



Drop off Your Meds Year-Round

Amy Mittlestadt, a Dunn County resident, makes a deposit at our local year-round medication drop-off site. Located at the Dunn County Sheriff's Office, this drop box promotes proper disposal of medication to help prevent accidental childhood poisonings and substance abuse. Contamination of water resources is also reduced as improperly discarded medications can end up going through the waste water treatment plants or septic systems, and directly into lakes, rivers and drinking sources. For more information see page 2.

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Hazardous Waste Collection Slated for May

Toxic items are considered hazardous and pose a danger to both you and the environment. Proper disposal of such matter is extremely important to our ecosystem, so be sure to take part in Dunn County's upcoming Hazardous Waste Collection. Please note that **2010 will be the only opportunity for Farmers to dispose of their hazardous waste.** Mark your calendars now!

Pre-Registration for Businesses and Farmers: All farmers and businesses must pre-register by Friday, May 7, 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 whether suitable, leak-proof containers are available for transportation. 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 and farmers. 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 the latex paint with oil based paint or stain. If the latex paint is dried out, it can be disposed of in the trash.



Hazardous waste from farms and homes includes items such as: automotive, garden, workshop products labeled as caustic, poisonous, flammable etc. These items should **NOT** be disposed of with regular garbage or poured down a drain. Improper storage or disposal can cause fires, groundwater contamination and injuries to people and animals.

Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Stations

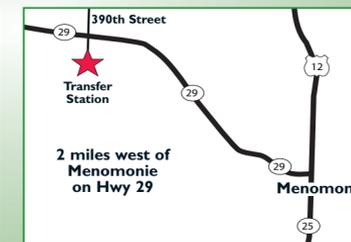
The following Collection Stations and the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center accept:				Yard waste is accepted at:
Recyclables	Anti-Freeze	Automotive Batteries	Construction Materials*	Boyceville Area Collection Station Colfax Area Collection Station Elk Mound Area Collection Station Dunn County Yard Waste Drop-Off Site
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

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	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.
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.	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
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.	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
Connorsville Area Collection Station Behind old Connorsville Co-op Creamery Hours: Wednesdays 8 a.m. to Noon Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon	Sand Creek Area Drop-Off Site (recyclables only) Hours: Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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.	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

Where and When:

Wednesday May 12, 2010 Dunn County Highway Boyceville Shop Hwy 79, Boyceville 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Farmers, Businesses & Households	Thursday May 13, 2010 Dunn County Transfer Station E3900 Hwy 29, Menomonie 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Farmers & Businesses 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Households
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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

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).	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.
Town of Hay River Accepts recyclables and household waste. Contact Stanley Andrews at 632-2104.	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.
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.	

The above information is subject to change. Current as of May 2010. Must be a member of the Dunn County Program and have a County Permit to use the Solid Waste Program.

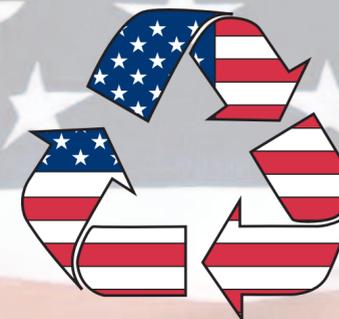
Web Site

More information may be obtained from the Dunn County web site at www.co.dunn.wi.us. 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.



Why Recycling is Patriotic...



Many people view voting, supporting our troops and waving the American Flag as patriotic demonstrations. Supporting American-made or more importantly Wisconsin-made products are also ways to show pride in our great nation. However many Wisconsin based industries, such as paper manufacturers, plastic companies and aluminum and steel mills, rely on recycled material for their businesses to thrive. These businesses, such as SCA Tissue (a manufacturer of paper products), ThyssenKrupp Waupaca Inc. (a gray and ductile iron casting foundry) and Wis. Plastic Drain Tile Corp. (a plastics piping and tubing manufacturer), use recycled material to create their products. If the public didn't recycle, these companies could be in jeopardy and the thousands of jobs they employ would also be at risk. Recycling is not only helping the environment, it is supporting the economy and keeping people employed in our state and the country.

Common Recycling Questions



How can I dispose of old or unused medications?

DO NOT FLUSH them! Medications are hazardous and should be treated as such. A year-round receptacle for medications is available at the Dunn County Judicial Center, 615 Stokke Parkway in Menomonie. Medications can be dropped off at the lower level Sheriff's Office window Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please note this receptacle is NOT for sharps. At this time free sharps containers and drop offs are available at all Area Collection Stations.



Where is my local Collection Station?

Our website provides listings of all our Collection Stations, the hours of operation and directions. To find directions go to www.co.dunn.wi.us and click on County Departments. Go to the bottom of that page and select Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Next (under the photo) click on "view all the stations and their hours". When you choose a particular site, a Google map of the area will be provided.



Is there a fee to recycle?

Many items have no fee for recycling, however there is a cost with some larger items. The Dunn County Solid Waste Permit mailed to you annually comes with a full list of recycling fees. If you no longer have that listing, information can always be found on our website (www.co.dunn.wi.us). Look under County Departments followed by Environmental Services Department. There will be a link titled "Fees for solid waste disposal and recycling". A few examples of fees are: monitors \$10, standard refrigerators \$15 and air conditioners \$20. Tires have fees based on size.



What cardboard is recyclable?

Any unsoiled corrugated cardboard is recyclable. However, don't forget about boxboard, which is used to package everyday items such as cereal, crackers, pasta, tissues, and shoes. Unfortunately pop and beer cartons are not recyclable nor are wax-coated boxes for refrigerated/ freezer items or soap. These items are treated to resist water and do not break down readily in the recycling process.



How can I recycle when I'm away from home?



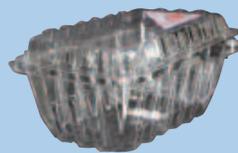
All Dunn County convenience stores have receptacles for recycling bottles and cans. While the marked bins may be near the gas pumps, most are outside convenience store doors. If you are planning a special event, recycling receptacles for bottles and cans are available from the Dunn County Solid Waste Division ((715) 232-4017). For a minimal refundable deposit, 60 bins stored in a specifically designed Event Recycling trailer can be reserved and are available for public use. When the event is over, recyclables can be transported to the nearest Collection Station.

Should I remove plastic lids and bottle caps before recycling?

Yes. Caps and lids are often made from a different plastic than their containers. The mixing of plastics can contaminate a batch of recyclables, rendering them useless. Moreover, caps can trap contents, which causes difficulties during the sorting of items. Lids and caps jam machinery during the recycling process as well.



Can plastic food containers be recycled? What about plastic toy or electronics packaging?



No. These plastics are usually #3 - 7 and vary in composition. Even if they are labeled as #1 or #2, these materials contain additives that prevent them from being recycled with other plastics.

Trash Versus Recycling

Do you think tossing just one bottle into the trash doesn't make a difference? Compare the impact, good and bad, that such an action can have.

A single aluminum can will remain intact in a landfill anywhere from 200-500 years. Recycling that same can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours. Recycling a six pack of aluminum cans conserves enough energy to drive a car for five miles.

Tin cans take up to 100 years to decompose. Recycling one pound of steel conserves enough energy to light a 60 watt bulb for 26 hours. The energy saved each year from steel recycling

could provide enough energy for the residents of Los Angeles for eight years.

Newspaper will take six weeks to decompose. A one foot stack of recycled newspaper saves enough energy to heat a home for 17 hours. Recycling a single run of the Sunday *New York Times* would save 75,000 trees.

A glass bottle takes 1,000,000 years to decompose. If you recycled that same glass bottle you could run your computer for 25 minutes, and glass can be recycled endlessly.

Plastic bottles remain intact for at least 450 years. Recycling a one-gallon plastic milk jug will save enough energy to keep a 100-watt

bulb burning for 11 hours. Five, two liter soda bottles can be recycled into one square foot of carpet. Plastic bottles can also be recycled to make running tracks, playground equipment, bags, furniture and more. At this year's Vancouver Winter Olympics, Coca-Cola employees wore uniforms made from recycled plastic bottles.

Besides keeping items out of the landfill, recycling cuts down on the need for natural resources and raw materials. Also, since less energy is expended by recycling, air pollution and carbon dioxide emissions are reduced as well. Hmm...so maybe that one bottle in the landfill really **does** make a difference.

ELECTRONICS THROUGHOUT WISCONSIN MUST BE RECYCLED

While Dunn County residents have been keeping electronics out of landfills for a number of years, the State of Wisconsin is finally following suit. Thanks to a bill signed last fall by Governor Doyle, specific electronic items are officially banned state wide from landfills and incinerators starting September 1, 2010. This legislation is based upon a product stewardship approach where manufacturers are held accountable for where and how their materials are being processed. Electronics manufacturers will work with registered recyclers. Dunn County Solid Waste Division then contracts with recyclers who properly process the electronic items.

This bill won't immediately impact Dunn County residents, since electronics brought to Area Collection Stations are already being recycled. But in time, this legislation could mean an eventual decrease

in electronic recycling fees since the manufacturers are now responsible for the collecting and recycling of their products.

Items Banned from Wisconsin Landfills as of Sept. 1, 2010

- *Monitors
- *TVs
- *Printer/copier/fax/scanner machines
- *Laptops
- *DVD/VCR players
- *Keyboards/mouse/hard drives
- *Cell phones
- *Fax machines
- *Desktop printers

Electronics contain harmful materials, including lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium, other heavy metals and chemical flame retardants. If electronics are landfilled, incinerated or illegally dumped or burned, these pollutants may contaminate water, air or soil and affect human and environmental health. Improperly handled discarded electronics may also pose health risks to workers from companies that manage the electronics.

Quick Reference Guide to Recyclables

✓ Recyclable



No. 1 & No. 2 Plastic Bottles Such as Detergent, Pop, Milk or Vitamin Bottles.



Steel Cans Aluminum Cans Magazines Glass Containers



Mixed paper including newspaper, phone books, office paper, paperbacks and mail.



Boxboard Corrugated Cardboard

Recyclable at Collection Stations and Transfer Station only



Rechargeable Batteries (give to site attendants) Aluminum Foil and Trays (place in the scrap metal bin) Car Batteries



Motor Oil (oil only-not container) Plastic bags Light Bulbs

✗ NOT Recyclable



Pesticides & Herbicides Alkaline Batteries



Waxed Cartons Caps Ceramics



No. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Plastics Including Yogurt, Dairy or Take-out Containers



Styrofoam Pizza Boxes Glassware



Beer or Pop Cartons Plastic Bowls, Cups, Utensils



Frozen Food Boxes Hard Cover Books Prescription Vials