

Looking to dispose of hazardous waste?

Please hold onto any poisonous, toxic, flammable or hazardous items to be properly disposed of at Dunn County's 2013 Hazardous Waste Collection Program. The event will be held Wednesday September 11th at the Colfax Fairgrounds and on Thursday September 12th at the Dunn County Transfer Station in Menomonie. The collection will be open to all Dunn County households, farms and businesses. For more information about Dunn County's Hazardous Waste Collections, see page 2.



Hazardous waste products that may be useful to others, can be placed on the "Re-Use" table where they are offered up free for the taking. Last year's "Re-Use" table, staffed by Kobi Shaw (L) and Dunn County Recycling Specialist Amanda Dent (R) featured many new and unopened products.



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The Dunn County Recycler

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

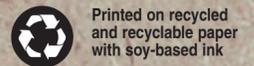
Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center E3900 Hwy 29, Menomonie Hours: Mondays 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays 7 a.m. to noon	Elk Mound Area Collection Station 401 570th Avenue, which is at the end of 570th Avenue Hours: Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (April 1- Oct. 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 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
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 April 2013. Must be a member of the Dunn County 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.	



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



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.



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Get Caught Recycling

Dunn County recyclers are still eligible to win gift certificates for their exemplary recycling efforts. The county's "Get Caught Recycling" campaign, which started last summer, will run through August 2013 with a new winner announced each month. Recycling Specialist Amanda Dent travels the county looking at local recycling bins, observing sorting techniques and checking for cleaned, flattened and crushed recyclables. There have been eight winners so far; all caught recycling either curbside, at the City of Menomonie Drop-off Site, the Dunn County Transfer Station or in communities including Ridgeland, Boyceville and Elk Mound. There have been young solo recyclers, family recycling duos and life long experienced recyclers.



The most recent "Get Caught Recycling" winner is Jeff Ohvall who is frequently found picking up recyclables on the campus of UW Stout where he works. Ohvall says there are always items to be picked up as he walks to and from his office each day. According to his wife, "Jeff cannot pass a plastic bottle or beer can without picking it up and bringing it home or putting it in the proper recycling receptacle". Here March's star recycler Jeff Ohvall is photographed with his office recycle bin.

Other "Get Caught Recycling" winners include:

- Tim William and Family
- Sandy Weiser
- Logan Bergh
- Leda Forseen
- Matt and Lindsay Bartz
- Beth Novotney
- Elaine Amble

Our thanks and congratulations go out to all of our "Get Caught Recycling" winners. Keep up the good work! Also, a special thank you to all our sponsors: Keyes Chevrolet, Simply from Scratch, Vagabond Bakery, Menomonie Market Food Co-op, Acoustic Café, The Grain Bin Market & Bakery, and The Raw Deal.

If your business would like to sponsor our "Get Caught Recycling" contest or a future recycling campaign, please contact the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at 715-232-4017.

Identifying Recyclable Plastics in Dunn County



Think all plastics are recyclable? Actually, having a "chasing arrow" recycling symbol is not enough to deem an item recyclable. For example, many plastic clamshell containers, like the kind that hold berries, have a #1 recycling symbol, but they cannot actually be recycled in Dunn County. Largely, plastics must be in the shape of a bottle, with the neck smaller than the body of the container, to be recyclable. Always "check the neck" of an item, then flip the item over and look inside the chasing arrows for a recycling number. #1 or #2 containers can go into a recycling bin; #3 through #7 go in the garbage - except for #5 containers which can be recycled at Menomonie Market Food Co-op.



Food Grade #1 Plastic Bottles & Jugs

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| Water bottle | Parmesan cheese |
| Soda bottles | Flavoring syrups |
| Apple sauce | Coffee creamers |
| Ketchup | Salad dressings |
| Spices | Jelly (not squeeze bottles) |
| Extracts | BBO sauces/marinades |
| Nutella | Most sprinkle containers |
| Mayonnaise | Salad toppings |
| Miracle Whip | (i.e., bacon bits) |
| Cooking Oils | Certain syrups including |
| Peanut butter | Karo |
| Spaghetti sauces | Honey and nectar squeeze bottles |

Food Grade #2 Plastic Bottles & Jugs

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| Milk | Folgers/Maxwell coffee |
| Teas | Mustard* |
| Vinegar | Apple cider |
| Protein bottles | Ice cream toppings |
| Juice | (squeeze bottles) |



*French's is the only yellow mustard bottle that is recyclable

Non Food Grade #1 Plastic Bottles & Jugs

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| Cold/Cough syrups | Cleaners |
| Vitamins | Bug spray |
| Sun screen | Dish detergent |
| Pump soap | Body sprays |
| Lotion | Anti bacterial gels |



Non Food Grade #2 Plastic Bottles & Jugs

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|----------------|--------------------------|
| Ice melt | Stomach aids |
| Detergent | Nail polish remover |
| Hair spray | Most body washes |
| Medication | Shampoo |
| Mouth wash | Conditioner |
| Baby powder | Windshield washer fluid |
| Dish detergent | Craft glue (not Elmer's) |



Common Questions



Why is there a disposal fee for carpeting? Isn't it considered household waste?

With a solid waste permit, residents who live in participating municipalities can dispose of reasonable amounts of household waste at no additional cost. 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. Carpeting falls into the category of construction and demolition, as do other items involved with home renovations or remodeling. This includes cabinetry, dry wall, toilets, lumber and much more. Items classified as construction and demolition will incur a fee.



How can I get recycling at my special event?

The Dunn County Solid Waste Division has 60 Event Recycling bins that can be loaned out for special events. These large collapsible bins come with plastic bags and labeled lids for separation of aluminum, glass and plastic containers. A trailer to haul the bins is available as well. While the trailer and bins may be used for free, a refundable security deposit is required. Users are responsible for transporting the bins and recycling their own materials. Event recycling bins have been used at graduations, family gatherings, corporate parties, weddings, kickball tournaments, the Dunn County Fair, and more. To reserve these bins and/or the trailer please call (715) 232-4017.



Why is there only one hazardous waste collection each year?

Hazardous Waste Collections, which are free to the public, are made possible through grants. Without such funding, Dunn County could not afford to finance these events. In fact, during the years Dunn County was not awarded a grant, no hazardous waste collections were held. In other years, when larger amounts of funding were available, Dunn County held both spring and fall collections. Utilizing a hazardous waste collection helps to protect your family and the environment. It also keeps our participation numbers up, which helps the county obtain funding for future collection events. The only public hazardous waste fee is for latex paint which is not covered by the grant.



Can button batteries go in the trash? What about lithium batteries?



Button and lithium batteries are considered hazardous waste and should be disposed of at a Hazardous Waste Collection event. Button batteries are the round, flat batteries typically found in watches and hearing aids.

Lithium batteries can look like standard alkaline batteries, but will be identified as lithium on the battery's side.

Batteries that are labelled Lithium-ion (Li-Ion) may be recycled in a Call2Recycle box at either the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center or any of our Area Collection Stations.



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



Let's Be Safe Out There

When visiting any of the Area Collection Stations or the Dunn County Transfer Station, we want our sites to be as safe as possible for both our patrons and our attendants. If you plan to drop off a large or heavy item that you are unable to carry yourself, please bring assistance with you. While all our sites have attendants on hand, it is an individual's responsibility to manage their own items. By bringing someone familiar with the size and weight of an item, there is less chance of a person being injured. Also, any pets brought to our sites must be enclosed in a vehicle or kennel to ensure the safety of fellow patrons and attendants. Children must be supervised as well.

The Dunn County Transfer Station

The Dunn County Transfer Station can be found at E3900 Hwy 29, just a few miles west of downtown Menomonie. It is the last stop for Dunn County's trash and recyclables before being transported to either the local landfill or various markets for recycling.



The Transfer Station is a hub of activity with multiple attendants in constant motion. Baling recyclables, assisting haulers on the scale, loading trucks and preparing shipments of electronics, batteries and bulbs are just a few of the attendants' many jobs. It should be noted that the Transfer Station and the adjoining Public Drop-Off Area have different hours of operation. Please refrain from leaving or depositing items when the Public Drop-Off Area is closed or unattended.

Large loads including construction and demolition debris must be weighed on the Transfer Station scale. The red and green lights will indicate when you may drive on and off the scale. The tipping fee is \$56/Ton, except for large loads of tires which are \$0.10/lb. Payments can be made in the Transfer Station office.



Site attendants at the Transfer Station include (from l to r) John Reneau, Rich Frank, Bill Schutts, Jim Krause, Roy Larrabee and Merien DeRaad.

Who Is That Masked Recycler?



If you happen to see a colorful Superhero darting around Dunn County's recycling bins, don't be alarmed. Chances are you have spotted the county's new recycling mascot! Dunn County Solid Waste has created and designed the new mascot specifically for our county in the hopes of encouraging and exciting people about the virtues of recycling. The recycling superhero will make public appearances at local fairs and parades as well as being available for presentations.

This caped crusader is in need of a name so we are looking for ideas from you, the recyclers of Dunn County. Name suggestions may be submitted between now and April 26th. Dunn County Solid Waste will then narrow the list down to the top three names. Beginning May 1st, the public will get to vote for their favorite name with the winner being announced by May 10th. As an added incentive, the person who submits the

winning name will receive a gift certificate from a local business. Help us name this local superhero which will represent Dunn County's sustainability efforts in a never ending quest to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

To submit name ideas and follow this contest, go to: www.facebook.com/dunncountyrecycling. Names may also be submitted by e-mailing the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at swr@co.dunn.wi.us or calling 715-232-4017. Mailed submissions can be sent to Dunn County Solid Waste, 390 Red Cedar Street, Suite C, Menomonie, WI 54751



Recycle clean, dry, plastic bags and film packaging

Recycle Plastic Bags and More

More than just plastic grocery bags can be recycled in Dunn County. This helpful poster displays many other types of plastic bags and film packaging that are considered recyclable as well. Plastic bags are accepted at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Area Collection Stations. However, to greatly reduce transportation costs to the county, we encourage customers to bring the bags to stores that also recycle plastic bags such as Walmart or Marketplace Foods.

Look for this label on film products like these...

Recycle if Clean & Dry

Store Drop-off

PLASTIC

BAGS / FILM / WRAP

how2recycle.info

- NO frozen food bags
- NO prewashed salad mix bags
- NO degradable bags

Recycled plastic bags and wraps can become new packaging or durable home building products.

plasticfilmrecycling.org

New Recycling Labels

To help identify where appropriate recyclables go at the Transfer Station and Area Collection Stations, new labels are being created for the county's recycling bins. The updated labels are being designed with simple graphics and limited text which will help the public quickly and easily determine what goes in each bin. Certain Dunn County recycling guidelines have recently been streamlined with magazines going in the mixed paper, glass no longer needing to be sorted by color and plastic caps allowed on recycled bottles. The new labels will reflect these changes as well.

cans

aluminum

- clean
- flatten

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glass

bottles & jars

- remove caps & lids
- clean

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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.