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# Dunn County Recycling & Solid Waste Guide



*Everything You Need to Know*

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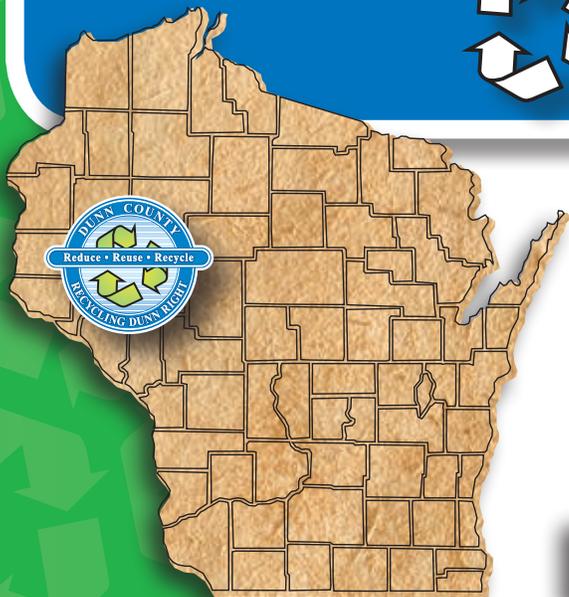
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# Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling

*Recycling Made Easy!*

This guide provides information regarding the collections, programs and services for trash, yard waste and recycling, as well as utilizing the Transfer Station and Area Collection Stations in Dunn County. This guide is meant to be informative as well as helpful with your disposal and recycling needs. The information here is intended for residents living in Dunn County.

On average, over 100 tons, or 202,000 pounds, of trash leaves the Dunn County Transfer Station every working day and heads to the Seven Mile Creek Landfill in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. How can we reduce that number and curb the amount of trash that goes into the landfill? By remembering to reduce, reuse and recycle. Not only will the 3 "R's" protect our environment and limit pollution, they will save on natural resources and conserve energy.

Even the smallest effort can make a difference. Throw a soup can away and it can take over 200 years to decompose. However, recycling it saves enough energy to run your television for three hours whereas

seven cans will keep a 60-watt light bulb burning for 26 hours. Plastic bottles take 450 years to break down but those tiny fragments will always be plastic, so it'll never truly go away. On the other hand, as few as five plastic water bottles are needed to yield enough fiber for one extra large T-shirt, one square foot of carpet, or enough fiber fill for one ski jacket. Just one glass jar or bottle can take a million years to decompose. Recycling just one bottle or jar would save enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours. Glass can be recycled endlessly!

To ensure that the environment and you are achieving the biggest success out of your recycling efforts, always make sure your recyclables are cleaned, rinsed, flattened and dry whenever possible. Your efforts are worthwhile. A can of pop you had for lunch last week could be back on the store shelf in as little as 60 days! With your help, we can all make a difference. It's never too late to start recycling!

## Message from the Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board Chair

Dear Friends of Dunn County,

I am honored to serve as Board Chair of the Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board.

I am also proud to say that Dunn County was chosen as part of a pilot program for a nationwide public outreach initiative to significantly increase recycling of plastic film packaging such as stretch wrap, pallet wrap, furniture wrap, retail bags and more. The Solid Waste Division now accepts plastic film products to be recycled.

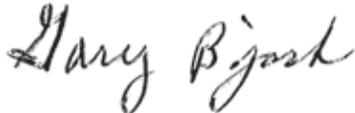
To give a perspective about the amount of items that come through our sites, last year, over 58.3 million pounds

# Message from the Board Chair continued

of material was disposed of or recycled. With the goal of reducing items sent to the landfill and increasing recycling, about 5.8 million pounds of material was recycled. Of that, 1.8 million pounds was cardboard and 885,000 pounds was newspaper.

You can do your part to help by properly sorting and recycling your items. It is important to note that hazardous materials can be properly disposed of at the annual Hazardous Waste Collection event held each September. Join us in reducing, reusing, and recycling to make Dunn County environmentally friendly and beautiful!

Sincerely,



Gary Bjork

Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board Chair



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# Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board

The Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board was initially formed in 1992 by the Dunn County Board of Supervisors to establish and operate a Solid Waste and Recycling program for the county. Through the Dunn County Solid Waste Division, the Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board has endeavored to provide efficient and economical waste management and recycling programs for participating member municipalities, public, businesses, and waste haulers.

In 1998, the Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board was realigned to better meet the county's growing waste and recycling needs. The board approves and oversees functions such as the ability to contract for services, accept grants, assess fees, as well as procure and maintain financial reserves for future capital outlays to area collection facilities and equipment. While the board maintains most of its management authority, standing committee responsibilities were passed on to the Planning, Resources and Development Committee during the realignment.

## **2015 Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board Members:**

Front row, L to R: Chuck Maves, Tony Schrantz, Ron Welsch, Dale Harschlip (Vice-Chair); Middle row, L to R: Rebecca Kilde, Ray Cherney, Gary Bjork (Chair); Back row, L to R: Jeff Gasteyer, Ryland Erdman.



# With Many Thanks



The Solid Waste Division would like to thank Kobi Shaw for her years with the division as author of many publications, including *The Dunn County Recycler* which is mailed out twice a year to the community. Ms. Shaw spent many hours researching and writing sections of this guide which has taken shape into an informative and comprehensive overview of recycling options that are available for the county.

We wish to congratulate Ms. Shaw on her recent transition to Arts Integration Menomonie (A.I.M.) through the University of Wisconsin-Stout and as a “Teaching Artist” at area Menomonie schools utilizing her creative writing skills and performing artist gifts.

We know she will embark on this new adventure with the same passion and dedication that she has displayed as a valued employee with the division and will continue to succeed in this new phase of her professional career. We wish her all the best and many thanks for her years of dedication, enthusiasm and team spirit!

## Collection Site Info

### *Hours and Locations of Operations*

Dunn County residents must have a valid Solid Waste Permit to use these sites unless dropping off recyclables or disposing of items with a fee.



Elk Mound Area Collection Station

Please note that the Town of Sand Creek and the City of Menomonie participate in the County’s Recycling Program, but do not participate in the Solid Waste Program.

The Towns of Hay River, Stanton and Eau Galle, and the Village of Knapp do not participate in either of Dunn County’s Solid Waste or Recycling Program. Contact your local official for proper solid waste disposal information and recycling procedures.

# Collection Site Info continued

## **Transfer Station & Recycling Center, Menomonie**

E3900 Hwy 29, in the Town of Menomonie

Mondays 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays 7 a.m. - noon

## **Dunn County Yard Waste Drop-Off Site**

N5515 377th St., in the Town of Menomonie

Open April 1 – November 15 (Weather Permitting)

Mondays 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays 7 a.m. – noon

## **Boyceville Area Collection Station & Yard Waste Drop-Off Site**

E2698 County Rd N, Boyceville, WI 54725

Wednesdays Noon - 7 p.m. (Apr. 1st – Oct. 31st)

Wednesdays Noon - 5 p.m. (Nov. 1st – Mar. 31st)

Saturdays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (year round)

## **Colfax Area Collection Station & Yard Waste Drop-Off Site**

N9417 810th St, Colfax, WI 54730

Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Apr. 1st – Oct. 31st)

Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Nov. 1st – Mar. 31st)

Saturdays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Year Round)

## **Connorsville Area Collection Station**

E1285 1256th Ave, Boyceville, WI 54725

(Behind the old Connorsville Co-op Creamery in Connorsville)

Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. - noon

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - noon

## **Downsville Area Collection Station**

N2723 440th St, Downsville, WI 54735

Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## **Elk Mound Area Collection Station & Yard Waste Drop Off Site**

401 570th Ave, Elk Mound, WI 54734

Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Apr. 1st – Oct. 31st)

Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Nov. 1st – March 31st)

Saturdays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (year round)

## **Ridgeland Area Collection Station**

N12184 Hwy 25, Ridgeland, WI 54763

(Near intersection of Hwy 25 and Hwy 64)

Wednesdays 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Apr. 1st – Oct. 31st)

Wednesdays 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Nov. 1st – March 31st)

Saturdays 8 a.m. – noon (year round)

## **Rock Creek Area Collection Station**

N1825 980th St, Rock Falls, WI 54764

Wednesdays 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (year round)

Saturdays 8 a.m. – noon (year round)

## **Sand Creek Area Recycling Drop-Off Site**

Saturdays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## **Holidays**

The Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center and all Area Collection Stations will be closed to the public during the following holidays:

New Years Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving

Christmas

## **Administrative Office**

Dunn County Solid Waste Division – **through**

**December 2015**

390 Red Cedar Street, Suite C

Menomonie, WI 54751

715-232-4017

Hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dunn County Solid Waste Division **projected to move offices in January 2016 to:**

Dunn County Government Center

800 Wilson Avenue, 2nd Floor

Menomonie, WI 54751

715-232-4017

Hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## ***Fun Fact:***

**In 1993 six Area Collection Stations opened for the first time. Connorsville's collection station was later added in 2003.**

# Solid Waste Permits

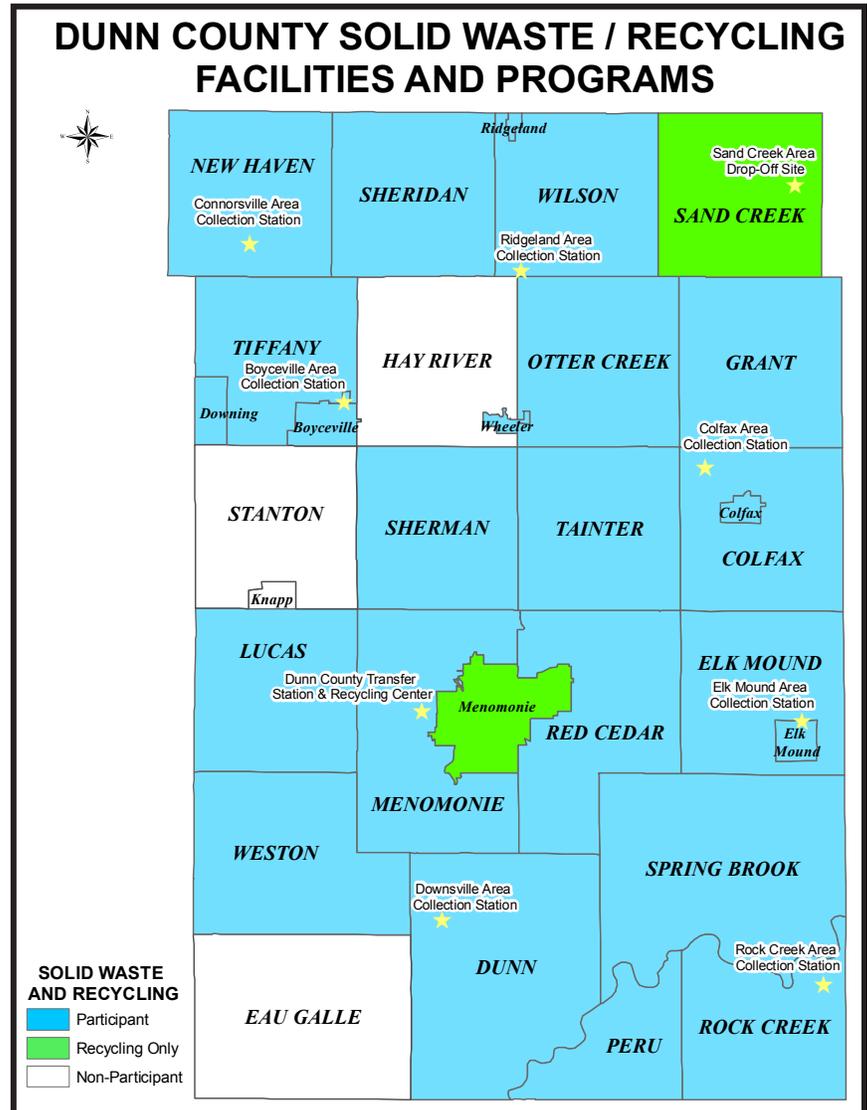
Each December Dunn County Solid Waste Permits are sent to every household receiving tax statements within participating municipalities. These municipalities include:

## Solid Waste and Recycling

- Town of Colfax
- Town of Dunn
- Town of Elk Mound
- Town of Grant
- Town of Lucas
- Town of Menomonie
- Town of New Haven
- Town of Otter Creek
- Town of Peru
- Town of Red Cedar\*
- Town of Rock Creek\*
- Town of Sheridan
- Town of Sherman
- Town of Spring Brook
- Town of Tainter
- Town of Tiffany
- Town of Weston
- Town of Wilson
- Village of Boyceville
- Village of Colfax
- Village of Downing
- Village of Elk Mound
- Village of Ridgeland
- Village of Wheeler

Recycling Only (These residents do not receive Solid Waste Permits.)

- City of Menomonie
- Town of Sand Creek



Dunn County municipalities with their own solid waste and/or recycling programs include the Town of Eau Galle, Town of Hay River, Town of Sand Creek (solid waste), Town of Stanton, the Village of Knapp and the City of Menomonie (solid waste). Residents of non-participating municipalities should contact their local officials for more information about options for recycling or trash disposal.

\*Town of Rock Creek residents and property owners should contact their town treasurer directly for a Solid Waste Permit or with questions about obtaining a permit.

Some municipalities mail the permits directly to the residents and other municipalities have the Dunn County Solid Waste Division mail the permits. Municipalities have differing policies regarding paying for and receiving permits. If your municipality mails the permits to residents, and you have a question regarding their policy, please contact your municipal treasurer. After the beginning of the year, permits may also be obtained at the Dunn County Solid Waste Division Office, the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station. Residents must show proof

# Solid Waste Permits continued

of residency to obtain the Solid Waste Permit. Landlords who do not receive a permit for each residence are responsible for contacting their local municipality or the Dunn County Solid Waste Division to request a permit for occupants of that dwelling. One permit will be issued per residence.

With a Solid Waste Permit, citizens living within participating municipalities may use the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station for free disposal of regular household trash (maximum 99 gallons per week).

Citizens from non-member municipalities wishing to dispose of trash at a Dunn County facility must pay a user fee or purchase a Dunn County Solid Waste Permit. Permits may be purchased from the Dunn County Solid Waste Division or at any Dunn County Area Collection Station for an annual fee of \$80. Permits are prorated as the year goes on. Additional or replacement permits are \$10 each. Recyclable materials or items requiring a disposal fee such as furniture, tires, televisions, etc., do not require a Solid Waste Permit for disposal. **Please note all recyclables must be removed from the trash.**

Businesses are not allowed to purchase a Solid Waste Permit. They must pay to dispose of all trash at any Dunn County facility.

Permits should be displayed on a vehicle's rear view mirror prior to entering any Dunn County facility. Improper display and permits that can't be seen will result in residents paying to dispose of materials, or Dunn County not obligated to accept the materials.

For more information about Solid Waste Permits please call the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at 715-232-4017.

## City of Menomonie Residents

The City of Menomonie has its own Drop-Off Site for trash. It is located at 1601 Gilbert Creek Rd., Menomonie. The hours for the City's site are:

- Tuesdays: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursdays: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Fridays: 7 a.m. to noon (June 1 to October 31)
- Saturdays: 7 a.m. to noon

For more information call the City of Menomonie at 715-232-2302.

# Solid Waste Drop-Off Guidelines

With a Dunn County Solid Waste Permit, a maximum of 99 gallons of household trash may be disposed of per visit without additional fees.

1. **All recyclables must be removed from the trash.**
2. All loads must be covered and secured.
3. All loads larger than a full pick-up load of trash will not be accepted at any Area Collection Station and must be transported to an appropriate disposal site or to the Transfer Station.
4. Additional trash, business trash and trash from residents who live in a municipality that does not participate in the program, will be charged a disposal fee.\*
  - \$3.00 per 33 gallon bag of trash
  - \$5.00 per car load of trash
  - \$10.00 per half of a pick-up load of trash
  - \$20.00 per full pick-up load of trash



Hazardous waste should only be disposed of at a designated Hazardous Waste Collection.

\*2015 Disposal Fees on page 30.

# Curbside Recycling and Roll-Off Rentals

While the Dunn County Solid Waste Division manages the Transfer Station and seven Area Collection Stations, curbside pick up of trash or recyclables is handled by local haulers. Please consult your local hauler for any curbside pick-up questions or for rental of large roll-off containers.



## Curbside Recycling Bins

Curbside recycling bins can be purchased through the Dunn County Solid Waste Division office currently located at 390 Red Cedar Street, Suite C. Current price of bins (as of August 2015) is \$8 each and can be paid for with cash or check.



## Curbside Service

There are a variety of licensed haulers the public can contract with for curbside services. Some companies cover large areas, while others service a smaller radius. With the exception of Viking Disposal, the following haulers also offer roll-off rentals.

## Dunn County Licensed Haulers

Advanced Disposal Services*	715-839-9553
Boxx Sanitation LLC	715-514-2995
Durand Sanitation LLC	715-672-5354
Express Disposal (short term construction accounts)	715-669-3868
Menomonie Disposal Systems LLC*	715-235-9511
Murtha Sanitation	715-684-3700
PIG, Inc.	715-792-5209
Republic Services	715-234-7744
River City Disposal, Inc.	715-425-2141
Viking Disposal, Inc.	715-962-3309
Waste Management of Chippewa Falls	888-960-0008
Waterman Sanitation	715-268-6471

\* Offers curbside services for City of Menomonie residents.

## Fun Fact:

**4.95 tons or 9,900 pounds of textiles were recycled at Dunn County Area Collection Stations and the Transfer Station and Recycling Center in 2014.**

# Apartment Recycling

Owners/landlords of apartments with five or more units are responsible for providing trash and recycling services for renters. For apartments with four or less units, the lease agreement should state who is responsible for providing such services. If there is no designation, tenants are responsible for their own trash and recycling.

Dunn County's Recycling Specialists will work with apartment managers and owners to help improve recycling facilities or help set up programs where facilities have not been adequately provided. If you would like assistance setting up, updating existing programs or need recycling at your current apartment, call the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at 715-232-4017. The

# Apartment Recycling continued

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (WI DNR) website also has informational brochures on recycling for both tenants and landlords.

## Solid Waste Permits for Renters in Participating Municipalities

As decided by each participating municipality, some Solid Waste Permits are mailed directly from the municipality, while others are mailed by the Dunn County Solid Waste Division. Municipalities have differing policies regarding paying for and receiving permits. If your municipality mails the Solid Waste Permits and you have a question regarding their policy, please contact your municipal treasurer. Landlords who did not receive a permit for each residence are responsible for contacting their local municipality or the Dunn County Solid Waste Division to request a permit for occupants of that dwelling. Renters may certainly contact their municipality or the Dunn County Solid Waste Division to request a permit as well. One permit will be issued per residence. Additional or replacement permits may be purchased for \$10.



## City of Menomonie

The City of Menomonie is not a member of the Dunn County Solid Waste program. While recyclables and items with a fee are accepted from any resident, City residents who choose to dispose of regular trash at County sites are charged a small fee. Please contact the City of Menomonie Street Department at 715-232-2302 for disposal options and information, including free trash drop-off at the City's site on Gilbert Creek Road.

# Household Recyclables

## Aluminum

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours—or the equivalent of half a gallon of gasoline. Aluminum cans are actually the most recycled item in the United States, and they can be recycled continuously. In fact, it is possible to recycle an aluminum can and have it back on the grocery shelf as a new can in as little as 60 days!

While most people associate aluminum with pop cans, many cat food and sardine cans are made of aluminum as well. These types of aluminum cans may be recycled at the Transfer Station, any Area Collection Station or through local curbside haulers. At the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station items other than aluminum cans, including aluminum pie plates and aluminum foil may be recycled with scrap metal. Please note, Dunn County Solid Waste does not pay for aluminum.



## *Did you know?*

**Aluminum cans may be sold to a buyer each Saturday Mid-March through October. Bring them to the Cenex Convenience Store at 2021 Stout Road from 10:30 a.m. - noon in Menomonie.**



Cardboard may be recycled either curbside, at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station. Cardboard should be flattened and cut down to pieces no larger than three square feet. Acceptable cardboard includes:

- Clean, corrugated cardboard
- Cereal, cake and other baking boxes (liners removed)
- Shoe boxes
- Paper grocery bags
- Manila envelopes and file folders
- Cardboard egg cartons (no food contamination)

Any cardboard that has been treated to resist moisture or contains refrigerated/frozen foods are not recyclable. Please do not recycle:

- Pop or beer cartons
- Detergent boxes
- Milk cartons
- Juice boxes
- Pizza boxes



Glass is 100% recyclable and can be recycled endlessly without loss in quality or purity. Container glass of any color may be recycled at the Transfer Station, any Area Collection Station or through local curbside haulers. This includes food and canning jars as well as soda, beer, wine or liquor bottles. Container glass does not need to be sorted by color.

## Cardboard

- Toiletry boxes (toothpaste, soap, hygiene products)
- Produce boxes
- Green house boxes
- Hardcover books\*

When cardboard is recycled, it is broken down with water. Since the cardboard used for items such as pop or beer cartons is specially treated to resist moisture, it will not break down at the same rate as non-coated cardboard. Mixing moisture resistant items with untreated cardboard



may contaminate a batch of recyclable materials. Greasy pizza boxes cannot be recycled as the oil resists the water used to break down fibers. However, if the top of a pizza box has no food or grease contamination, it may be ripped off and recycled.

\* Pages from hardcover books may be ripped out and recycled with mixed paper. Bindings can go in the trash.

## Glass Containers

Non-container glass such as windows, ceramics, china, drinking glasses and Pyrex have a different chemical composition and manufacturing process than container glass rendering it non-recyclable. Windows may be disposed of with construction and demolition materials. Other non-container glass may go in the trash.



# Mixed Paper and Magazines

Mixed paper and magazines may be recycled at the Transfer Station, any Area Collection Station or through local curbside haulers. All materials must be dry and clean. Plastic wrap around magazines or catalogs should be removed and recycled with plastic film and bags at the Transfer Station, any Area Collection Station, or any grocery store in Menomonie.



## Acceptable paper

- Newspaper (anything that comes with the newspaper is recyclable)
- White/pastel office paper, envelopes, window envelopes, Post-It Notes, scratch paper, computer paper
- Shiny paper from the mail
- Telephone directories
- Paperback books
- Magazines or catalogs
- Gift wrap marked as 100% recyclable
- Shredded paper\*

## Not acceptable

- Hardcover books\*\*
- Carbon paper
- Food wrappers
- Tissues
- Paper towels
- Plastic wrap
- Tissue paper
- Non recyclable gift wrap

\*To avoid paper blowing away, do not place shredded paper in a curbside bin. Instead, bring shredded paper to the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station.

\*\* Pages ripped out of hardcover books may be recycled with mixed paper. Bindings can go in the trash.

# Plastics

**#1 & #2 Bottle and Jugs** - Commonly used #1 and #2 plastics are banned from landfills and must be recycled. These typically include items such as milk jugs, pop bottles, laundry detergent bottles, etc.

As a general rule, #1 or #2 plastic containers must be bottle shaped, with a neck smaller than its body, to be recyclable. To keep recycling costs down, please crush plastic bottles so they take up less room. After items are cleaned and crushed, plastic caps may be left on the bottles to be recycled.



# Plastics continued

**#1 & #2 Wide Mouth Containers** - Made with hybrid resins, wide mouth #1 or #2 containers (i.e. berry containers, lids, ice cream buckets or plastic cups) are not recyclable in the Dunn County program. The few wide mouth exceptions are Folgers or Maxwell House coffee canisters, and clean mayonnaise or peanut butter jars. To determine if a wide mouth #1 or #2 plastic container is recyclable, check the bottom of the item. If a #1 plastic has a button on the bottom of the container, it is recyclable. For #2 plastics, a seam running across the bottom means it can be recycled.



Peanut butter jars made of #1 plastic have a button on the bottom. A #2 plastic Folgers coffee can has a distinct seam running across the bottom of the container. Both of these items are recyclable.



**#3 - #7 Containers** - #3 - #7 plastics such as yogurt cups, butter tubs and cottage cheese containers vary in composition; they are a different plastic and cannot be combined with #1 and #2 plastics. Also there is not a market strong enough to make recycling of #3 - #7 plastics cost effective for Dunn County, therefore, these items go in the trash. Clean, rigid #5 plastics, however, are accepted for recycling at the Menomonie Market Food Co-op.



**Not Recyclable**



**steel**  
• clean  
• flatten

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## Steel Cans

Steel cans may be recycled at the Transfer Station, any Area Collection Station or through local curbside collection. Labels do not need to be removed, but crushing cans is recommended. Steel lids and aerosol cans may be recycled also. Before recycling, make sure aerosol cans are empty, the nozzle is removed and the plastic lid is tossed in the trash.

### *Fun Fact:*

One steel can saves 60 to 74 percent of the energy used to make a can from virgin materials. In fact, recycling one can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours and seven cans save enough energy to power a 60 watt light bulb for 26 hours.

# Yard Waste Drop-Off Sites

Since 1993, Wisconsin State law has banned yard waste from landfills. However, as much as 30% of all household trash generated in Wisconsin consists of yard waste. That's 300,000 tons!

With a Dunn County Solid Waste Permit, yard waste is accepted at:

## Boyceville Area Collection Station

E2698 County Road N, Boyceville

Wednesdays noon - 7 p.m. (April 1st – Oct. 31st)

Wednesdays noon - 5 p.m. (Nov. 1st – Mar. 31st)

Saturdays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (year round)

## Elk Mound Area Collection Station

401 570th Avenue, Elk Mound

Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. (April 1st – Oct. 31st)

Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Nov. 1st – March 31st)

Saturdays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (year round)

## Colfax Area Collection Station

N9417 810th Street, Colfax

Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (April 1st – Oct. 31st)

Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Nov. 1st – Mar. 31st)

Saturdays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (year round)

## Dunn County Yard Waste Drop-Off Site

N5515 377th Street, Town of Menomonie

April 1 thru November 15 (weather permitting)

Mondays 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturdays 7 a.m. - noon

City of Menomonie residents may bring their yard waste to the City of Menomonie Drop-Off Site at 1601 Gilbert Creek Rd. (Hours listed below.)

### Guidelines

**Brush:** Includes tree limbs, shrubs and Christmas trees. Limbs should be less than 6" in diameter and 6' in length. Tree stumps, tree roots or any kind of painted, stained or treated lumber are NOT acceptable. These items may be disposed of with construction and demolition for a fee.

**Compost:** Includes grass clippings and dried leaves. Once the pile has appropriately broken down, the finished compost is free. Invasive species should never be composted with yard waste. Instead they should be separately bagged and put in the trash. A complete listing of invasive species can be found at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov).

**Christmas Trees:** Residents with a Dunn County Solid Waste permit may dispose of Christmas trees at the above listed yard waste sites. Decorations, ornaments, tree disposal bags and stands must be removed prior to disposal. Artificial trees and other debris will not be accepted. Due to metal wires, wreaths and garland are not recyclable with yard waste.

Until mid January, the Dunn County Highway Department also collects Christmas trees at their service gate just off Menomonie's Stokke Parkway. Trees may be placed on a designated pile to be chipped and recycled.

The City of Menomonie accepts Christmas trees at the following drop-off sites:

### Elmwood Park

301 Red Cedar Street

Menomonie

### Wakanda Park

909 Pine Avenue East

Menomonie

City of Menomonie Solid Waste Site (during hours of operation)

1601 Gilbert Creek Road, Menomonie

Tuesdays 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursdays 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fridays 7 a.m. to noon (June 1st – October 31st)

Saturdays 7 a.m. to noon

For questions about Christmas tree recycling in the City of Menomonie, call the City of Menomonie Street Department at 715-232-2302.



# Invasive Species



*Garlic Mustard*

Buckthorn, Bush Honeysuckle, Garlic Mustard, Japanese Knotweed and Spotted Knapweed are all examples of common invasive species which are notorious for thriving beside roadways and in backyards. They also choke out other native plants, inhibiting their chance to grow in their natural habitat.

Invasive species tend to take up entire fields of public lands and can harm native animal life, compromising Wisconsin's chance for a naturally clean and safe environment.

When an invasive species is found it is best to take immediate action and remove it in a safe and effective way. Contrary to popular belief, simply pulling the plant out of the ground would not get rid of hard-to-eradicate species. The danger of invasive plants does not end with their removal. If invasive species are removed from the ground and then placed in a compost pile, they may reseed.



*Buckthorn*

In order to manage your private property and public lands, residents should follow these simple steps:

- Remove plants from the ground, preferably before seeds become mature, making sure to pull as much of the roots out as possible
- Cut plants in pieces and place in separate plastic bags
- Write 'Invasive Plants' on a visible area of the bag
- Dispose of bags with normal household garbage

Alternate ways to remove invasive species include burning or applying environmentally friendly herbicides. These approved removal methods will prevent re-growth and curb the spread of more plants in the same areas.

Remember to contact authorities before burning and only burn during designated burning seasons when the conditions are safe.

The Lower Chippewa Invasive Partnership is always looking for volunteers to help perform roadside surveys and remove any plants that are not native. For more information on the group or volunteering, e-mail

lcinvasives@gmail.com or contact Christopher Gaetzke 715-231-6540 or Kathy Stahl 715-962-4010. Informa-

tion can also be found at lcinvasives.org or search for Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership on Facebook.

# Hazardous Materials



Hazardous household materials can be found in sheds, garages, basements, craft rooms, workshops or under kitchen sinks. These are often common household products and may be labeled with words such as: Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison,

Flammable, Combustible or Corrosive. If disposed of improperly, these hazardous materials can contaminate our drinking water, increase the likelihood of algal growth and threaten the safety of sanitation workers.

In addition, hazardous materials left around the house and garage pose an accidental poisoning risk to children and pets. These materials should be safely stored until they can be properly disposed of at a Hazardous Waste Collection. The Dunn County Solid Waste Division offers an annual Hazardous Waste Collection typically held in the fall.

# Hazardous Materials continued



Hazardous Waste Collections are made available through special funding and grants. These are the only times and dates hazardous waste is accepted in Dunn County each year.

To dispose of hazardous waste at other times of the year, contact Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) at 715-635-2197. They can direct you to Hazardous Waste Collections in other counties. If utilizing a Hazardous Waste Collection outside of Dunn County, NWRPC must be notified that the hazardous waste materials are originating from Dunn County.

## Pre-Registration for Farms and Businesses

All farms and businesses must pre-register. To pre-register, please use the online Business & Farm Registration Form found on the Hazardous Waste page at [www.co.dunn.wi.us](http://www.co.dunn.wi.us). Please contact the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at 715-232-4017 if you have any questions.

## Cost

Costs for businesses considered to be "very small quantity generators" (VSQG), will be 25% to 65% less than on-site pick up by a licensed hazardous waste hauler. To be considered a VSQG, no more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste can be generated in one month and no more than 2,205 pounds of hazardous waste can be stored at any time.

There is no charge for household hazardous waste except for latex paint and foam insulation tanks. Latex paint is water based and not actually considered hazardous waste so disposal of it is not covered by grant funding. Costs for paint are: pint can \$1.00, quart can \$2.00, gallon can \$4.00, and five gallon pail \$20.00. The charge is based upon the size of the can, not how full the container is, so consolidate and save money. If the latex paint is dried out, it can be disposed of in the trash. There is also a \$3 fee per 20 pound foam insulation tanks.

## Acceptable Materials

The following are examples of products that can be accepted during Dunn County's Hazardous Waste Collection Program:

### Workshop

- Glue
- Gun Cleaning Fluids
- Lacquer
- Lead-Based Paints
- Oil Based Paints
- Stripper
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Thinner
- Turpentine
- Varnish
- Foam Insulation Tank (\$3 fee per 20 pound tank)

### Automotive

- Antifreeze
- Brake Fluid
- Carburetor Cleaner
- Engine Cleaner
- Fuels
- Transmission Fluid

### Household

- Air Freshener
- Button Batteries (Lithium & Mercuric Oxide)
- Drain Cleaner
- Dry Cleaning Fluid
- Floor Polish
- Furniture Polish
- Lye
- Mercury Thermometer
- Mildew Cleaner
- Moth Balls
- Nail Polish Remover
- Oven Cleaner
- Silver Polish
- Spot Remover
- Thermostats
- Toilet Cleaner
- Window Cleaner

### Lawn & Garden

- 2, 4-D
- 2, 4 5 - T & TP
- Arsenic
- Chlordane
- DDT



# Hazardous Materials continued

- Fertilizer
- Fungicide
- Insect Repellent
- Insecticide
- Kepone
- Penta
- Pesticide
- Poison
- Rodent Bait
- Silvex
- Snail & Slug Bait



## Prohibited Materials

The following are products that cannot be accepted at a Dunn County Hazardous Waste Collection Event:

- Hazardous waste generated from large quantity generators.
- Radioactive materials.
- Compressed gas cylinders - Freon.
- Shock or heat sensitive materials, picric acid.
- Explosives - including shotgun shells, fireworks, gunpowder, etc.
- Infectious or biological wastes, sharps.
- Smoke detectors.

# Burning

## Do not burn your garbage

- It is against the law
- It is hazardous to the health of you, your family and your neighbors
- It is dangerous
- It pollutes
- It wastes resources



“Open burning” refers to burning in an unconfined area or burning material outdoors in a container or a pile without putting any precautionary air pollution controls in place. Backyard open burning has been a long standing tradition, especially in rural areas. We are now aware of the dangers involved with this practice, and with increased awareness burning is decreasing.

Open burning is so hazardous that in 1995, Dunn County made open burning illegal. Offenders can be subject to fines between \$100 to \$2,000 (plus court costs) for each violation.

Many people do not realize just how dangerous and toxic burning actually is. Even carefully sorted paper-only waste can be hazardous when burned. Paper

packaging often has plastic coatings, envelope windows are plastic and some inserts in junk mail have plastics as well.

When trash is burned, high levels of toxic chemicals are emitted in the smoke. Unlike municipal incinerators, backyard burning occurs at much lower temperatures with virtually no combustion. Backyard burning also lacks the air control that comes with high-tech pollution filtering apparatuses required for municipal incineration. Instead, pollutants such as dioxin travel through the air, land on plants, and is breathed in or consumed by people or animals. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency considers burn barrels a major source of dioxin and believes that current dioxin levels in Americans are high enough to create a significant cancer risk. Other health risks from dioxin exposure include breathing disorders, asthma, rashes, skin diseases, allergies and even birth defects.

Open burning can also pose a serious fire risk, with frequent brush, forest, and structure fires attributed to uncontrolled burning. Occasionally, such fires have resulted in death. To read more about the effects of burn barrels go to [www.burnbarrel.org](http://www.burnbarrel.org).



## Fireplace Ashes

Ashes must be completely cooled before disposal. Ashes will not be accepted at any Area Collection Station or the Transfer Station and Recycling Center unless they have been cooled for at least one week. Cooled ash should be placed in the demo bin, not with the trash. There is no disposal fee for cooled ash.

# Event Recycling



Are you hosting an event? Need extra recycling bins? The Dunn County Solid Waste Division has 60 event recycling bins that can be loaned out to Dunn County residents and businesses for such

occasions. These large collapsible bins come with plastic bags and labeled lids for separation of aluminum, glass and plastic containers. **By placing a recycling bin next to a trash can, you can dramatically reduce your event's accumulated waste while saving valuable resources.**

When borrowing a large number of recycling bins, a trailer for transportation is available as well. Though the trailer and bins may be used for free, a refundable security deposit is required. Users are responsible for transporting the bins and recycling their own materials.

Event recycling bins have been used at graduation parties, family gatherings, corporate parties, weddings, kickball tournaments, the Dunn County Fair, and more. To reserve bins or the trailer for your special event, please call the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at 715-232-4017.



# Convenience Store Recycling



According to state and local laws, all businesses, including convenience stores, are required to recycle. Though paper and cardboard are most likely already being recycled at such locations, the majority of the waste generated at convenience store islands/gas pumps are beverage containers.

Fortunately, with Dunn County, neighboring counties and local convenience stores all working together, the public is able to recycle beverage containers while fueling up their vehicles.

To start recycling at your area business or convenience store, the Dunn County Solid Waste Division can provide assistance through educational and technical guidance as well as promotional materials. These materials include brochures, posters, postcards and labels all

of which can be downloaded from the county website. As an added perk, the Dunn County Solid Waste Division will promote your efforts through: news releases, newsletters, web sites, radio, television and state and national conventions. For more information contact the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at 715-232-4017.

## Recycling Bin Recommendations

- Bins should be made of durable, long lasting materials.
- Bins should be a significantly different color or style than trash bins.
- Clearly mark bins as "Recyclables Only."
- For best results, always place recycle bins next to a trash bin.



# Recycling by Item

## American Flags



According to the United States Flag Code, any American flag that is worn, damaged or tattered beyond repair should be disposed of in a respectful and dignified manner. If you

wish to dispose of a retired American flag please bring it to the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station and give it to an attendant. Flags are then transported to the Dunn County Veterans Service Office for proper disposal in a formal flag retirement ceremony. Worn and tattered flags may also be brought directly to the Dunn County Veterans Service Office located in the Dunn County Community Services Building, Suite 116, 3001 US Hwy 12 East, Menomonie.

## Automotive

Residents may recycle the following automotive materials at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station year round for free.

- Antifreeze
- Car batteries
- Motor oil
- Oil absorbents

Car batteries and motor oil from businesses may be recycled at these locations for free as well.



### Antifreeze

Used antifreeze often contains heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, and chromium in high enough levels to make it a regulated hazardous waste. Do not mix used antifreeze with solid or hazardous waste or other materials such as solvents or oil. Mixing used antifreeze with other substances may inhibit its ability to be recycled.

### Gasoline

Gasoline may be recycled during a Hazardous Waste Collection event.

### Oil, Oil Absorbents & Oil Filters

Used oil, oil filters and oil absorbents with free flowing oil are banned from landfills and should not be

thrown away. Instead, residents can recycle these items at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station.

### Oil

The Transfer Station and each Area Collection Station have a tank to receive used motor oil. Cooking oil strained of all food particles may be recycled in the oil drum as well. There is no fee to recycle used oil.

### Oil Absorbents

As long as oil absorbents contain no free-flowing oil and the absorbents are not hazardous waste, the following items may be thrown in the trash:

- Granular kitty litter-type absorbents
- Oil-dry cloths
- Rags
- Wipes
- Paper towel
- Absorbent pillows, pads and socks

### Oil Filters

The Transfer Station and all Area Collection Stations have 55 gallon collection drums for oil filters. Residents with a Dunn County Solid Waste Permit may recycle oil filters for free. Fees for oil filters recycled by businesses or residents of non-member municipalities are as follows:

# Automotive continued

## Based on 55 gal drum

1/4 Barrel or approximately 13.75 gallons	\$10.00
1/2 Barrel or approximately 17.50 gallons	\$20.00
3/4 Barrel or approximately 41.25 gallons	\$30.00
Full Barrel or approximately 55 gallons	\$40.00

All oil containers should be disposed of in the trash once emptied.



## Batteries

### Alkaline

With manufacturers no longer using mercury in alkaline batteries, these items may be thrown in the trash. Alkaline batteries are traditionally used around the home and include AAA, AA, C, D and 9V batteries.

### Automotive

Businesses selling automotive batteries should accept batteries back for recycling. The Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station will accept automotive batteries for recycling as well.



### Button

Button batteries typically found in watches or hearing aids are considered hazardous waste. Do not throw these batteries in the trash. To be properly disposed of they should be saved for a Hazardous Waste Collection.

### Lithium

Lithium batteries are often found in cameras. Like button batteries, these are considered hazardous waste and should not be thrown in the trash. Instead, lithium batteries should be disposed of at a Hazardous Waste Collection.

### Rechargeable

Basically, if it's rechargeable, it's recyclable. Rechargeable batteries are commonly found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, camcorders, digital cameras and remote control toys. These batteries, with abbreviations such as Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, Ni-Zn, Li-ion or SSLA/Pb, contain toxic metals and must be kept out of landfills. Rechargeable batteries may be recycled at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station. Please only bring in rechargeable batteries weighing less than two pounds.

For more detailed information on battery recycling, visit [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org).



## *Fun Fact:*

**Dunn County residents recycled 137.99 tons or 275,980 pounds of electronics in 2014.**

# Bulbs



Though bulbs are not collected curbside, they may be recycled year round at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station. CFLs and LED lights are

free while others have small recycling fees which range in price. For a complete list of bulb fees, go to page 31.

Large volumes of bulbs, especially from businesses, should be brought directly to the Transfer Station. Do not shrink-wrap or tape bulbs together.

## Guidelines for dropping off large volumes of bulbs

- Fluorescent bulbs should be packaged tightly in boxes.
- Do not mix different sized bulbs together. (Keep four foot bulbs together, eight foot bulbs together,

etc.) Miscellaneous bulbs must be packaged to protect the bulbs from breaking.

- If you palletize bulbs for storage or mobility and are able to load pallets, please put boxes on pallets for easier loading. Please do not stack higher than 3 feet so bottom bulbs do not break.
- Label each box as to what type and quantity of bulb is within. Tape boxes shut so no bulbs fall out.

## Broken Bulbs

If a CFL, fluorescent bulb or other mercury containing light bulb breaks, proper clean-up procedures should be followed for your safety and the safety of the environment. Go to [www.epa.gov/cfl](http://www.epa.gov/cfl) for recommended cleanup guidelines.

Once the CFL, fluorescent bulb or other mercury containing light bulb is properly cleaned-up, the broken bulb can then be recycled at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station.

# Clothing and Textiles

To help divert items such as clothing, bedding, and towels from landfills, they should first be given a second home by way of: rummage sales, giving away to friends and family or thrift stores. The Dunn County Solid Waste Division has also partnered with USAgain. USAgain (pronounced "use again") is a Chicago based company that operates "for people, for planet and for profit" and uses collected textiles for purposes nationally and abroad. While a portion of the collected articles are marketed to wholesalers or thrift store chains here in the U.S., much of the clothing is exported and resold to struggling countries where there is a great need for such items.

At the Transfer Station and the Elk Mound and Colfax Area Collection Stations, clearly marked USAgain bins are available to donate these unwanted items. Besides clothing and bedding, USAgain accepts shoes, draperies, hats, belts, purses and more. Textiles in any condition (worn, torn or stained) can be recycled. However all items should be clean and dry. Items should be bagged before being placed inside the green and white USAgain bins. For more information go to [www.usagain.com](http://www.usagain.com).

# Construction & Demolition

Items such as carpeting, cabinetry, dry wall, toilets and lumber fall into the category of construction and demolition, as do other items involved with home renovations or remodeling. Items classified as construction and demolition, along with large and bulky items, do incur a fee. 2015 fees are as follows:

Construction & Demolition Material (includes carpet & padding)	
Price at the Transfer Station (over the scale)	\$57.00 Per Ton
Price at the Collection Sites (priced by cubic yard)	\$20.00 Cubic Yard





## Cooking Oil

Never throw hot cooking oil directly in the trash. This poses a fire hazard which may release chemicals into your home. Also, never dispose of oil down the drain as it will cling to the inside of pipes, eventually causing blockage and potential sewer problems. Instead, used cooking oil may be recycled with the motor oil at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station. All cooking oil should be strained for solid particles before being recycled.

## E-Cigarettes

Some companies offer free product in exchange for recycling e-cigarette cartridges through the product's manufacturer. Each company's policy is different so contacting individual manufacturers is recommended.

One manufacturer, Mystic Electronic Cigarette, will accept used e-cigarette batteries and empty refill cartridges no matter the brand.

For recycling information visit their website, [www.misticecigs.com/e-cig-battery-and-cartridge-recycling](http://www.misticecigs.com/e-cig-battery-and-cartridge-recycling).

Locally, e-cigarettes can be recycled at the E-Cig 53 store at 1400 N Broadway St, Menomonie. Call 715-309-4144 for more information.

In addition to the cartridges, please remember to recycle the lithium ion batteries in the e-cigarette by bringing them to a Hazardous Waste Collection.

### E-Liquid

Unwanted or expired e-liquid or e-juice can be disposed of at a Hazardous Waste Collection. These events are held each September.



## Electronics

Computers, computer accessories, TVs, cell phones and other electronics contain harmful materials including lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium, other heavy metals and chemical flame retardants. When thrown in the landfill, incinerated or illegally dumped, these chemicals can leach into the environment, where they may affect human and environmental health.

Fortunately, electronics also contain valuable reusable materials including metals, circuit boards and others. Recycling or reusing these materials reduce environmental impacts and economic costs by reducing the need for virgin materials in production of new electronics.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, electronics are one of the fastest growing parts of the waste stream in the United States. Each year there are millions of pounds of electronic waste in Wisconsin alone. Many electronic devices have been banned from landfill disposal in Wisconsin. Although collection fees are imposed, this law was actually designed to make recycling more convenient, especially in rural areas.

### State law requires the following items to be recycled:

- Televisions
- Computers (desktop, laptop, notebook and tablet computers)
- Printers/scanners/copiers
- Computer accessories (keyboards, mice, speakers, hard drives and flash drives)
- Computer monitors
- E-readers
- DVD, VCR and DVR players
- Fax machines
- Cell phones

# Electronics continued

Other acceptable miscellaneous electronics that may be recycled include MP3 players, clocks, VHS and cassette tapes, CDs, DVDs, calculators, cameras, glucometers, power supplies and more.

Electronics are accepted at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station. As of August, 2015 residential fees for recycling electronics are as follows:

Televisions 19" & Under	\$15.00 each	Broken CRT*	\$50.00 each or up to
20" – 39"	\$20.00 each		\$1.50/pound
40" & Over	\$35.00 each	Computer Monitors Any Size	\$10.00 each
Exposed CRT*	\$35.00 each	*Cathode Ray Tube	

Electronics recycling fees for businesses, non-profits & other organizations may be found by searching "Fees" at [www.co.dunn.wi.us](http://www.co.dunn.wi.us).

## Eyeglasses

Eyeglasses may be recycled at the Dunn County Transfer Station and all Area Collection Stations. As part of the "Lions Recycle for Sight Program", the Menomonie Lions Club has provided eyeglass collection containers at all Dunn County Solid Waste/Recycling sites. The collected eyeglasses will be delivered to a regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where they are cleaned, sorted by prescription strength and packaged. The glasses are then furnished to people in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact. The Wisconsin Lions Foundation Eyeglass Recycling Center provides eyeglasses to organizations such as Feed the Children and Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity. Center representatives also make regular mission trips to Mexico, Honduras and Jamaica. As part of this program, the Lions accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed. To learn more about this program go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and search "eyeglass recycling."



## Furniture



Furniture may be disposed of at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station for a fee. No permit is required to dispose of items with a fee. 2015 fees:

### Chairs

Upholstered	\$5.00 each
Wood	\$1.00 each

### Couches

Hide a Bed	\$10.00 each
Loveseat	\$5.00 each
Standard	\$8.00 each

### Mattresses or Box Springs

Crib & Twin	\$5.00 each
Double or Larger	\$10.00 each

All residents of non-member municipalities will be charged an additional \$2.00 per item or unit.

## Holiday Lights

Holiday lights may be recycled year round with scrap metal at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station. However, from mid November to the end of January holiday lights collected in specially marked containers at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station are recycled through the Recycling Association of Minnesota's (RAM) "Recycle Your Holidays" program. When recycled through RAM, every part of the light strand is dismantled and properly recycled. There is no fee to recycle unwanted strands of lights, operational or not.

# Medications

- Never flush or throw away medication in the trash. Improper medication disposal or storage can lead to:
- **Contamination of water resources** – Drugs that are flushed can end up in rivers, lakes and drinking water.
  - **Accidental poisonings** – Children can mistake pills as candy and eat them.
  - **Substance abuse** – Medications in the trash or in the home can be stolen and abused.

## Dunn County Medication Take Back Program

- No cost to participate.
- No questions or personal information needed.
- For residents only. No clinic, hospital or business disposal.
- Pertains to prescription and over the counter medications for people or animals. This includes: pills, vitamins, ointments, creams, sprays, inhalers,

- liquids and patches.
- No biohazards (sharps or needles), personal hygiene products or hazardous waste accepted.



### Where

Dunn County Sheriff's Office  
Dunn County Judicial Center  
615 Stokke Parkway  
Menomonie, WI 54751  
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
715-232-1564

To find the Sheriff's Office, park in the lower level lot. Once inside the building turn left, following signs to the Sheriff's Office. Medication handed over at the service counter will be placed in a locked box.

# Paint



Liquid paint may not be disposed of in the trash. It can leach down into the water table and cause environmental damage. Instead, liquid paint should be disposed of at a Hazardous Waste Collection.

Dried paint can be thrown away in the garbage, except for lead based paint. Lead based paint, whether in liquid or solid form, must be disposed of at a Hazardous Waste Collection.

New or unopened paint can often be donated to local organizations such as Building Hope in Eau Claire or various theatre groups.

## Paint Drying Options

The process of drying paint should always take place in a well-ventilated, sheltered location away from children and pets. Oil based paints will take longer to dry out than latex paints. Before disposing of dried paint, remove the can's lid so your hauler or site attendant can verify there is no liquid in the can.

- If the paint can is less than ¼ full, crack the lid open and wait for the paint to harden.

- Smaller amounts of paint may be used up by coating an old piece of cardboard until the paint is gone. Once the paint is dry, both the container and the cardboard can be disposed of in the garbage.
- If the paint can is less than ½ full, open the can and pour kitty litter, oil dry or a commercial hardener into the can. Stir the mixture and let dry.
- Line a cardboard box with a plastic bag and place kitty litter or crumpled paper in it. Pour a limited amount of the unwanted paint into the box and allow the paint to dry and harden. Repeat this procedure until all of the paint is gone.

Oil based paints, varnish or paint thinners are also considered hazardous waste materials. Store these materials in a safe place until they can be disposed of during the Hazardous Waste Collection event. The only type of paint material with a disposal fee is latex paint. Latex paint is water based and not considered hazardous waste so disposal of it is not covered by funding. Costs for disposal of latex paint are: pint can \$1.00, quart can \$2.00, gallon can \$4.00, and five gallon pail \$20.00. The charge is based upon the size of the can, not how full the container is, so consolidate and save money. Dried latex paint may be disposed of in the trash.

# Plastic Film and Bags



Though not recyclable curbside, plastic film and bags may be recycled at the Transfer Station, any of the Area Collection Stations, Lammer's Food Fest, Marketplace Foods or

Wal-Mart in Menomonie. All plastic film and bags must be clean and dry and includes:

- Bread and produce bags
- Grocery and retail bags
- Dry cleaning and newspaper bags
- Food storage bags
- Plastic packaging around napkins, paper towels etc.
- Bubble wrap and air pillows for shipping
- Case wrap around bulk items, beverages or snacks

Local businesses and the industrial sector are also encouraged to recycle their plastic film and bags. This pertains to items such as:

- Stretch or shrink wrap from pallets
- Film and bags designed to protect or transport merchandise
- Furniture and electronic wraps
- Industrial use film and bags designed to protect or transport materials

Businesses interested in participating in the program should contact the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at 715-232-4017.

To learn more about what types of plastic film and bags are recyclable, go to [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org).



# Pressurized Tanks

## Propane Tanks

Empty, undamaged 20 pound propane tanks can be reused and should *first* be taken to:



**Cedar County Cooperative**  
807 Main Street  
Menomonie, WI 54751

**Cedar County Cooperative**  
401 Railroad Avenue  
Colfax, WI 54730

Empty 20 pound tanks that are no longer reusable or small 1 pound camp tanks may be recycled at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station. Scrap metal recyclers require that the valve or cap must first be removed from all tanks and that the tanks have an additional hole placed in them (the vendor has no recommendations on this process). All propane tanks should be handed directly to a site attendant.

There is no fee to recycle a propane tank with an

additional hole. Tanks without additional holes may be brought to a Hazardous Waste Collection and be disposed of for a fee.

## Fire Extinguishers

Empty fire extinguishers may be recycled with scrap metal. Full or outdated fire extinguishers may be brought to North Star Fire Systems Corporation in Eau Claire for proper disposal; 715-836-7515.



## Foam Insulation Tanks

Foam insulation tanks should be disposed of with construction and demolition materials. As of August 2015, a \$3 fee per tank is in effect.

## Helium Tanks

Empty helium tanks may be taken to the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station. All tanks should be given to an attendant for proper placement in the scrap metal bin.

# Pressurized Tanks continued



## To properly empty a helium tank:

- Take the tank to a well ventilated area, preferably outside. Open the valve handle. Press and hold down the nozzle until the releasing helium sound stops.
- Remove the nozzle from the valve stem using a wrench.
- Locate the rupture disk, which is a small plastic circle usually located on the shoulder of the tank. Using a flat head screwdriver and hammer, carefully pierce and remove the rupture disk. Be careful as the edges around the rupture disk can be sharp.
- Draw a circle around the open rupture disk with a permanent marker, then write "empty" on the tank, near the opening.

## Scrap Metal

The Transfer Station and every Area Collection Station has a scrap metal bin. Miscellaneous metals for recycling including iron, steel, brass, copper and aluminum can be placed inside these bins. Large items such as appliances, aluminum siding, lawn furniture and bicycles may also be recycled with scrap metal. Do not forget smaller items as well. These include:

- Pots and pans
- Nuts, bolts and nails
- Aluminum foil
- Pie tins
- Wire hangers
- Bottle caps
- Canning jar lids
- Tea light holders (no wax)



## Sharps



Over 8 million people in the United States currently use sharps to treat medical conditions in the home. Moreover, the number of conditions treated with injectable medicines continues to rise. In Wisconsin, all sharps, including needles, syringes and lancets, are prohibited by law from being disposed of in household trash or with any recyclables.

Unfortunately, an increased number of used needles are being improperly disposed of in the trash or with household recyclables. Improper sharps disposal is a serious public health risk due to the potential for

accidental needle sticks during the hand sorting of recyclables. Accidental needle sticks may cause severe infection and may also spread communicable diseases such as Hepatitis B or C and HIV/AIDS.

### Proper Sharps Disposal

For safety reasons, Dunn County residents should properly dispose of syringes, lancets and other sharps medical items separately from their household trash. However, for the safety of the public and the waste handlers, appropriate storage containers must be used.

Free sharps containers for syringes, needles, lancets, EpiPens, etc. can be picked up at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station. Once filled, these appropriate containers may be brought to the same facilities during public



# Sharps continued

hours of operation. Only one empty container may be picked up at a time. All full sharps containers should be handed to a site attendant.

Funding for this program is meant for individual residents of Dunn County. **The program is not intended to subsidize sharps containers or disposal for businesses such as: nursing homes, clinics, hospitals, assisted living homes or treatment centers.** Support for the education, containers, and disposal expenses are provided by the Menomonie Lions Club, the Dunn County Public Health Department, the Dunn County Solid Waste Division and Mayo Clinic Health System - Red Cedar in Menomonie.

Empty detergent bottles may also serve as appropriate makeshift sharps containers. To avoid any confusion, please clearly mark the filled container as "Sharps – Do not recycle". Sharps will not be accepted in non rigid containers such as coffee or chip canisters, milk jugs, water or soda bottles, aluminum cans, cardboard containers or plastic bags.



*Fun Fact:* Dunn County Solid Waste began collecting sharps April 2, 2007.

## Smoke Detectors



Smoke detectors have a life span of ten years. Many smoke detectors contain trace amounts of radiation and therefore it is recommended that you return them to their manufacturer for proper disposal. Manufacturers' addresses are usually listed on the product warranty, in the user's manual or on the original box. Return policies may differ among manufacturers, so calling the company prior to mailing is suggested.

Before disposing of smoke detectors, remove all batteries. Alkaline batteries may be deposited in the trash. Lithium batteries must be saved for a Hazardous Waste Collection. Smoke detectors will not be accepted at Hazardous Waste Collections.

## SodaStream Carbonators



Six area retailers (Best Buy, Kitchen Collection, Kohl's, Shopko, Target and Wal-Mart) will exchange empty SodaStream carbonators for refills, but only three will accept empty, unwanted SodaStream carbonators for recycling. These locations include:

### Kitchen Collection

Oakwood Mall  
4800 Golf Rd Ste 332  
Eau Claire, WI 54701  
715-834-8110

### Kohl's

Chippewa Valley Plaza  
3711 Gateway Dr  
Eau Claire, WI 54701  
715-835-6336

### Target

3649 S Hastings Way  
Eau Claire, WI 54701  
715-838-0196

SodaStream carbonators are not accepted for recycling through Dunn County Solid Waste. Please take these items to one of the above retailers instead.

# Thermostats



Have an old thermostat you need to dispose of? First determine if the thermostat contains mercury. Mercury can be found in tilt switches on most thermostats with manual (not electronic/digital) controls. If the thermostat does not contain mercury, remove and properly dispose of any batteries before recycling the thermostat along with other electronics. If the thermostat has a mercury tilt switch, it should be saved for a Hazardous Waste Collection or taken to one of the following businesses to be recycled.

<b>First Supply Eau Claire</b> 596 Cameron Street Eau Claire, WI 54703 715-832-6638	<b>Gustave A. Larson Company</b> 2456 Morningside Dr. Eau Claire, WI 54703 262-542-0200	<b>United Refrigeration</b> 2618 Birch Street Suite B Eau Claire, WI 54703 715-834-9705
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Other drop-off locations for thermostats may be found at [www.thermostat-recycle.org/zipsearch](http://www.thermostat-recycle.org/zipsearch).

# Thermometers

Disposal of thermometers depends on the type of thermometer you have. To tell the difference between a mercury thermometer and an alcohol thermometer, check the color of the liquid inside the thermometer.

## Mercury thermometers

Mercury thermometers are made of glass and contain a silver, metallic grey or black liquid. These thermometers are commonly used for fever, oven, meat or candy temperature readings. If broken, the mercury inside these thermometers (about .5 - 1.5 grams) can pose a danger to the environment. In fact, one gram of mercury is enough to contaminate a 20 acre lake! For this reason, mercury thermometers should be disposed of at a Hazardous Waste Collection. To avoid breakage, transport the thermometer in a rigid, sealed container like a small plastic food container.



## Alcohol-containing thermometers

These thermometers typically contain red or blue non-toxic liquid and may be thrown in the trash.

## Digital thermometers

Most digital thermometers contain button batteries which are considered hazardous waste. Once the battery has been removed and set aside for a Hazardous Waste Collection, a digital thermometer may be placed in the trash.

## Infrared thermometers

Infrared thermometers take instant readings, usually in the ear. These thermometers can go into the trash.



***Fun Fact:*** Mercury is the only metal liquid at room temperature.

# Tires



Tires may be recycled at the Transfer Station or at any Area Collection Station. Recycling fees are based on size and if they are with or without rims. Tires from off road equipment or tires 25" or larger must be taken to the Transfer Station. For loads of tires, going over the scale at the Transfer Station is recommended for the best pricing.

## Loads of Tires

Weighed on the scale at the Transfer Station	.10/pound
Brought to collection sites (must provide proof of weight)	.16/pound

## Individual Tires

	Tire	With Rim
Passenger (P) & Trailer (ST)	\$2.50	\$4.00
Light Truck (LT)	\$5.00	\$10.00
Truck	\$15.00	\$20.00
Bobcat, Forklift & Farm Tractor Front	\$10.00	\$10.00
Farm Tractor Rear	\$25.00	\$50.00
Off Road Equipment & 25" or Larger: must be taken to the Transfer Station	\$50.00	\$100.00

Inner Tubes are 1/2 the price of the same size vehicle tire and miscellaneous small tires not listed are \$1.00.



# Unwanted Mail

The average person spends eight months of their life handling unsolicited mail and in one year, 100 million trees are used to produce such printed matter. Just one day's unwanted correspondence contains the energy to heat 250,000 homes! By stopping excessive mailings over six million tons of annual waste can be avoided.

## Who to contact

- To stop "preapproved" credit and insurance offers, visit [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com) or call 888-567-8688.
- To reduce the number of catalogs and marketing brochures in your mailbox, go to [www.dmchoice.org](http://www.dmchoice.org). At the same website, you can elect to reduce the number of e-mail solicitations you receive.
- To cease delivery of unsolicited phone books, check out [www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org](http://www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org).
- To decide which catalogs you would care to receive and omit unwelcome ones, go to [www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org).

## Other options

- Pay bills online and switch to paperless statements.
- Call any 1 (800) number located on the printed matter and request to be removed from the mailing list.

For everything else, send a postcard to the solicitor's address asking to be removed from their list. When possible, return the actual mailing address label or include any customer identification number. Postage paid return envelopes may also be used to reject solicitations. Write across the "order form" (which includes your name and address): "Please Remove My Name from Your Mailing List" and send back to the company. It takes time for the requests to be processed but be persistent and the mail will slowly be eliminated.

Another avenue is to fax your mailing label back to the company, noting "Please Remove My Name from Your Mailing List". Fax numbers can be found inside magazine/catalog covers, near their editing credentials or near order forms.

# ReCyclone – A Force of Nature for Nature

ReCyclone has been Dunn County’s recycling mascot since 2013. Designed specifically for the Dunn County Solid Waste Division, ReCyclone appears at fairs, festivals, parades and more. This masked superhero’s goal is to inspire and educate the public about “closing the loop” through the 3 Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. To request ReCyclone to appear at a specific event, please contact the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at 715-232-4017.

## The Legend of ReCyclone

Once upon a time there was a town that had no clue how to manage their trash and recyclables, resulting in mounds of unwanted, discarded items everywhere. The residents had no idea there was a difference between trash and recyclables and they mixed everything together. There were apple cores in with the electronics and waxed milk cartons alongside rusty old bicycles. One day, a small twister appeared causing all the unwanted materials to rise into the air. When the dust settled, all that remained was a small pile of trash, many piles of recyclables and our masked super hero ReCyclone proclaiming, “I’m a Force of Nature FOR Nature!” The town looked so beautiful that from that day on, residents separated their recyclables just as ReCyclone had taught them and the mounds of trash were a thing of the past!



# 2015 Disposal Fees

<b>All Appliances</b>	FREE
<b>Chairs</b>	
Upholstered	\$5.00 each
Wood	\$1.00 each
<b>Couches</b>	
Hide a Bed	\$10.00 each
Loveseat	\$5.00 each
Standard	\$8.00 each
<b>Construction &amp; Demolition Material (includes carpet &amp; padding)</b>	
Price at the Transfer Station (over the scale)	\$57.00 Per Ton
Price at the Collection Sites (priced by cubic yard)	\$20.00 Cubic Yard
<b>Mattresses or Box Springs</b>	
Crib & Twin	\$5.00 each
Double or Larger	\$10.00 each
<b>Oil Filters for Residents with Dunn County Solid Waste Permit</b>	FREE
<b>Oil Filters for Businesses or Non-Member Municipalities:</b>	
(Based on 55 gallon drum)	
1/4 Barrel or approximately 13.75 gallons	\$10.00
1/2 Barrel or approximately 17.50 gallons	\$20.00
3/4 Barrel or approximately 41.25 gallons	\$30.00
Full Barrel or approximately 55 gallons	\$40.00

# 2015 Disposal Fees continued

## Tires - Loads

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## Trash from Residents of Non-Member Municipalities \*

\$3.00 Per Bag

\* All residents of non-member municipalities will be charged an additional \$2.00 per item or unit, except for tires.

## Residential & K-12 Public Schools Electronic Recycling Fees

### Televisions

19" & Under	\$15 each
20" – 39"	\$20 each
40" & Over	\$35 each
Exposed CRT*	\$35 each
Broken CRT*	\$50 each or up to \$1.50/pound
Computer Monitors Any Size	\$10 each

### Computer System

Laptops	FREE
Desktop Printers, Floor Printers, Copiers, Scanners & Fax Machines	FREE
CPU, Mouse, Keyboard, Speakers & Power Supply	FREE

### Satellite Receivers

FREE

**Miscellaneous Electronics** time clocks, battery backups, calculators, desk phones, mp3 players, glucometers, cameras, DVD players, CD players, stereos, etc.

FREE

\* CRT – Cathode Ray Tube

## Bulb Recycling Fees

**Straight fluorescent lamps and black lights** (includes bulbs w/green endcaps, tanning bed bulbs and straight ultraviolet with no free flowing mercury);

4 feet and under	\$0.25
over 4 feet	\$0.50

### Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs)

FREE

**High intensity discharge (HID)** includes high pressure sodium, metal halide, mercury vapor and low pressure sodium); shatter shield lamps

\$1.00

### Circular or U shaped lamps

\$0.50

### Incandescent bulbs, flood lamps and vehicle headlights/bulbs

\$0.25

### Ultraviolet with free flowing mercury

\$4.00

### Ballasts

Containing Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB's) \$2.00

Ballasts that say "No PCB's" or manufactured after July 1, 1978 - go in

Scrap Metal Bin FREE

### LED lights – Electronic Recycling

FREE

**Christmas lights** – goes in Scrap Metal Bin (Except Nov.-Jan. 31st see page 23) FREE



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