

Glass and its Sorted Past

Dunn County Solid Waste recently made a new agreement with a new glass recycler and is pleased to announce that county residents can now recycle glass without having to sort by color. The glass bins at Area Collection Sites and the Public Drop-Off Area are still divided. However, there is no need to separate bottles and jars by color anymore. Glass from Dunn County will be recycled by Strategic Materials, Inc. (SMI), the largest glass recycler in North America. SMI's new, state-of-the-art facility in St. Paul, is capable of sorting mixed colors of glass allowing Dunn County to save money on transportation costs and making it easier for residents to recycle. After separating and processing our glass, SMI manufactures the material into glass cullet using the clear and brown glass for the glass container industries and green glass for making fiberglass insulation products. In an industry driven business, the turnaround time for glass recycled in our bins can be as quick as 30 days. Glass is 100% recyclable and can be recycled endlessly without any loss in purity or quality.



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2012 Hazardous Waste Collection Scheduled For September



The Dunn County Solid Waste Division will hold its 2012 Hazardous Waste Collection over two days this fall. On Wednesday, September 12th, a collection will be held at the Colfax Fairgrounds and on Thursday, September 13th, a collection will be held at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center. This event will be open to businesses, farms and households.

Hazardous Waste Collections are imperative to keeping the environment clean and residents healthier and safer by limiting their exposure to hazardous chemicals. Improper storage or disposal of hazardous items can cause fires, groundwater contamination, and injuries to people and animals.



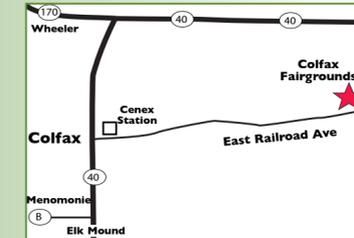
Leftover, unwanted paint should never be poured down a drain. At last year's Hazardous Waste Collection, B.J. Michalek of WRR Environmental Services was on hand to properly dispose of such hazardous waste.

Where and When:

Wednesday September 12, 2012

Colfax Fairgrounds
831 East Railroad Ave., Colfax

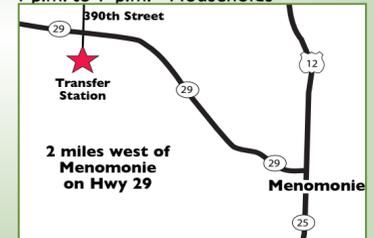
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Households, Businesses & Farms



Thursday September 13, 2012

Dunn County Transfer Station
E3900 Hwy 29, Menomonie

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Businesses
3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Farms
4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Households



Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Stations

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

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*	Bulbs*		

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 may be 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 (715)-672-5709 or by purchasing a solid waste permit from Dunn County (715)-232-4017.

Town of Hay River

Accepts recyclables and household waste. Contact Stanley Andrews at (715)-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 (715)-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 (715)-665-2495.

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: Tuesdays 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Thursdays 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Fridays 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (June 1 - Oct 31)
Saturdays 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The above information is subject to change. Current as of September 2012. 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.

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



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Welcome Recycling Specialist, Amanda Dent

Dunn County Solid Waste is pleased to introduce our new Recycling Specialist, Amanda Dent. Amanda is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, with a degree in Waste Management. In 2010, she interned with Dunn County Solid Waste auditing apartment buildings and convenience stores, and overseeing recycling at special events. Amanda has also worked in Southern Illinois increasing recycling rates and educating residents on the importance of recycling. She's been a dedicated volunteer with the Wisconsin DNR working on various recycling and solid waste projects from carpet recycling to tire disposal.

Since returning to Dunn County Solid Waste, Amanda has been busy creating a recycling superhero mascot, as well as working with Menomonie Disposal and the public to increase curbside recycling and decrease contamination. Amanda is also available for giving recycling presentations and is the administrator of our Facebook page which is chock full of helpful recycling information and tips. In her own words, she's "excited to be back and make a 'Dent' in the county's recycling programs."



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Common Questions

Why is it important to break down cardboard boxes?

Cardboard boxes can easily be flattened and stacked, allowing maximum amounts of material to fit into a recycling container. However, if not broken down, the boxes can be quite bulky, taking up enormous amounts of space. Every time an Area Collection Station recycling bin is filled and hauled away, the cost can be as high as \$180 for the switching and transportation costs. Frequent switching of bins not only leads to higher recycling costs for Dunn County, it also increases the amount of greenhouse gasses released into the environment. By flattening cardboard before recycling, both natural resources and money are being conserved.



When is the Transfer Station open to the public?



Public hours for the Dunn County Transfer Station and Public Drop-Off Area are as follows:

Mondays 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturdays 7 a.m. to noon

Though the transfer station may be open other times, those hours are designated for haulers and businesses. The transfer station has a constant stream of large trucks hauling trash and recyclables from all over the county; garbage trucks, semis and recycling roll-offs come through as attendants process loads going over the scale, compact bales of recyclables, and load trucks headed for the landfill. The transfer station's public hours have been set aside to optimize safety and to assure there is always an attendant ready to assist patrons. Residential transactions at the transfer station may only take place during public hours when the public drop-off office is open and an attendant is present.

Where does Dunn County's trash actually go?

Whether from outlying Area Collection Sites or within Menomonie, most of the trash generated by Dunn County comes to the Dunn County Transfer Station west of Menomonie on Highway 29. From there the trash is hauled to the east side of Eau Claire to Veolia Environmental Services' Seven Mile Creek Landfill. The landfill spans 300 acres, 78 of which are currently being used. With trash coming from the Twin Cities and communities from Hudson to Black River Falls, the landfill processes up to 1,400 tons of garbage every day. The site also operates a large composting facility to manage yard trimmings, leaves and source-separated food waste.



A load of Dunn County solid waste being dumped at the Seven Mile Creek Landfill in Eau Claire.

Which Drop-Off site should City of Menomonie residents use?



City of Menomonie Solid Waste Disposal Site for city residents.

The City of Menomonie Drop-Off serves City of Menomonie residents living within city limits. Located at 1601 Gilbert Creek Road, this site requires a city permit and accepts household garbage, recyclables, scrap metal and yard waste. For further information call the City of Menomonie Drop-Off Site at 715-232-2302.

Non-city residents who live in a participating municipality are served by the Dunn County Transfer Station and Public Drop-Off Area. Household garbage, recyclables, construction and demolition materials, furniture, appliances, light bulbs, tires, etc. are accepted. A permit from Dunn County Solid Waste is needed to dispose of household garbage. No permit is necessary for Dunn County residents with recyclables or items requiring a fee.

Hours of operation for these sites can be found on the back page of this newsletter.



Public Drop-Off Area at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center.

Preparing Recyclables

General Guidelines to help prepare your recyclables:

- Labels do not have to be removed
- Empty contents
- Rinse clean
- Flatten or crush bottle, jugs or cans
- Plastic bottles may be recycled with caps on

Aluminum

- Pop cans and many cat food 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
- **NO** window glass, ceramics, china, Pyrex, or light bulbs
- Avoid breaking glass



Steel (Tin) & Empty Aerosol Can

- 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 newspaper
- White/pastel office paper, envelopes, window envelopes, Post-it Notes, scratch paper, computer paper
- Magazines or catalogs with shiny appearance
- Mail
- Telephone directories
- Paperback books
- Comic books
- Crossword puzzle books



Cardboard

- Clean, corrugated cardboard flattened 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,



Tire Fees

Recycling fees for tires can vary depending on their size and whether or not they have rims. Large loads of tires need to be weighed at the Dunn County Transfer Station where they are charged a fee of \$0.10/lb. Fees for individual tires (listed below) are based, in part, on fees charged to the Dunn County Solid Waste Division for recycling 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
Tractor Rear	\$25.00	\$50.00
Off Road Equip. & 25" or larger *	\$50.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous small tires not listed	\$1.00	

Inner tubes are 1/2 the price of the same size vehicle tire.

* Any tires 25" or larger must be brought to the Transfer Station.

Tires from Dunn County are recycled by Liberty Tires in Savage, Minnesota. Our area tires have been made into sports surfaces for high school athletics to pro teams; rifle range targets for law enforcement training; equestrian and animal matting; mulch for decorative or playground purposes and more. During 2011, Dunn County residents and businesses recycled 366,360 pounds of tires at Area Collection Stations and/or the Transfer Station keeping over 183 tons of waste out of the landfill!

Rock Creek Recyclers

On the edge of Eau Claire near the Rock Falls Raceway is the Rock Creek Area Collection Station. The site is located near Caryville at N1825 980th Street. Town of Rock Creek residents and property owners see permit requirements below. *



Hours of Operation:

Wednesdays 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. (April 1 – October 31)
Wednesdays Noon to 4 p.m. (November 1 – March 31)
Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon



L to R: Bill Biesterveld (Attendant) and Paul Onstad (Lead Attendant)



A smiling Kathy Eckwright recycles steel cans in Rock Creek



Lead Attendant Paul Onstad with local recycler Bill Wiese

How should I sort my curbside recyclables?



Recyclables with the most accumulation go on the bottom of the bin. Separate remaining materials into individual bags/containers and place in or alongside bin. Broken down cardboard too big for the bin can be placed under or next to the bin. Other containers such as five gallon buckets, totes, small garbage containers, or an extra recycling bin can be used to help make sorting easier. Place all containers next to one another on the curb for pick up. Remember crushing containers makes room for more material!

Recycling Recap

Until recently, caps needed to be removed from plastic bottles prior to recycling, as these small pieces could jam machinery interfering with the recycling process. But thanks to improved technologies, plastic caps can now be left on. To maintain a bottle's recyclability the bottle still must be emptied and rinsed first. Crushing the bottle prior to recapping is recommended as well.

Follow these easy steps:



Permits

Each December, Dunn County Solid Waste permits are mailed to property owners and residents within participating municipalities. Some municipalities choose to mail out the permits themselves, while others opt to have Dunn County Solid Waste mail them. Municipalities that participate in Dunn County's Solid Waste and Recycling program pay a per capita fee for each resident. While some include the cost of the program in their annual budget, others pass the cost directly on to their residents in the form of an individual billing or statement.

Currently there are 24 municipalities that participate in both the Solid Waste and Recycling program. Two municipalities participate in the recycling program only. For questions about how your municipality handles the mailing and billing of Dunn County Solid Waste permits, please contact your local clerk. Participating municipalities include:

Solid Waste and Recycling

- Town of Colfax
- Town of Dunn
- Town of Elk Mound
- Town of Grant
- Town of New Haven
- Town of Lucas
- Town of Menomonie
- 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

- City of Menomonie
- Town of Sand Creek

Dunn County municipalities with their own solid waste and/or recycling programs include 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).

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

Inclusion of a company in this newsletter is not meant as an endorsement. The County has neither audited nor inspected these firms.