

Solid Waste Division – 2007 – 2008 Annual Report

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The Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board was created during 1992 by the Dunn County Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors formed the Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board to establish and operate a Solid Waste and Recycling Management System for the County of Dunn. Through the Dunn County Solid Waste Division (DCSWD) the Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board has endeavored to provide efficient and economical waste management and recycling programs for member municipalities, public, businesses, and the waste haulers.

During 1998, the Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board was recreated by the Dunn County Board of Supervisors. The Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board maintained most of its management authority, including the ability to contract for services, accept grants, assess fees, and the ability to create, and maintain reserves for future capital outlays for solid waste and recycling disposal facilities and equipment.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board lost its standing committee status in 1998, and the standing committee responsibilities were given to the Planning, Resources & Development Committee.

Solid Waste and Recycling Management Board members back row from left to right: David Bartlett, Gerald Nolan, Richard Johnson, Herb Dow, and Greg Bakke. Front row from left to right: C. Edwin Smith, Marvin Saxton, Henry Berg, and Donald Miller



Solid Waste Division Highlights

Loader Replaced at the Transfer Station

October 2007 brought delivery of the new FABCO/CAT IT14G front end loader at the Transfer Station. The old loader was traded in with the solid rubber tires staying with the new loader. The Bravler tires were purchased in 2002 and the life of the tires have exceeded our expectations.



Sharps Program

Starting in April of 2007 sharp containers and container disposal are now available **Free of charge** to Dunn County Residents. Thanks to funding by the Menomonie Community Health Foundation, and through the cooperation of the Lions Club of Dunn County, Red

Cedar Medical Center, Dunn County Health Department and the Dunn County Solid Waste Division, sharps such as needles and lancets no longer involve a fee for disposal. Residents can pick up a new sharps container and drop off a full one at any Dunn County Area Collection Station or at the Transfer Station. Containers can also be picked up any Dunn County pharmacy.



Paving the Drive at the Transfer Station

The old scale had failed and needed replacement and the scale ticket data collection workload increased as our business grew. We needed to make a choice between hiring additional staff to process the scale transactions or automating as much of the process a reasonably possible. The Solid Waste Division chose to automate with every major customer truck receiving a badge which the scale system can identify which allowed for unattended scale transactions.



Hazardous Waste Collection Program Returns to Dunn County

During 2007 local residents had the opportunity to dispose of hazardous waste in Dunn County free of charge during 2007 for the first time since 2004. During 2006 a hazardous waste collection was open to households, but residents had to travel to Eau Claire to participate. Farms and businesses last had a hazardous waste collection in Dunn County in 2005. But during 2007 and 2008 the collections are open to residents, farmers and businesses alike, providing a great opportunity to dispose of hazardous waste.



Compact Fluorescent Bulbs May Now be Recycled for Free

The Dunn County Solid Waste Division has made an arrangement with *Focus on Energy* to pay for the recycling of compact fluorescent bulbs. Residents may take their compact fluorescent bulbs to any of the Dunn County Solid Waste Collection Stations for recycling and the resident is no longer charged a fee.

Huge Success for Dunn County's Medication Round-Up

There were over 171 households that participated in the first ever Dunn County Medication Round-Up event held this May 2008, in the East Parking lot of the Red Cedar Medical Clinic. Twenty five volunteers helped make the event a huge success with cooperation between the county departments, community and pharmacists of our area



UW Stout Move Out Program

Various community entities organized a first ever program for the University of Wisconsin Stout students to properly handle their unwanted belongings by donating or disposing of the items. Usable clothing, household items, furniture and nonperishable food items and were sorted on site. 66 participants came with 162 items to be recycled including 22 couches.



Replace the Transfer Station Lighting

The 18 halide fixtures at the Transfer Station were replaced with 18, T8 4 – tube fluorescent fixtures. The annual savings is projected to be \$1,730 and the payback should only be 2.5 years.

Solid Waste Division 2008 Future Projects

- Continue to find the best markets (stable and best paying) for our recyclables
- Replace the recycling baler and conveyor at the Transfer Station along with pressure wash the inside walls, then paint inside and outside of the storage room and bathroom
- Compactors have been replaced this year at the Downsville, Ridgeland and Rock Creek Area Collection Stations. The last of the 12 year old compactors at Boyceville, Colfax and Elk Mound are scheduled for replacement in 2008.
- Finish the rewrite of the Solid Waste & Recycling Ordinance which we have been working on with St. Croix County.
- Continue to work with the Schools on their recycling programs
- Implement a recycling program for convenience gas station stores.
- Draft and release the request for bids for the new public drop-off area at the Transfer Station and construct during 2008.