

We want your recyclables ... just not in the trash!



Did you know that throughout Wisconsin recyclables are actually banned from landfills? To help Dunn County residents remember to remove all recyclables from their trash, new labels will be placed on the compactors at the Area Collection Stations. By removing such valuable resources from the trash, far less waste is generated - which is good for the environment and saves money!

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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*	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*			
* 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	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 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (effective 11-1-13) 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

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.	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.
Town of Hay River Accepts recyclables and household waste. Contact Stanley Andrews at (715)-632-2104.	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.
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>The above information is subject to change. Current as of September 2013. Must be a member of the Dunn County Solid Waste Program and have a Dunn County Solid Waste Permit to use the Solid Waste Program.</p>
Town of Stanton Accepts recyclables and household waste. The Town sponsors an Annual Clean-Up Day. Contact Valerie Windsor at (715)-665-2568.	

2013 Hazardous Waste Collection

The Dunn County Solid Waste Division will hold its 2013 Hazardous Waste Collection on Wednesday, September 11th at the Colfax Fairgrounds and Thursday, September 12th at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center. The collection, which is dependant on grants, will be open to businesses, farms and households. Since funding of such future events is uncertain, taking advantage of this year's collection is strongly encouraged.

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. Appropriate items for the collection include: automotive, garden, workshop or household products labeled toxic, caustic, poisonous, flammable, etc. For an expanded list of hazardous materials, please visit the Dunn County Solid Waste Division's webpage at www.co.dunn.wi.us and search for "Hazardous Waste".

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR BUSINESSES AND FARMS: All businesses and farms must pre-register by Friday September 6, 2013, with the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at 715-232-4017. Please be prepared with the following information: materials you plan

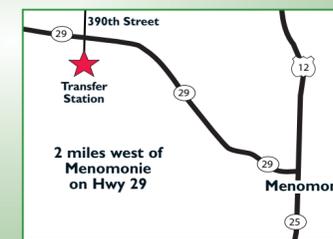
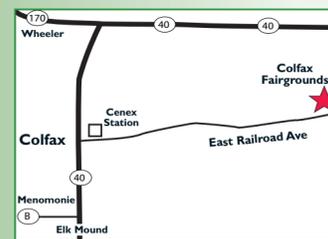


Last year 20 local businesses utilized Dunn County's Hazardous Waste Collection, including first time participant Tractor Central. Employee Monica Zignego (left), with Warren Johnson (right) of Northwest Regional Planning Commission, thought the collection was a "great opportunity to clean out their warehouse".

Where and When:

Wednesday, September 11, 2013
Colfax Fairgrounds
831 East Railroad Ave., Colfax
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Households, Businesses & Farms

Thursday, September 12, 2013
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



to dispose of, quantities and whether leak-proof containers are available for transportation. Special arrangements can be made for transportation if suitable containers are not available.

COST: Businesses - Costs for businesses considered to be "very small quantity generators" (VSQG) will be 25% to 65% less than on-site pick up by a licensed hazardous waste hauler. To be considered a VSQG business, no more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste can be generated in one month and no more than 2,205 pounds of hazardous waste can be stored at one time.

Household and Farms - There is no charge for household or farm hazardous waste except for latex paints. Costs are: pint can \$1.00, quart can \$2.00, gallon can \$4.00, and five gallon pail \$20.00. The charge is based upon the size of the can, not how full the container is, so consolidate and save money. If the latex paint is dried out, it can be disposed of in the trash.

Think Outside the Corrugated Cardboard Box

Most recycled cardboard is corrugated; made up of several layers with a ribbed center and paper on either side. Corrugated cardboard is sturdy and made for heavier items like appliances and furniture. However, on a daily basis people are more apt to have "boxboard" in their homes. For this reason it is important to remember to recycle boxboard as well as corrugated cardboard.



Boxboard can be identified as a single layer of pressed cardboard and is typically used for making cereal or cracker boxes, paper towel tubing and tissue boxes. Other lesser known items that may be recycled with cardboard include manila envelopes, paper grocery bags and file folders. All cardboard must be clean and dry to be recycled. Any kind of cardboard that is wax coated or treated to be water resistant, such as boxes containing toiletries, beer or pop, cannot be recycled and should be thrown in the trash. When cardboard is recycled, it is broken down with water. If the cardboard is water resistant or oily, such as a greasy pizza box, the cardboard will not break down properly and can contaminate the recycling process.

Recycling Rechargeable Batteries

Dunn County has been recycling rechargeable batteries through Call2Recycle for over 10 years. In that time, residents have recycled 6,600 pounds of rechargeable batteries! Typically, rechargeable batteries can be found in power tools, laptops, cameras and cell phones and include Ni-MH (Nickel Metal Hydride), Ni-Cd (Nickel Cadmium), Ni-Zn (Nickel Zinc), SS/LA/Pb (Small Sealed Lead Acid) and Li-Ion (Lithium Ion) batteries. Button batteries and other Lithium batteries are not recyclable and should be saved for a hazardous waste collection. Rechargeable batteries can be recycled at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center, any Area Collection Station or the Dunn County Solid Waste Division office. To avoid sparking a fire, batteries should be individually bagged, no matter their size, before being placed in a Call2Recycle box.



A permit is required to dispose of household waste at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center or any Area Collection Station.



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Web Site

For more information about recycling in Dunn County google Dunn County Recycling. Click on the link for "Solid Waste Division - Dunn County". This website provides specific details on the county's recycling programs and guidelines. The direct web address for Dunn County is www.co.dunn.us.

Common Questions

Why should I secure my cargo before driving on the road?

Roughly 40 percent of highway litter comes from unsecured cargo. Road litter causes approximately 25,000 accidents in North America each year, nearly 100 of which are fatal. To prevent accidents and save lives, cargo should always be secured, no matter how small the load or how short the distance being traveled. Transported items should not be able to become airborne, slide off, shift or fall onto the roadway. Place lighter items on the bottom of your trailer and never overload your vehicle. Tie down items using rope, netting, straps, or chains. Covering loads with a tarp, then securing the tarp to the vehicle is highly recommended.



What is considered "household waste"?

Trash removed from a home does not necessarily fall into the category of household waste. Household waste is made up of standard items that are disposed of in an indoor, household wastebasket on a regularly occurring basis. Typically this refers to wastebaskets in the kitchen or bathroom, rather than a workshop or garage area where large projects are completed. Items such as carpeting, cabinetry, dry wall, toilets and lumber fall into the category of construction and demolition, as do other items involved with home renovations or remodeling. Items classified as construction and demolition, along with large and bulky items, do incur a fee.



What is the name of your mascot?

The Dunn County Solid Waste Division is pleased to introduce ReCyclone, "A Force of Nature For Nature"! Last spring, a contest was held to name the masked recycling mascot. Over 70 names were submitted and after narrowing the list down to the top four, voting was open to the public. It was a tight race, but ReCyclone, submitted separately by Holland Webinger and Anne Behrens, came out on top. ReCyclone is available for bookings and has already made many appearances at local fairs, festivals and parades this summer. To request ReCyclone for a specific event, contact the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at 715-232-4017.



Do caps need to be removed when recycling plastic bottles or jugs?

Plastic caps may remain on bottles and jugs that are being recycled. However, the bottles should be emptied, rinsed and crushed before caps are placed back on. In the past, caps needed to be removed prior to recycling as the small objects jammed machinery, but technology has changed enough that caps may now be recycled with the bottles.



What can go on an Area Collection Station brush pile?

With a Dunn County Solid Waste permit, brush is accepted at the Boyceville, Colfax and Elk Mound Area Collection Stations as well as the Dunn County Yard Waste Drop-Off Site. Appropriate items for the brush pile include Christmas trees, shrubs and cut or broken branches. Brush cannot be more than 6' in length and tree trunks must be 6" or less in diameter. Processed brush is used to produce eco-friendly products, so items such as painted or treated lumber or other foreign objects may not go on the pile. Tree stumps with roots are also not accepted as they collect dirt and stones which can be detrimental to wood grinding machinery. Instead, roots can be left to decompose on personal property or disposed of at a collection station as construction and demolition for a fee. In 2012, brush piles from three different area collection stations were

processed. Items such as concrete, garland and a suitcase were found in the piles. Unfortunately, these items caused extensive damage to the equipment and the grinding stopped for days until repairs were completed.



Sharps Disposal - Protect Yourself, Protect Your Community

To protect waste handlers, the public and the environment, Wisconsin state law requires that discarded syringes, lancets and other sharps be kept separate from household garbage. For disposal, sharps must be sealed in an appropriate labeled container. Free sharps containers are available at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center, any Area Collection Station, the Dunn County Solid Waste Division office, Dunn County pharmacies and clinics, and Bremer Bank in Knapp.

Full sharps containers may be disposed of at any area collection station or the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Replacement sharps containers are available for free at the time of disposal. This program is only available to residents. Funding for this program is not intended to subsidize sharps containers or disposal for businesses such as: nursing homes, clinics, hospitals, assisted living homes or treatment centers. For large or multiple generators of sharps please contact Stericycle at (715) 835-6250.

Sharps should be placed in a rigid, puncture resistant container with a secure lid or cap like the free sharps containers (pictured), heavy plastic laundry detergent or bleach bottles with screw caps. Unacceptable containers include pop or water

bottles, milk jugs, aluminum coffee cans with plastic lids, cardboard containers or plastic bags. Such containers are not appropriate and pose a hazard to handlers.



Clearly label makeshift sharps containers with the words "bio-hazard", "infectious waste" or "sharps". Also, label detergent or bleach bottles with the words "Do not recycle" so they are not accidentally included with recyclables.

What are the dangers of used sharps?

Properly disposing of sharps, syringes and lancets is the public's responsibility to reducing a real health risk. When disposed of in the trash or with recycling, used needles and lancets can stick waste disposal workers. This leads to expensive testing and exposure to diseases such as Hepatitis or HIV. Children, adults and even pets are also at risk for needle-stick injuries when sharps are disposed of improperly at home or in public settings. Reports show that in areas where sharps are collected, fewer sharps are seen in the environment. This results in fewer injuries, fewer health risks and less emotional trauma to waste handlers and the public.



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 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
- Magazines or catalogs with shiny appearance
- Mail
- 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, hard cover books or frozen food containers



Recycling Rewards Offered for Old Refrigerators and Freezers

To motivate people to rid their homes of old, inefficient appliances, two local utility providers are offering incentive-based recycling programs to their customers.

Xcel Energy

Focus on Energy provides Dunn County Xcel Energy customers with a residential Appliance Recycling Program that will pick up refrigerators and freezers for free in exchange for a cash-back recycling reward. There is no application process for the program, but certain guidelines do apply. Pick ups can be scheduled either on-line or by calling Focus on Energy at 855-398-5226. An Xcel Energy account number must be provided when requesting a pick up. To learn more about this program go to www.focusonenergy.com/residential/efficient-products-appliances/appliance-recycling.

Dunn Energy Cooperative

While anyone may recycle appliances for free at the Sears Hometown Store in Menomonie, an extra recycling incentive is offered to customers of Dunn Energy Cooperative. Members of the Cooperative may receive a \$25 rebate off their utility bill for each working refrigerator, freezer or air conditioner recycled. Written proof of recycling and a submitted form are required and rebates are in place through December 31, 2013 or until funds are depleted. Residents or businesses may participate and there is no limit to the number of qualifying items that may be recycled. While recycling through Menomonie Sears Hometown Store is free, participants are responsible for transporting items themselves. For more information call Dunn Energy Cooperative at 715-232-6240.

Appliances of all kinds may also be recycled at the Dunn County Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station. Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners are accepted for a fee.* Recycling documentation from these sites may be used to obtain a \$25 Dunn Energy credit as well.

*Starting January 1, 2014, all appliances, including Freon appliances, will be accepted for free at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center and area collection stations.

Boyceville Area Collection Station

The Boyceville Area Collection Station is located at E2698 County Rd. N, just north of the Village of Boyceville. Besides recyclables and trash, Boyceville accepts yard waste and brush. Hours of operation are Wednesdays from noon to 7 p.m. (April 1 – October 31) and noon to 5 p.m. (November 1 – March 31). On Saturdays the site is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. year round.



Ron Winter (left) is a regular weekly recycler at the Boyceville Area Collection Station. Lead attendant Jim Dilts (center) with attendant Marv Lemke (right) says "Ron always does a good job sorting his recycling."



New Wednesday Hours for Rock Creek Area Collection Station

The Rock Creek Area Collection Station will have new hours of operation on Wednesdays starting November 1, 2013. The new Wednesday hours will be 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. year round. Saturday hours of operation at Rock Creek will remain the same, 8 a.m. to noon year round. For a listing of hours for other Dunn County Area Collection Stations, or the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center, please see the back page of this newsletter.

Get Caught Recycling Winners

Congratulations to all of our "Get Caught Recycling" winners and thanks for all of your hard work! Whether caught recycling curbside, at an Area Collection Station or around the campus of UW-Stout, we appreciate your exemplary recycling efforts!

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| Elaine Amble | Beth Novotney |
| Cathy Asher | Jeff Ohvall |
| Matt & Lindsay Bartz | Amy Reise |
| Logan Berg | Gordon Stangl |
| Leda Forseen | Sandy Weisser |
| Mary Holmstadt | Tim Williamson & Family |

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