	Pine County Hwy Garage
Pine City	Pine City Carwash, 1340 Northridge Drive; and Chris' Food Center, 1035 Main St S
Rock Creek	I35 & State Hwy 70 at the Rock Creek Motor Stop
Rutledge	Next to Community Center
Sandstone	PHASE, 106 Main Street
Willow River	Pine County Hwy Garage, Hwy 61

Acceptable Materials: #1-#7 plastic, aluminum cans, tin cans, glass, paper, cardboard. **Contact PHASE, the Recycle Shed Program Contracted Vendor, at (320) 245-2442 with questions or special materials.**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW): Typically the Pine County Solid Waste department holds two collection dates for HHW in August. Participation is limited and vouchers are required. The following types of materials are accepted: paint and painting supplies (turpentine, thinners), acids & bases, pesticides, automotive products (no motor oil), photo & hobby chemicals, adhesives, wood preservatives, cleaning solvents, rechargeable batteries, fluorescent lights. Events are advertised in advance and vouchers distributed on a first come first served basis so please watch the local papers.

Planning & Zoning

The Pine County Planning and Zoning Office provides a wide range of services to the public. We issue building site permits, septic system permits, minor subdivision certificates, and process residential subdivision and development requests. We also administer County-wide Shoreland Zoning and carry out ordinance enforcement activities as complaints are filed. Local laws/ordinances we work with include:

- Floodplain Management Ordinance
- Shoreland Management Ordinance

- Kettle River Wild and Scenic River Ordinance
- Subdivision and Platting Ordinance
- Comprehensive Plan
- Minnesota Statute 394 and other affiliated statutes

Two citizen commissions are managed through the Department: the Board of Adjustment conducts public hearings to grant or deny variances and appeals, and the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the County Board of Commissioners regarding land use, rezoning, conditional use permits, and plats.

Pine County consists of 33 townships, many of which have adopted their own form of local land use control/zoning. We encourage you to contact your township and Pine County when considering land use and/or building activities.

BUILDING SITES: Pine County requires Building Site Permits in Shoreland and Floodplain locations. Shoreland areas are generally defined as lands within 300 feet of a river and/or 1,000 feet of a lake. If your property is in close proximity to the Kettle River, be aware that Kettle River zoned areas expand even further. Floodplain zoned areas encompass most "lowland" in the areas of lakes and rivers and can cause significant building constraints. Please contact a Pine County Environmental Technician to further discuss Building Site permitting questions and requirements such as:

- Ordinance interpretation
- Building site permits
- Grading & filling permits
- Proposed project review
- Lot evaluations

SEPTIC SYSTEMS: Pine County conducts septic system permitting and inspections in all Townships that have not otherwise adopted their own SSTS ordinance and permitting program. Septic system regulations and permitting are mandated through State required 7080 rules. Please contact a Pine County Environmental Technician to further discuss Building Site permitting questions and requirements such as:

- Mandated certificates of compliance for septic systems on shoreland properties
- Installation permits
- Repairs and replacements
- Enforcement of State 7080 rules
- Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Ordinance