



Buy recycled!

To truly close the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle loop, consumers need to purchase items made from recycled materials. The types of recycled products on the market today are numerous, allowing many opportunities to find such goods. All items on and around Vannella Englund are made out of recycled materials – paper, glass, plastic, steel, aluminum and repurposed clothing.

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Why Are Dunn County Residents Asked to Separate Their Recyclables?

At the Dunn County Transfer Station and every Collection Station, recyclables need to be sorted by their material, even down to the color of glass. This is called "source separated" recycling and is not commonly seen in other recycling programs.* Dunn County has chosen such a program based on recycling markets that purchase baled recyclables. When difficult economic times affect businesses and profits are steadily declining, Dunn County has always been able to sell their recyclables. Because of their reputation for clean and separated materials, Dunn County Solid Waste has been able to maximize its profit on recyclables. This in-turn keeps other costs down and continues to justify a steady workforce when other sectors may be looking at cutting jobs.

The next time you prepare your recyclables for curbside collection, **please** separate them by their individual source: aluminum cans, #1 plastic bottles, #2 plastic bottles and jugs, tin cans, green glass, brown glass, clear glass, cardboard, and paper. Not only does your curbside collection attendant kindly thank you, but all of Dunn County thanks you for helping to keep the recycling program successful and profitable!

*This only applies to residents who contract with a hauler who utilizes the Dunn County Transfer Station for processing of recyclables.



Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Stations

The following Area Collection Stations and the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center accept:		Yard waste is accepted at:	
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*			

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

Facilities and Hours of Operation

<p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Connorsville Area Collection Station Behind old Connorsville Co-op Creamery Hours: Wednesdays 8 a.m. to Noon Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Sand Creek Area Drop-Off Site (recyclables only) Hours: Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>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</p>
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Municipalities with their own Solid Waste and/or Recycling programs:

<p>Town of Eau Galle Service through Pepin County (715)-672-5709 or by purchasing a solid waste permit from Dunn County (715)-232-4017.</p> <p>Town of Hay River Accepts recyclables and household waste. Contact Stanley Andrews at (715)-632-2104.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Town of Stanton Accepts recyclables and household waste. The Town sponsors an Annual Clean-Up Day. Contact Valerie Windsor at (715)-665-2568.</p>	<p>Village of Knapp Weekly curbside collection of recyclables and household waste. The Village sponsors an Annual Clean-Up Day. Contact Village Hall at (715)-665-2495.</p> <p>City of Menomonie Bagged household garbage, yard waste and scrap metal is accepted at the City of Menomonie Drop-Off Site: 1601 Gilbert Creek Road. (715)-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.</p>
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The above information is subject to change. Current as of September 2010. Must be a member of the Dunn County Program and have a County Permit to use the Solid Waste Program.

Web Site

For general recycling information in Dunn County go to recyclemorewisconsin.org, and select Dunn County as the community. At this site there is also an immediate link to the Dunn County Solid Waste Division web site. This link can provide more specific details on the County's programs and guidelines. Direct web address for Dunn County is www.co.dunn.wi.us.

Now That I'm a Resident, What Should I Do With My Trash and Recyclables?

If you have recently moved to the area and have no idea what to do with your trash and recyclables, the best place to start is the local Yellow Pages or Yellowbook. Haulers and disposal services are listed under various headings such as Garbage, Trash, Rubbish or Recycling. If you select a business that offers curbside service, ask if they have recycling collection bins available. If not, such bins can be purchased at the Dunn County Solid Waste Division, located at 390 Red Cedar Street, Suite C in Menomonie. The price of the bin is \$7.00.

If you live in the country and curbside service is not available, you will need a permit to use your local Collection Station. Permits are required for all vehicles entering the Dunn County Transfer Station or area Collection Stations. These permits are mailed out annually to each household receiving tax statements within the participating municipalities. If you do not have a permit, you can request one at your area Collection Station or

by calling Dunn County Solid Waste Division at (715) 232-4017. Proof of residency is required.

As a reminder, recycling has been mandatory in the State of Wisconsin since the early 1990's. Dunn County practices "source separated" recycling where residents sort their own recyclable materials, whether it be for curbside pick-up or area Collection Stations.



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



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Hazardous Waste Collections to be Hosted in Colfax and Menomonie

Hazardous wastes pose a danger to both you and the environment. Inappropriate storage or disposal can cause fires, groundwater contamination and injuries to people and animals. To ensure the safety of our ecosystem be sure to take part in Dunn County's upcoming Hazardous Waste Collection, where you can safely dispose of hazardous materials. Please note that **Hazardous Waste Collections will not be available to farmers during 2011.** Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity now!

Hazardous waste includes items such as: automotive, garden, workshop or household products labeled as caustic, poisonous, flammable etc. These items should **NOT** be disposed of with regular garbage or poured down a drain.

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:

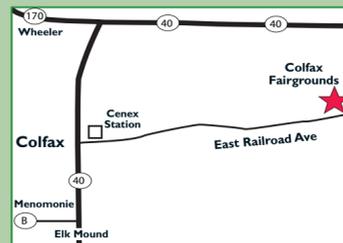
Medication, explosives, pressurized containers, ammunition, radioactive materials, medical or infectious waste, heat sensitive materials

Where and When:

Wednesday September 15, 2010

Colfax Fairgrounds
831 East Railroad Ave., Colfax

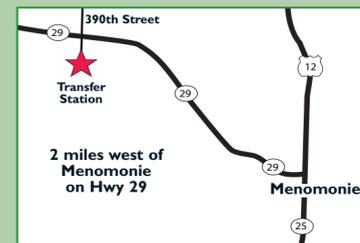
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Households, Farmers & Businesses



Thursday September 16, 2010

Dunn County Transfer Station
E3900 Hwy 29, Menomonie

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Businesses & Farmers
4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Households



Pre-Registration for Businesses: All farmers and businesses must pre-register by Friday, September 10, 2010. Contact the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at (715) 232-4017 and be prepared to list what materials you plan to dispose of, quantities and the number of containers. Special arrangements can be made for transportation if suitable containers are not available.

Cost: The Hazardous Waste Collection will be free (except for latex paint) to Dunn County residents. For businesses considered to be "very small quantity generators" (VSQG), the cost of this collection will be 25% to 65% less than an on-site pick up by a licensed hazardous waste hauler.

Charges for Latex paint: A pint can is \$1.00, a quart can is \$2.00, a gallon can is \$4.00; and a five gallon pail is \$20.00. Charge is based upon the size of the can, not how full the container is, so consolidate the latex paint and

save money. **Do not** mix latex paint with oil based paint or stain. If the latex paint is dried out, it can be disposed of in the trash.



Brian Schneider (left), Vice President of Emergency Hazardous Material/Logistics Specialist and Jim Wilke (right) both of WRR Environmental Services dispose of gasoline at last spring's Hazardous Waste Collection in Boyceville.

A Second Life For Construction Materials

To keep renovation and construction material out of landfills, consider bringing your items to Building Hope. An extension of Hope Gospel Mission in Eau Claire, Building Hope accepts a wide assortment of home building supplies, which they resell in their fight against homelessness. For all reusable building related items donated, this non-profit organization offers a **tax deductible** receipt. Located at 2108 Western Avenue, Eau Claire, Building Hope accepts items such as cabinets, sinks and tubs, interior (solid core) and exterior doors, complete vinyl windows,



Store Manager, Dave Mayo, standing next to a high quality donated pine door.

appliances, lighting fixtures, furnaces, air conditioners, plumbing fixtures, new carpet or carpet tiles and office furniture. Building Hope is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (715) 838-2084 for more information.

Before You Recycle, Precycle

Many people think the first step to being green is recycling. But did you realize you can actually **precycle**? That's right. **Precycle.** All it takes is making good choices **prior** to a purchase or finalizing a decision. Here are some basic tips (and good reminders) on how to prevent waste before it even happens.

- ✓ Avoid purchasing individually wrapped, single serving items. Instead, buy "bulk", "long life", or "concentrated" items which eliminate the excessive packaging that inundates landfills. Also, choose items packaged in easily recyclable materials.
- ✓ To reduce paper consumption, opt to handle bills electronically. Get your name off unwanted mailing lists. Catalog shop or read online. If you do need a sheet of paper, make sure both sides are used.
- ✓ Always choose reusable over disposable, especially when it comes to items such as silverware, coffee cups, shopping bags or napkins. When shopping, refuse a bag for small purchases.
- ✓ **Buy recycled goods.** When a person **recycles and purchases recycled items**, the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle loop is truly closed. This is the most important step in being a successful recycler. The number of recycled products on the market is astounding. Clothing, shoes, furniture, carpeting; the possibilities are endless. To see some favorite recycled items available to consumers, check out the photo on page four.

Following these guidelines will diminish the amount of waste in landfills, and reduce the number of recyclables altogether. Considering that it still takes energy to transport recyclables, melt them down and then re-manufacture them, precycling should definitely not be left out of the loop.

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 scrap metal bin at the area 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) & Empty 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



Common Recycling Questions



How do I dispose of fluorescent bulbs and compact fluorescent (CFLs)?

Due to mercury content, traditional fluorescent bulbs and compact fluorescent bulbs are considered hazardous waste and must be recycled. Even newer "Eco" or "Green" bulbs carry levels of mercury and need to be recycled as well. Bulbs may be recycled at any of the area Collection Stations for a small fee (there is no fee for CFL recycling). Larger volumes may be taken to the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center at E3900 Hwy 29, Menomonie. To view bulb disposal guidelines and fees, consult the Dunn County web site at www.co.dunn.wi.us.



What should I do with old, unused paint?

Try offering the paint to civic organizations, theatre groups or non-profit agencies for various painting projects. Otherwise, any liquid paint must be taken to a Hazardous Waste Collection. Disposing of liquid paint illegally can leech down into the water table, endangering the environment. Dried paint, however, can be disposed of at any of the area Collection Stations or at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Be sure to remove the lid so the site attendant can verify there is **NO LIQUID** in the can. The exception to this is lead based paints (in dried or liquid form), which **must** be brought to a Hazardous Waste Collection. For tips on drying out paint, go to the Dunn County web site at www.co.dunn.wi.us.



What should be done with sharps?

It is illegal to dispose of needles, syringes or lancets with household garbage. When placed in an appropriate container, "sharps" may be dropped-off at the Dunn County Transfer Station or any area Collection Station free of charge. Support from The Menomonie Lions Club, Red Cedar Medical Center, Dunn County Health Department, Dunn County Solid Waste Division and local pharmacists has made red "sharps" containers available for **free** at your local Collection Station or at the Dunn County Solid Waste Office, 390 Red Cedar Street Suite C, Menomonie.



How do I dispose of batteries?

Basically any household alkaline battery (including AAA, AA, C, D or 9V) can be disposed of in the trash. At one time, due to their mercury levels, these kinds of batteries were deemed hazardous waste. But battery manufacturers voluntarily dropped those levels and instead use steel, zinc, and manganese to make their products. Since these batteries do not pose a health or environmental risk during use or disposal, they can be safely disposed of with normal trash. Rechargeable batteries and car batteries may be recycled at area Collections Stations and should be given to site attendants. Any non-rechargeable: lithium or button battery must be disposed of at a Hazardous Waste Collection. There are two different Hazardous Waste Collections scheduled in September (see story on page 2) and there is no fee for battery disposal.



Should aerosol cans be thrown in the trash or recycled?

Any **empty** aerosol can may be recycled with the steel recyclables. However if there are still contents in the can, such as hairspray or insect spray, the container must be brought to a Hazardous Waste Collection. If the can holds **non-hazardous** materials, such as shaving or whipped cream, the contents may be emptied and the can recycled at any area Collection Station. Be sure to dispose of lids or caps before recycling; if possible remove the nozzle as well.