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Recycling Tidbits

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Stump the Grump

True or False

Caps should be kept on in order to be recycled?

Answer:

True, if not left on they'll fall through sorting equipment or out of the plastic bales.

#BeRecycled Tip of the Month



Save an extra step in your spring cleaning and keep the caps on your plastic bottles. They can be recycled too!

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Disposal Options

Warmer weather brings out more “do it yourself” (DIY) moments such as washing and maintaining your vehicle or working on the house. All these extra DIY moments may add to the waste stream

so whether it’s redoing a room, building a deck or cleaning the garage, Dunn County Solid Waste can provide you with all the disposal options to help make your project a success!

If your DIY project produces an odd byproduct, don’t hesitate to give us a call. We are more than happy to help identify the best disposal option.



Vehicle Care

Cleaning the Vehicle

According to the Maryland Department of the Environment, “a standard garden hose uses about 10 gallons (of water) per minute.” That means if you let your hose run for 10 minutes while washing your car, you’ve just used 100 gallons of water! Remedy this by using a squeeze or pistol grip handle to stop and start the water flow. Double check that the hose is tightly secured to the faucet and that there are no holes in the hose. Duct tape is a great way to patch small leaks. Another great tip is to wash your vehicle on grass, gravel or some other per-

vious spot. This will reduce wastewater run-off into streets and eventually our watershed.

Debris typically found in vehicles, such as crumpled paper and empty drink bottles, are great candidates for the recycling bin.



Car Maintenance

Nothing is more satisfying than working on your own vehicle or lawn mower. Properly disposing of liquids and parts is easy! An-

tifreeze, oil, oil filters, tires, batteries and metal car parts can be brought to any Area Collection Station or the Transfer Station and Recycling Center any time of the year during normal operating hours. Transmission, brake and other car fluids should be saved for the 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Event.

Waste Oil Collection Tank at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center



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Working on the House

Residents can dispose of construction and demolition materials at any Area Collection Station or the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Construction and demolition materials can be anything from flooring, plywood, toilets, sinks, cabinets, to windows, drywall or shingles. This type of waste goes above and beyond normal household garbage. Household garbage is material that is generated in the kitchen or bathroom from normal activities such as blowing your nose or cooking dinner. Items such as faucets, garbage disposals, light fixtures, or appliances should be recycled with scrap metal.



Save stain, varnish, lacquer, spray paints, oil based paint, or latex paint for the upcoming hazardous waste event. Latex paint can be dried out at home and disposed of in the trash once dry. Remember to keep the lid off once the paint is dry.

2016 Clean Sweep Dates

Wednesday September 14 at the Colfax Fairgrounds

Thursday September 15 at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center

Working in the Yard

Yard Work

Residents can dispose of leaves, grass clippings or brush at one of the County's four yard waste sites. These sites are located at the Boyceville, Colfax and Elk Mound Area Collection Stations or the Dunn County Yard Waste site in the Town of Menomonie. City of Menomonie residents can bring this type of material to the City's Drop-off site located at 1601 Gilbert Creek Road.

Leftover or outdated fertilizers and pesticides can be disposed of at the upcoming hazardous waste event.



Yard Décor

Unless made of metal, broken yard ornaments or lawn furniture are not recyclable and should be thrown into the trash. Metal lawn ornaments can be recycled as scrap metal. Any solar lights should have the lithium batteries removed before disposal and saved for a hazardous waste event.

After sprucing up faded lawn furniture or ornaments, empty spray cans are recyclable with steel/tin cans. Remove and throw away the lid and nozzle. Nozzles pop off similar to champagne corks.

Pots and potting flats are not recyclable in Dunn County and must be thrown into the trash or saved and reused for next year. Check with your local nursery to see if they'll take them back for reuse.

TURN AN OLD PLANTER INTO A BIRD HOUSE FOR YOUR GARDEN.



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Creative DIY and Reuse Projects

The Dump A Day blog has some of the best DIY and reuse projects of all time. In fact, this Recycling Specialist now uses an old wash tub for the hose at her house. It works like a charm! Check out some of the blog's ideas below. Then hop on over to the website for even more fun:

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