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For more information about our Facebook page, please contact Anna McCabe, Recycling Specialist for the Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Division, at amccabe@co.dunn.wi.us.

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**Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Stations**

<b>The following Area Collection Stations and the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center accept:</b>				<b>Yard waste is accepted at:</b>
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	Bulbs*	<b>* a fee may be charged to recycle or dispose of the material</b>		

**Facilities and Hours of Operation**

<p><b>Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center</b> 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><b>Elk Mound Area Collection Station</b> 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><b>Boyceville Area Collection Station</b> 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><b>Ridgeland Area Collection Station</b> 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><b>Colfax Area Collection Station</b> 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><b>Rock Creek Area Collection Station</b> 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><b>Connorsville Area Collection Station</b> Behind old Connorsville Co-op Creamery Hours: Wednesdays 8 a.m. to Noon Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon</p>	<p><b>Sand Creek Area Drop-Off Site (recyclables only)</b> Hours: Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Downsville Area Collection Station</b> 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><b>Dunn County Yard Waste Drop-Off Site</b> 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>

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

<p><b>Town of Eau Galle</b> Service through Pepin County (715)-672-5709 or by purchasing a solid waste permit from Dunn County (715)-232-4017.</p>	<p><b>Village of Knapp</b> 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><b>Town of Hay River</b> Accepts recyclables and household waste. Contact Stanley Andrews at (715)-632-2104.</p>	<p><b>City of Menomonie</b> 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>
<p><b>Town of Sand Creek</b> 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>The above information is subject to change. Current as of April 2012. Must be a member of the Dunn County Program and have a County Permit to use the Solid Waste Program.</p>
<p><b>Town of Stanton</b> Accepts recyclables and household waste. The Town sponsors an Annual Clean-Up Day. Contact Valerie Windsor at (715)-665-2568.</p>	



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



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**Web Site**

For general recycling information in Dunn County go to [recyclemorewisconsin.org](http://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](http://www.co.dunn.wi.us).

# The Dunn County Recycler



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**2012 Hazardous Waste Collection Scheduled For September**

The Dunn County Solid Waste Division will hold its Hazardous Waste Collection in September with two different dates and locations for the event. Wednesday, September 12th, the collection will be held at the Colfax Fairgrounds from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for farms, businesses and households. Thursday, September 13th, the collection will be held at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center in Menomonie from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for businesses, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for farms and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for households. It is important that hazardous waste is disposed of properly to avoid environmental contamination and accidental poisonings. Please keep any toxic, caustic, poisonous, flammable, corrosive, or hazardous products until they can be brought to one of the scheduled Hazardous Waste Collection dates.

**Ample Recycling Opportunities at United Way's "Free" Store**

United Way of Dunn County recently opened their C-3 Center in Menomonie. This "free" store welcomes gently used donations of all kinds that can help people set up a household from scratch. From furniture and linens, to appliances and household items, United Way's goal is to help Dunn County's financially fragile families and individuals get back on their feet. They will even accept items such as mattresses (in good condition). While they accept clothing for all ages, they especially appreciate nicer clothes appropriate for job interviews or special events. Due to limited space, items not accepted include computers, televisions (unless they are cable ready) and household knick knacks.



Beginning in a trailer on the edge of town, the C-3 Center is now permanently housed in the former Stepping Stones building at 1620 Stout Road in Menomonie. The center is available to those with referral vouchers from collaborating agencies such as Stepping Stones, Human Services, Community Health Partnership and more. The vouchers are used to "shop" (for free) for everything from household items to clothing. Currently, the store serves between 40 and 50 people each week.

Donations for the C-3 Center can be dropped off Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. United Way is even willing to pick up donations (on Wednesdays and possibly Fridays) and will travel outside of Dunn County if necessary. Donations are tax deductible. For more information call United Way of Dunn County at 715-231-3066 or visit their website at [www.uwaydunn.org](http://www.uwaydunn.org).

**Crushing News**

Plastic bottles, as well as aluminum and steel cans, are some of the most popular (and convenient) items to recycle. However, these items can quickly fill a receptacle if not crushed or flattened. 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. This increases recycling costs for Dunn County, especially when bins are filled with recyclables containing mostly air. By crushing cans and bottles (or flattening cardboard boxes), far more recyclables can fit into a container and the load will not have to be hauled away as often. Fewer loads also cuts down on carbon emissions released into the environment, so crushing recyclables is beneficial to both the environment and to the residents of Dunn County.



BEFORE



AFTER

Two recycling bins with the exact same items. This overflowing bin can actually fit twice as many items when cans and bottles are crushed.

**Medication Take-Back Event**

Menomonie's permanent Medication Drop-Off is located at the Sheriff's Office in the Dunn County Judicial Center. However, there will also be a special one day Medication-Take Back event on Saturday, April 28th. Similar to the drop-off at the Sheriff's Office, this event allows Dunn County residents to drop off unwanted, unused medications for free. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at two different locations. Participants may bring prescription tablets, capsules, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, sample medications, pet medications, medicated ointments, creams, patches, sprays or inhalers. All items should be in a sealable bag and liquids should be in their original leak proof containers. Any personal information on packaging should be blacked out. No needles, personal care products, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, IV bags, thermometers, empty containers, hazardous waste or business waste will be accepted.

April 28, 2012  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mayo Clinic Health System - Red Cedar  
East Parking Lot & Education Center  
2321 Stout Road, Menomonie

UW- Stout University Health Center  
Drive Up & Conference Room  
103 1st Avenue West, Menomonie

# Common Recycling Questions

## Where can I bring plastic bags? What kind of plastic bags can be recycled?

It is best to bring your plastic bags for recycling to Menomonie's Marketplace Foods or to Walmart. Both of these businesses are open seven days a week with very convenient hours. By regularly recycling your bags at these locations, you can avoid accumulating mounds of plastic bags. Also, more than just plastic grocery bags may be recycled. Plastic bags of all types, from dry cleaning bags to empty bread or produce bags may also be recycled. Cellophane or plastic film/wrap used in packaging is recyclable as well. Please note that all items must be clean and dry prior to recycling.



## How do I dispose of leftover cooking oil?

Avoid throwing hot oil directly into the trash. Not only is this a fire hazard, it can burn items in your trash which may potentially release chemicals into your home. Also, never dispose of oil down the drain. Oil will cling to the inside of pipes, eventually causing blockage and potential sewer problems. Instead, used cooking oil should be strained and brought to an Area Collection Station or the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center where it can be recycled with the used motor oil. Collection tanks for oil can be found at each Dunn County area collection station.

## Why can't windows or glassware be recycled with glass bottles?

Windows, drinking glasses, ovenware, heat-resistant glass and ceramics are made of different materials than container glass and need to be manufactured through a separate process. When these types of glass are mixed, it can cause production or machinery damage and defective containers unsuitable for use are created. As for recyclable glass, please rinse bottles and jars and remove caps and lids prior to recycling. Labels are acceptable. Broken glass should not be recycled.



## What batteries are recyclable?

All rechargeable batteries can be recycled and are accepted at Area Collection Stations or the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Rechargeable batteries are typically found in items such as cordless power tools, digital cameras, cell phones, laptops and cordless phones; they include Ni-MH, Ni-Cd, Li-Ion or Ni-Zn batteries. All alkaline batteries, even those marked as "reusable" should go in the trash. Lithium and button batteries must be saved for a Hazardous Waste Collection.

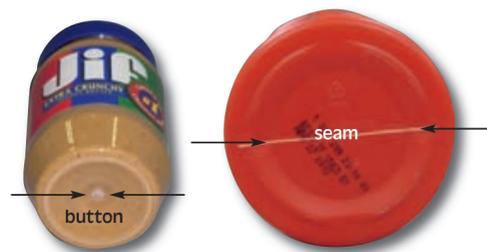


## What is considered an electronic?

Electronics largely pertain to computer related items such as monitors, laptops, printers, scanners, keyboards, faxes and other computer accessories. Entertainment electronics include televisions, VCRs, DVD players, CD players, stereo systems and more. At present, there is no cost to recycle electronics if they are from households or K-12 Public Schools. Items such as refrigerators, freezers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, washers, dryers and dishwashers are considered appliances and do not go in with the electronic recycling. Instead they should go in with the scrap metal at Area Collection Stations; at the Dunn County Transfer Station, appliances containing Freon go in the appliance bin. A disposal fee applies to any Freon appliance.

## Not All #1 or #2 Plastic Containers Are Recyclable

As a general rule, #1 or #2 plastic containers must be bottle shaped, with a neck smaller than its body to be recyclable. However, there are a few exceptions which can sometimes be difficult to identify. Wide mouth containers, such as for peanut butter or coffee, can be especially confusing. To determine if a #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. Always check to see that the mouth of the container is smaller than the body as well.



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 these items are recyclable

## Free Appliance Recycling at Local Business

During 2012 Sears Hometown Store in Menomonie will accept any appliance for recycling at no cost. Inspired by "Cash for Clunkers", this local business actually implemented their appliance recycling program two years ago, but it was only available on a month to month basis. By offering this service year-round, the store hopes to keep unwanted items out of landfills and roadside ditches. There is no purchase necessary for this program and there is no limit to the number of items that may be brought in. Both Freon and non-Freon appliances are welcome.



It should be noted that appliances include household items such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers and stoves. Electronics, such as computers, televisions, and stereo equipment are not part of this recycling program. In addition to the Menomonie Hometown Sears, the Sears stores in Rice Lake and River Falls also offer appliance recycling for free.

## 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 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 (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
- Comic books
- Crossword puzzle 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



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

## Solid Waste Permits



Having a Dunn County Solid Waste Permit allows you to dispose of household trash at any of the Dunn County Area Collection Stations or at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center. However, there are guidelines that accompany these permits.

- To receive a free Dunn County Solid Waste Permit you must live in or own property in a participating municipality. Residents not meeting these requirements may purchase a Solid Waste Permit for \$150. Participating municipalities and non-participating municipalities with their own Solid Waste and/or Recycling programs can be found on the back page of this newsletter.
- Solid Waste Permits are only issued to residential households. Businesses are ineligible for permits and must pay tipping fees for their trash, as well as regular disposal fees for items such as tires, furniture, mattresses, Freon appliances, electronics and fluorescent bulbs.
- Solid Waste Permits must be hung on your vehicle's rear view mirror. Without this permit, site attendants are under no obligation to accept your household trash without charging a fee. Recyclables must be removed from trash and rinsing and crushing of containers is requested. Broken glass should not be placed in the recycling bin.
- Items requiring a disposal fee such as tires, mattresses, furniture, Freon appliances and fluorescent bulbs do not require a permit. Residents of non-member municipalities disposing of these items (with the exemption of tires) will be charged an additional \$2 fee per for item.

## Recycling in the Ridgeland Area

Dunn County residents can find the Ridgeland Area Collection Station conveniently located on Hwy 25, just north of the intersection of Hwy 64 and Hwy 25.

Station hours are:  
**Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. (April 1 – October 31);**  
**Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (November 1 – March 31);**  
**and Saturdays (year-round) from 8 a.m. to Noon.**

As always, recyclables need to be separated from the trash. For recycling questions or assistance with unloading and sorting of items, site attendants are on hand to help the public.



Site attendants (from left to right) Terry Durland (Lead Attendant) and Robert Christopherson (Attendant).



Shari Briggs takes a moment to break down a box before depositing it in the cardboard recycling bin.



Jerry Deiman recycles #1 plastic bottles at the Ridgeland Area Collection Station.

## Forgotten Scrap Metal Items

Clean aluminum foil, pie tins and aluminum pans for cooking or baking can all be recycled with the scrap metal, as well as aluminum candle holders around tea light candles. Unwanted nuts, bolts or nails and wire hangers should go into the scrap metal as well. Don't forget about metal bottle caps or lids to canning jars; while these items seem small, they add up quickly. Don't throw them away. Recycle them with the scrap metal today!

