

# The Resource

The Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Newsletter

Spring 2018

## 2018 Spring Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep



Hazardous waste poses a danger to both you and the environment. Inappropriate storage or disposal of such materials can cause fires, groundwater contamination and injuries to people and animals. To ensure safety for all, take part in Dunn County's Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep! The event will take place on Wednesday, May 2nd at the Colfax Fairgrounds in Colfax, and on Thursday, May 3rd at the Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center in Menomonie. **This will be the only Dunn County event this year; there will be no fall Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep.**

Appropriate items for these collection events include wastes and unwanted chemicals from automotive, garden, garage/workshop, or household sources that are labeled as toxic, caustic, poisonous, corrosive, flammable, etc. For an expanded list of acceptable hazardous materials, go to the Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Division's webpage at [co.dunn.wi.us/hazardouswaste](http://co.dunn.wi.us/hazardouswaste), or call the Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Division office at 715-232-4017.

### 2018 Spring Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep (This is the only Dunn County event in 2018.)

**Wednesday, May 2, 2018**

**Colfax Fairgrounds**

831 E Railroad Ave, Colfax, WI

4:00pm to 6:00pm for VSQG Businesses, Farms, and Households

**Thursday, May 3, 2018**

**Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center**

E3900 Hwy 29, Menomonie, WI

2:00pm to 3:00pm for VSQG Businesses  
3:00pm to 4:00pm for Farms  
4:00pm to 7:00pm for Households



**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR VSQG BUSINESSES & FARMS:** All "very small quantity generator" (VSQG) businesses and farms must pre-register by Friday, April 27, 2018, with the Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Division office at 715-232-4017 or online by completing the registration form at [co.dunn.wi.us/hazardouswaste](http://co.dunn.wi.us/hazardouswaste). You will be asked for a list of materials and quantities you wish to dispose of.

#### Costs of Disposal:

**VSQG Businesses** - Costs for businesses classified as VSQG's will be significantly 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 a single month, and no more than 2,205 pounds of hazardous waste can be stored annually at your facility.

**Farms & Households** - There is no charge for agricultural or household hazardous waste or chemicals, except for latex paints.

**Costs for Latex Paints:** \$1 pint, \$2 quart, \$4 gallon, \$20 five-gallon bucket. The charge is based on the size of the container, not the amount of paint remaining in the container, so consolidate and save money.

If you can't fit the 2018 Dunn County collection event into your schedule, Dunn County residents may also utilize the St. Croix County and Polk County Hazardous Waste Collection Events. Dates are as follows: May 18th & 19th, or September 28th in St. Croix County; and June 1st and August 24th in Polk County. If you wish to utilize one of these events or for more information, contact St. Croix County at 715-531-1907 or Polk County at 715-483-1088.

## Paper Recycling

Once paper leaves your home, it arrives at the Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center. There, it's baled and sold to paper mills in Green Bay, Chicago, and Minneapolis. Once the bales arrive at a mill, they are broken apart and dumped into a big pulper (think of an enormous vat). The paper washes around with hot water for a period of time until the fibers start to come apart. It creates a very watery slurry. The slurry is pushed through a screen, the fibers fall through the screen and continues on through the process. Non-paper items, or outthrows, such as staples, glue, and glitter get trapped and are discarded.

The slurry, in some cases, is put through a washing process to remove inks. Washing our paper is not necessary because the end product doesn't require it. Once it has been screened and cleaned, it is churned up and spat onto a rapidly moving metal screen on a paper machine. The fibers fall onto the screen and the water falls through the screen; this is a natural draining process. The paper is still 90-95% water at this point. Next it is rolled by a roller which acts like a squeegee, removing most of the moisture. After the fibers have been rolled for some time, it is heated and dried.

Once dried, our paper is recycled into new paperboard, a component of cardboard boxes. It's also made into cardboard tubes and cores.

Dunn County residents recycled 480 tons of paper in 2017! Add to your paper recycling efforts by recycling the following items:

- Carbonless paper & receipts
- Tissue paper
- Wrapping paper
- Greeting cards
- Wrap around copy paper (ream wrap)
- Magazines
- Post-It notes
- Paperback books
- Envelopes with and without windows
- Crumpled paper
- Phone books
- Office paper



Dunn County attendants baling paper at the Transfer Station & Recycling Center.

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## Recycling Containers Available for Special Events

When temperatures start to rise and flowers start to bloom, we begin to gather outside. Community and family events are what make our neighborhoods strong. These events are well attended and are common places to enjoy a can of soda, bottle of water, or an adult beverage. All of which should not be



thrown into the trash. Dunn County wants to help families, event organizers and park coordinators by providing recycling containers for use at special events.

Fifty-five lightweight and portable event recycling bins are available for use. These bins have blue frames, blue lids, and clear bags so it will be very apparent that they are only for recycling purposes. These bins are free to use, with a minimal security deposit.

To guarantee recycling success, always pair a recycling bin next to a trash container. Contact the Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Division office at 715-232-4017 for more information and to reserve recycling bins for your special event!



## BACKYARD COMPOST BINS FOR SALE

Backyard compost bins are available for purchase at the Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center as well as at the Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Division office. The Home Composter holds 13 cubic feet of material, is 2.5 feet tall and 3 feet wide. It is made from 100% recycled materials. Bins are \$55 each.

## Why do I need to display a current Dunn County Solid Waste Permit in order to dispose of my normal household trash for free?

The Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling (DCSWR) Division's policy has always required that residents who live in participating municipalities display their current year Dunn County Solid Waste Permit in order to dispose of normal household trash for free. This policy has been rigorously enforced over the last 6 months and some customers have asked why they need to display their permit.

Displaying your permit is required to ensure that only residents of participating municipalities receive their household trash disposal for free. Only 24 of the 30 municipalities in Dunn County have chosen to participate in the Dunn County Solid Waste Program, and they pay a fee to participate, called a "per capita" fee, that is calculated based on the population of their particular municipality.

If residents from non-participating municipalities are allowed to dispose of their household trash without a permit, it increases the costs to residents of participating municipalities.

Displaying the current year Dunn County Solid Waste Permit is the only way our site attendants know if residents can dispose of their normal household trash for free, or if they need to pay for it.

The Solid Waste Permit is only for disposing of normal household trash. Normal household trash 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, drywall, toilets and lumber fall into the category of construction and demolition, as do other items involved with home renovations, remodeling or large clean-up projects in a home or a garage. Items classified as construction and demolition, along with large and bulky items such as furniture, bulbs, tires, televisions and computer monitors do incur a fee.

Renters who live in a participating municipality are also entitled to receive a Dunn County Solid Waste Permit. Some landlords will obtain permits and provide them to their renters, while some may not. Renters that have not received a permit should first contact their landlord to see if a permit is available, or they can call the DCSWR office to receive one.

Of the municipalities that do participate in the Solid Waste Program, some build the per capita fee into their annual budgets, and it becomes a part of their local levy. Other municipalities choose to pay for the per capita fees by billing their residents directly instead of building it into their local levy. If you have any questions about how your municipality processes per capita fees, please contact your local clerk and/or treasurer. A list of current officials is available on the Dunn County website at [co.dunn.wi.us/countyclerk](http://co.dunn.wi.us/countyclerk) or you may call the County Clerk office at 715-232-1677. For more information about Solid Waste Permits please call our office at 715-232-4017 or email us at [swr@co.dunn.wi.us](mailto:swr@co.dunn.wi.us).



## Solid Waste & Recycling Program Funding

The solid waste and recycling per capita fees for 2018 support approximately \$545,453 of the Solid Waste & Recycling Division's \$2.7 million annual budget. The rest of the revenue for the program comes from:

- Sales of recyclable commodities
- User fees from disposal of furniture, recycling of electronics, tires, and bulbs, and sales of solid waste permits
- Tipping fees for materials weighed on the Transfer Station scale and charged by the ton
- State grants, including a Clean Sweep Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for the annual Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep, and a Recycling Grant from the Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources
- Dunn County tax levy- the Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Division budgets only \$8,000 per year from the county tax levy, which is used solely to help fund the Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep

The Solid Waste & Recycling Division continues to expand recycling opportunities for Dunn County residents, businesses and farms, and is always working to minimize costs while providing the best recycling and waste management opportunities possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Solid Waste & Recycling Division office at 715-232-4017.



## Curbside & Drop-off Recyclables

Sort & Separate -  
Do not use Plastic Bags



Steel Cans



Aluminum Cans



#1 Plastics



#2 Plastics



#5 Plastics

Glass Bottles & Jars



Paper



Cardboard



Carrier stock, fridge & freezer boxes, must be separated from other cardboard at any drop-off facility

## 2017 Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnages in Dunn County

Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling (DCSWR) has been making huge progress in its goals of reducing landfill tonnage while increasing recycling opportunities for our residents, farms, and businesses. In 2017, DCSWR reduced the amount of trash it shipped to the landfill by 4.5 million pounds over the previous year. At the same time, DCSWR increased the volume of recyclables it collected and sent to recycling markets by 2.5 million pounds. How did we do this? DCSWR continues to offer a variety of recycling opportunities for many of the less common recyclable commodities present in our waste streams. By diverting these items from the trash, and processing them for sale to end markets, we can reduce our landfill tonnage, and increase our recycling tonnage - a win/win for everyone and the environment!

What are some of these "less common" types of recyclables? Many municipalities throughout the state concentrate only on markets for the most common types of recyclables. In comparison, DCSWR has added recycling programs for a variety of non-traditional commodities that require additional market research and outreach to find appropriate buyers for recycling these items. Some examples include mixed rigid plastics (plastic laundry baskets, shelving, totes, playground toys, buckets, etc.), woven polypropylene super sacks and grain bags, plastic film and bags, industrial plastic drums and jugs, corrugated plastic sheet, vinyl siding, carrier stock, and other materials that most municipalities do not capture for recycling.

By diverting these items from the trash and processing them for recycling, DCSWR has become a regional leader in recycling diversity and opportunity, and with your help, we will continue to provide as many recycling services as possible to increase our environmental stewardship and maximize this opportunity for you to participate in the preservation of our natural resources for generations to come.

**REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE**

## #5 Plastics Recycling

In early 2017, Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling (DCSWR) began processing #5 plastics for recycling. #5 plastics, often marked with the letters "PP" are made from Polypropylene, which is a very rugged plastic that is resistant to many chemical solvents, acids, and bases, and therefore, is used in a variety of product packaging, including foods. However, according to polypropylene production and recycling figures provided by the American Chemistry Council, polypropylene is one of the least recycled post-consumer plastics. With your help, we can change this!

Some of the most common items made from Polypropylene include the yogurt, cottage cheese, and butter tubs that you purchase regularly from the grocery store. Other common items made from Polypropylene include frozen food trays, and plastic food storage systems (think Tupperware). All of these items are accepted by DCSWR for recycling.

Other common forms of recyclable Polypropylene exist in our daily lives as well, and with a little effort on your part, they can be captured for recycling instead of being discarded and sent to the landfill. Many of the plastic cups used for those tasty iced coffee and frappe beverages from popular coffee shops, and the large fountain drink cups we purchase from convenience stores, are made from 100% recyclable Polypropylene. Look for the #5 and/or the letters "PP" on the bottom of these containers and cups to confirm that they are made from Polypropylene, then save them up and bring them to any DCSWR facility for recycling. Your efforts make a huge difference in diverting these highly valuable resources from the landfill!



## Drop-off Only Recyclables

Take to any Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Facility for Recycling.



Plastic Film & Bags



Tires\*



Compressed Gas Cylinders\*



Vinyl Siding



Batteries



Electronics\*



Mixed Rigid Plastics



Textiles



Bulbs & Lamps\*



Grain & Seed Sacks



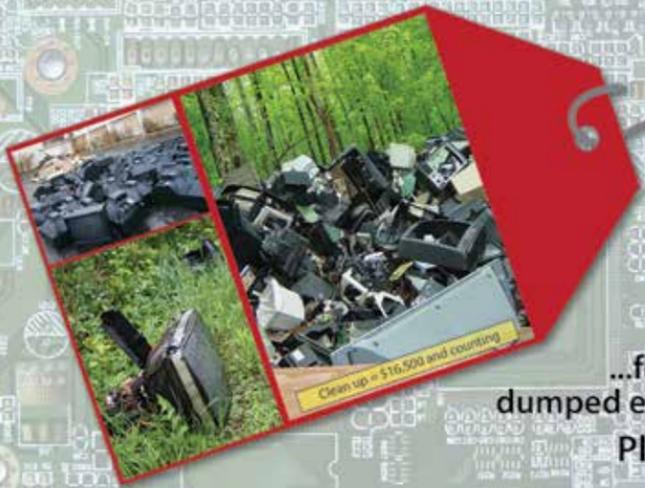
#1 PETE Thermoforms

Also Accepted: Scrap Metals, Appliances, Used Oil, Used Antifreeze, Used Oil Filters, and Printer/Toner Cartridges  
Electronics are only accepted at the Boyceville, Colfax, & Elk Mound Area Collection Stations or the Transfer Station & Recycling Center.

\* Fees are associated with some of these materials to cover the costs of recycling.

Please See Site Attendant for Assistance!

Don't be on the hook...



...for illegally dumped electronics.  
Play it safe.

Choose Dunn County as your Responsible Recycler

Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling  
800 Wilson Avenue, Room 235  
Menomonie, WI 54751  
Phone 715-232-4017

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# The Resource

## Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Facilities and Hours of Operation

### Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center\*

E3900 Hwy 29, in the Town of Menomonie

**Mondays** 6:30am – 4:30pm

**Wednesdays** 1:00pm – 6:00pm

**Saturdays** 7:00am – 12:00pm

### Boyceville Area Collection Station\*

E2698 County Road N, Boyceville

**Wednesdays** 10:00am – 7:00pm (April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Wednesdays** 10:00am – 5:00pm (November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Saturdays** 8:00am – 4:00pm

*Also accepts brush, leaves, and garden/grass clippings*

### Colfax Area Collection Station\*

N9417 810<sup>th</sup> Street, Colfax

**Wednesdays** 10:00am – 7:00pm (April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Wednesdays** 10:00am – 5:00pm (November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Saturdays** 8:00am – 4:00pm

*Also accepts brush, leaves, and garden/grass clippings*

### Connorsville Area Collection Station

E1285 1256<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Connorsville

**Wednesdays** 8:00am – 12:00pm

**Saturdays** 8:00am – 12:00pm

### Downsville Area Collection Station

N2723 440<sup>th</sup> Street, Downsville, WI 54735

**Wednesdays** 8:00am – 3:00pm

**Saturdays** 8:00am – 3:00pm

### Elk Mound Area Collection Station\*

401 570<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Elk Mound

**Wednesdays** 8:00am – 7:00pm (April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Wednesdays** 9:00am – 5:00pm (November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Saturdays** 8:00am – 4:00pm

*Also accepts brush, leaves, and garden/grass clippings*

### Ridgeland Area Collection Station

N12184 Hwy 25, Ridgeland

**Wednesdays** 12:00pm – 7:00pm (April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Wednesdays** 12:00pm – 5:00pm (November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Saturdays** 8:00am – 12:00pm

### Rock Creek Area Collection Station

N1825 980<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Falls

**Wednesdays** 1:00pm – 5:00pm

**Saturdays** 8:00am – 12:00pm

### Sand Creek Area Recycling Drop-off Site

Across the street from the Fire Department

**Saturdays** 8:00am – 4:00pm

*Accepts recyclables only*

\*Electronics including TV's & monitors are accepted at these locations only.

### Municipalities with their own Solid Waste Program

The following municipalities have chosen to not participate in the Dunn County Solid Waste Program.

Contact your local Town, Village, or City officials for more information.

**Town of Eau Galle**      **Town of Hay River**      **Town of Sand Creek**      **Town of Stanton**      **Village of Knapp**  
**City of Menomonie** - Bagged household trash, yard waste and scrap metal is accepted at the City of Menomonie Drop-Off Site:  
1601 Gilbert Creek Road, Menomonie, or call 715-232-2302

## New! Yard Waste Composting Opportunities

Windrows are coming this spring to the Boyceville and Colfax Area Collection Stations! Windrows are long piles of yard residuals that are actively being composted. These windrows will be monitored and turned periodically to ensure the breakdown of materials into compost. Once fully broken down, the compost will be free to residents.

All grass clippings, garden debris, and leaves should be dropped off in the marked area near the windrow, not added to the windrow itself. Yard waste brought to the Elk Mound Area Collection Station should be placed in the large roll-off dumpster near the brush and mulch piles. Yard waste may be brought in loose or bagged in compostable brown paper bags only – no plastic bags will be accepted.

Invasive plant species must not be composted to prevent the spread of their seeds. These plants should be bagged and put in the trash. Visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's website for a listing of invasive species; [dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives).

As a reminder, we no longer have restrictions on the diameter of brush brought to our sites. However, brush such as tree limbs, shrubs and Christmas trees, should be in 8 foot or shorter lengths. Painted, stained, and treated lumber are not accepted. These items may be disposed of for a fee.

### Yard Waste Locations

**Boyceville Area Collection Station**  
E2698 County Road N, Boyceville, WI

**Colfax Area Collection Station**  
N9417 810th Street, Colfax, WI

**Elk Mound Area Collection Station**  
401 570th Avenue, Elk Mound, WI



**A permit is required to dispose of normal household trash at the Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center or any Area Collection Station.**

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