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# The Dunn County Recycler



The Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Newsletter

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## MEDICATION ROUND UP

If you missed last spring's Medication Round-Up, there is one more chance this year to dispose of outdated, unused or unwanted medications and prescriptions. This free event will be held Wednesday, September 11, 2008 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Education Center, East Parking Lot of the Red Cedar Medical Center, 2321 Stout Road, Menomonie.

The spring Medication Round-Up was a first for Dunn County and proved not only highly successful but very informative as well. Over 171 households participated in the event and 268 pounds of medications were collected. When surveyed, nearly half of the participants said they normally disposed of medications either in the trash or by flushing them down the toilet or a sink. Unfortunately, disposals such as these can cause contamination of water resources which flow directly into lakes, rivers and drinking sources. Another serious concern is having unused or unwanted medication in the home which can lead to substance abuse or accidental childhood poisonings.

This collection event pertains to prescription and over-the-counter medications, ointments, sprays, inhalers, creams, liquid medications, patch medications, vials and pet medications. Illegal drugs, biohazardous materials, needles/sharps, personal care products (shampoo, soaps, etc.) or household hazardous waste will **NOT** be accepted. Items collected will be safely destroyed at a hazardous waste incinerator.

For additional information, contact the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at 715-232-4017 or go online to [www.co.dunn.wi.us](http://www.co.dunn.wi.us) and search "medication disposal."



Just a portion of the medications collected at this spring's inaugural Medication Round-Up. It's enough to make you sick!



Menomonie pharmacists Herb Afdahl and Jim Wahl with intern Becky Fullerton assisted in the Medication Round-Up.

## Hazardous Waste Collection Slated for September

Fall offers opportunities to rid your home of hazardous waste such as automotive, garden, workshop, agricultural or household products labeled as caustic, poisonous, flammable etc... These items are considered hazardous waste and should **NOT** be disposed of with regular garbage or poured down a drain. Mark your calendars now!

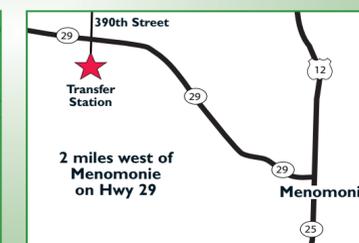
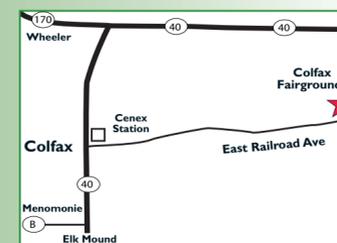


Farmers can really benefit from the Hazardous Waste Collection event, as they can participate for free.

### Where and When:

**Wednesday September 17, 2008**  
**Colfax Fairgrounds**  
831 East Railroad Ave., Colfax  
3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Farmers & Businesses  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Households

**Thursday September 18, 2008**  
**Dunn County Transfer Station**  
E3900 Hwy 29, Menomonie  
1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Farmers  
3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Businesses  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Households



### Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Stations

The following Collection Stations and the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center accept:

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|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Recyclables       | Anti-Freeze      | Automotive Batteries   | Construction Materials* |
| Household Garbage | Used Oil Filters | Rechargeable Batteries | Demolition Materials*   |
| Scrap Metal       | Appliances*      | Used Oil               | Cellular Phones         |
| Furniture*        | Tires*           | Sharps (needles)       | Ink Jet Cartridges      |
| Electronics*      |                  |                        |                         |

Yard waste is accepted at:

- Boyceville Area Collection Station
- Colfax Area Collection Station
- Elk Mound Area Collection Station
- Dunn County Yard Waste Drop-Off Site

\* a fee is charged to recycle or dispose of the material

### Facilities and Hours of Operation

#### Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center

E3900 Hwy 29, Menomonie  
Hours: Mondays 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturdays 7 a.m. to Noon

#### Boyceville Area Collection Station

E2698 County Road N  
Hours: Wednesdays Noon to 7 p.m. (April 1- Oct. 31)  
Wednesdays Noon to 5 p.m. (Nov. 1- March 31)  
Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Colfax Area Collection Station

N9417 810th Street  
Hours: Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (April 1- Oct. 31)  
Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Nov. 1- March 31)  
Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Connorsville Area Collection Station

Behind old Connorsville Co-op Creamery  
Hours: Wednesdays 8 a.m. to Noon  
Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon

#### Downsville Area Collection Station

N2723 440th Street (1/2 mile north of State Hwy 72)  
Hours: Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Elk Mound Area Collection Station

401 570th Avenue, which is at the end of 570th Avenue  
Hours: Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (April 1- Oct. 31)  
Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Nov. 1- March 31)  
Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Ridgeland Area Collection Station

N12184 Hwy 25  
Hours: Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. (April 1- Oct. 31)  
Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Nov. 1- March 31)  
Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon

#### Rock Creek Area Collection Station

N1825 980th Street  
Hours: Wednesdays 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. (April 1- Oct. 31)  
Wednesdays Noon to 4 p.m. (Nov. 1- March 31)  
Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon

#### Sand Creek Area Drop-Off Site (recyclables only)

Hours: Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Accepts brush, leaves and grass clippings only  
N5515 377th Street in the Town of Menomonie  
Hours: April 1 thru November 15 (weather permitting)  
Mondays 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturdays 7 a.m. to Noon

### Municipalities with their own Solid Waste and/or Recycling programs:

#### Town of Eau Galle

Service through Pepin County (672-5709) or by purchasing a solid waste permit from Dunn County (232-4017).

#### Town of Hay River

Accepts recyclables and household waste. Contact Stanley Andrews at 632-2104.

#### Town of Sand Creek

Recyclables only at the Sand Creek Area Drop-Off Site. Hours of operation are Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about disposing of household garbage, contact a local hauler or Dunn County Solid Waste Division.

#### Town of Stanton

Accepts recyclables and household waste. The Town sponsors an Annual Clean-Up Day. Contact Valerie Windsor at 665-2568.

#### Village of Knapp

Weekly curbside collection of recyclables and household waste. The Village sponsors an Annual Clean-Up Day. Contact Village Hall at 665-2495.

#### City of Menomonie

Bagged household garbage, yard waste and scrap metal is accepted at the City of Menomonie Drop-Off Site 232-2302.  
Hours: Tuesday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The above information is subject to change. Current as of September 2008. Must be a member of the Dunn County Program and have a County Permit to use the Solid Waste Program.

### Web Site

More information may be obtained from the Dunn County web site at [www.co.dunn.wi.us](http://www.co.dunn.wi.us). From the County web site, click on County Departments on the left side. Scroll down to the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center photo and click on the photo.

A permit is required to dispose of household waste at any Dunn County Collection Station.



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Acceptable Material:		
Acids	Lead Based Paints	Disinfectants
Sealer	Oil Based paints	Cleaners
Stripper	Fertilizer	Adhesives
Varnish	Pesticides	Thermometers
Thinner	Lighter Fluid	Button Batteries
Antifreeze	Pool Chemicals	Lithium Batteries
Latex Paints (fees apply)	Gasoline and Other Fuels	Driveway Sealer
NonAcceptable Material:		
Medication, explosives, pressurized containers, ammunition, radioactive materials, medical or infectious waste, heat sensitive materials		



Jenny DeLong and Brenda DeLong of Menomonie Wal-Mart help ensure these plastic bags are recycled and kept out of landfills. "We're just trying to make our environment a better place," states Brenda.

### Plastic Bags Now Recyclable in Dunn County

This past summer the Elk Mound Area Collection Station began accepting plastic bags for recycling. The program proved successful and has now been implemented at all Dunn County Area Collection Stations. Assorted plastic bags (excluding those contaminated with food) no longer need to go into the landfill, thanks to a partnership between the Dunn County Solid Waste Division and Menomonie Wal-Mart.

Pro-active Menomonie Wal-Mart employees made this project possible. The plan was actually instigated by Delivery and Receiving employee Brenda DeLong. While researching rental dumpsters for a company recycling event, Brenda was surprised to learn there was no outlet to recycle plastic bags through Dunn County. She wondered if there was a way to partner Wal-Mart, who already recycles plastic bags, with the county. DeLong approached her management team with the idea, and they saw definite potential in the project. Once approved from Wal-Mart higher ups, the plan was a go.

Delong notes that every Wal-Mart has a sustainability team, and they constantly look for challenges to overcome. "The whole store is very excited about this," says DeLong. "We look for ways to be involved in the community and this is a wonderful way to cut down the amount of plastic in the landfills."



Janine Scharlau of Elk Mound takes advantage of the new plastic bag recycling program at the Elk Mound Area Collection Station. Site attendants Jerry Garr and Joe Larson were on hand when the program first began.

### CURBSIDE RECYCLING IN MENOMONIE



Menomonie Disposal is a local hauler that provides curbside recycling service. Employees Tim Flug and Curt Peterson both agree that even though recycling awareness is high right now, people still forget to do things like break down boxes and take off bottle caps. Often they end up sorting through broken glass as well.



At Ann Salt's house, Tim and Curt have no need to worry. Ann does an amazing job of sorting her recyclables. She really loves the convenience of curbside recycling, too. "It's so easy!" says Ann. "We want to cut down on car use, so this is great!" Ann tries to involve her whole family in the process, even her two teenagers. "I'm very excited to have this program in our town. Not all communities have as many opportunities to recycle as we do. And people need to know, each can and bottle really does matter." Well said, Ann.

## Preparing Recyclables

### General Guidelines to help prepare your recyclables:

- Labels do not have to be removed
- Remove caps and lids
- Empty contents
- Rinse clean
- Flatten or crush bottle, jugs or cans

### Aluminum

- Pop cans
- Clean foil and pie tins may go in the Industrial Metal bin at the Collection Stations



### Glass Bottles and Jars

- Food jars, beer, soda, wine and liquor bottles (remove metal rings)
- **NO** window glass, ceramics, china, Pyrex, or light bulbs
- Avoid breaking glass



### Steel (Tin) & Aerosol Cans

- Besides cans, steel caps and lids from plastic bottles, jars and frozen juice containers may be recycled
- Metal lids and rings from glass bottles



### Plastic Bottles

- #1 or #2 bottles with small neck openings (milk, soda, laundry detergent)
- **NO** motor oil, transmission fluid, herbicide or pesticide bottles
- **NO** wide mouth plastic containers (cottage cheese, ice cream, margarine)
- **NO** Styrofoam, plastic bags, plastic wrap, egg cartons or yogurt containers



### Mixed Paper

- Newspaper must be dry and clean. If it comes with the newspaper, it can be recycled with the newspaper
- White/pastel office paper, envelopes, window envelopes, Post-it Notes, scratch paper, computer paper
- Telephone directories
- Paperback books



### Cardboard

- Clean, corrugated cardboard flattened and cut down to no larger than three foot square
- Cereal, cake and other baking boxes flattened with liners removed
- Paper grocery bags
- Manila envelopes and file folders
- **NO** pizza boxes, pop or beer cartons, detergent boxes, wax milk or juice cartons, produce boxes, tooth paste boxes, soap boxes, green house boxes, or hard cover books



### Magazines

- Magazines or catalogs with shiny appearance
- Shiny paper from your mail
- **NO** books, phone books, or magazines/catalogs printed on newsprint such as comic books or crossword puzzle books



## Convenient Recycling with Anna McCabe

Recycling Assistant Anna McCabe may be new to Dunn County Recycling, but she's already setting some big plans in motion. McCabe is working with six western Wisconsin counties to continue expanding recycling in area businesses, apartments and schools, but her focus is on developing recycling programs at convenience stores. McCabe says that according to research, recycling at convenience stores "is difficult to develop, but if containers are clearly labeled and accessible, people will recycle".

A program at the Durand Cenex Station has already been established with the assistance of McCabe, and the results are positive. The store manager remarked, "It's really worked out pretty good for us. People have been using the recycling bins and I've been emptying my trash less. I can't believe we didn't do this sooner." An additional benefit to the



convenience store is the lightened load of trash. Stores pay haulers according to the weight of trash and are able to save considerably by diverting recyclables from the waste stream.

While implementing the program, McCabe will be

responsible for working with store personnel, managers and owners to obtain the necessary recycling receptacles. Once the bins for cans and bottles are in place, she will distribute campaign materials to inform and encourage the public to recycle. The project will reach Dunn County by the end of September.

McCabe, who has a background in Technical Communications from the University of Minnesota, is working directly under George Hayduscko, Dunn County Solid Waste/Recycling Planner. The counties she works with include Dunn, St. Croix, Eau Claire, Polk, Pierce and Pepin. "Each county has different ordinance requirements and facilities, but the ability [to recycle] is there for everyone. I hope to make the difference and convert all non-recyclers!" McCabe professes.

McCabe's position is made possible by Recycling Efficiency Incentive Grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



**DON'T PANIC**

It's up to us to save this planet, right? That's a lot, considering everything else we all need to do in a day! The responsibility to go green, prevent global warming and reduce those carbon footprints can easily overwhelm us. The solution? Start small. Turn off the lights. Bring cloth bags to the grocery store. Turn down the thermostat. These might seem like baby steps, but they all make a difference. Consider carpooling to work, using energy efficient light bulbs, or shutting off the water while brushing your teeth or washing the dishes. Even recycling is not that hard. Did you know that recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run your television for almost four hours? Switching one old habit can make a difference! And just think, if every person makes even one small change, the impact can be huge.

### Free Woodchips Can Beautify and Protect Your Yard

There are many benefits to using wood chips for mulch in your yard. Wood chips can be used for your garden, path, or other landscaping project and lots of them are available **FREE** for pick-up at the Elk Mound Area Collection Station!

What to know: Wood chips are good for maintaining soil moisture and protecting plant roots. They help the soil retain moisture and can even prevent heavy rain damage. The chips also reduce extreme temperatures in the soil as they act as an insulating blanket which keeps the soil warmer in winter months and cooler during the summer. Moreover, wood chips provide a natural look and reduces weed growth. This can save time in landscape maintenance as less watering and mowing is needed.

**Preparation:** Remove existing weeds and turf grass before applying mulch directly to soil. Keep mulch 2 - 3 inches from base of plants. Apply to a depth of 2 - 4 inches. Apply to 3 - 6 foot diameter under newly planted trees. Due to decomposition, a thin layer of mulch may need to be reapplied every year.

Get your free wood chips while the supply lasts! The Elk Mound Area Collection Station is located north of the Village of Elk Mound on 570th Ave.

#### The hours of operation are:

Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
(Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> - Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>)

Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup>)

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

## Free Electronics Recycling Through BEST BUY

Best Buy in Eau Claire currently accepts assorted electronics for recycling - FREE OF CHARGE. No store purchase is necessary to partake in the program. Just bring the items to the Customer Service desk. No more than two units per day. Accepted electronics include:

- Computers
- Scanners
- Printers
- Monitors
- Keyboards
- Mice
- DVD players
- CD players
- Home phones
- Cameras
- Televisions under 32"

There is a fee for recycling of appliances and televisions over 32".

Kiosks for recycling of ink cartridges, rechargeable batteries, cell phones, CDs, DVDs, and PDA/smart phones can be found in the front of Best Buy Stores. Best Buy also has a trade-in program where gently used electronics can be exchanged for a Best Buy gift card. For more information visit [www.bestbuytradein.com](http://www.bestbuytradein.com).

Calling Eau Claire Best Buy (833-0666) to confirm particulars of this recycling program is recommended.

### Crazy Crayon Recycling

Most people go green when they recycle. But LuAnn Forty goes Green, Periwinkle and even Burnt Sienna. She recycles crayons and has created a whole business around it.

Crazy Crayons is a Wisconsin based company that takes used crayons, melts them down and molds them into new fun shapes. They've been going strong for the past fifteen years and have managed to recycle more than eighteen tons of old/unwanted crayons over that time.

Business founder Forty is a Lake Pelican resident and is proud to keep so many pounds of crayons from going into the trash. Crayons are a petroleum product which takes years to break down, so she feels it's especially important to keep them out of landfills.

Crayons are sent to Forty by recycling minded people at their own expense. Forty then sorts the crayons by color and any new crayons are donated to charities. The recycled crayons she creates can be found in green stores and museum and alternative gift shops. She even manages to recycle the paper labels from crayons, by selling them as fire starters. Now there's someone who found creative ways to recycle!

To learn more about this company or how you can help go to [www.crazycrayons.com](http://www.crazycrayons.com)

## Green Bay Packers Go Green

Last year Lambeau Field began a recycling program which is already credited with keeping 6.6 tons of plastic, glass and cardboard out of landfills. This season the Packers plan to use renewable energy to power Lambeau Field for home games. This includes the annual Family Night event during preseason training August 3rd and any postseason play.

Renewable electricity costs about 15 percent more than standard power and is generated by wind turbines and bio-gas facilities in the region. Team officials say the move to renewable electricity is only part of continuing efforts to make the organization more environmentally friendly.

