

# The Resource

## 2019 Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Newsletter

### 2018 Solid Waste & Recycling Recap

Great news! Thanks to your ongoing efforts to increase recycling and diversion practice in Dunn County, the Solid Waste and Recycling Division processed over 6,800,000 pounds of recyclables from residents, businesses, industries and farms in 2018.

#### 2018 by the Numbers:

##### Recyclables

- Scrap Metals: 1,167,660 lbs
- Electronics: 173,640 lbs
- Lamps/Bulbs: 21,390 Units
- Steel Cans: 118,320 lbs
- Aluminum Cans: 32,680 lbs
- #1/#2/#5 Plastics: 336,980 lbs

- Cardboard, Paper, Carrier Stock: 2,948,600 lbs
- Glass: 939,660 lbs
- Tires: 387,260 lbs
- Plastic and Agricultural Films: 88,300 lbs

- Batteries: 20,780 lbs
- Mixed Rigid and Industrial Plastics: 314,180 lbs
- Used Oil: 11,460 Gallons
- Used Oil Filters: 3,906 lbs
- Antifreeze: 545 Gallons

##### Clean Sweep Hazardous Wastes

- Households: 13,549 lbs

- Farms: 798 lbs

- VSQG Businesses: 3,405 lbs

##### Special Wastes

- Deer Carcasses: 50,320 lbs

- Sharps: 1,740 lbs

##### Landfill Wastes

- 50,116,240 lbs

We need your help to continue positive environmental stewardship and diversion practices in Dunn County! Reduce your waste by buying less, recycling more and composting. Properly sorting your recyclables both at the curb and at our drop-off facilities helps improve the quality and salability of your materials. Learn more about how to recycle right on our website and by visiting and liking our Facebook page.

#### Win a Free Compost Bin!

Find the hidden bee somewhere inside this newsletter to be entered to win a compost bin! To enter, call the office at 715-232-4017 or email [swr@co.dunn.wi.us](mailto:swr@co.dunn.wi.us) with the location of the bee to be entered into the drawing. A winner will be selected on May 17, 2019. Good luck!



### Free MRP (Mixed Rigid Plastics) Recycling Day – April 27

One day only! Free recycling of rigid plastic items is available at the Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center or any Area Collection Station on Saturday, April 27, 2019 to all residents of Dunn County.

Examples of mixed rigid plastics include, but are not limited to:

- 5 Gallon Pails
- Plastic Totes
- Plastic Shelving Units
- Plastic Lawn Chairs & Tables
- Plastic Playground Items
- Plastic Ride-On Toys
- Car Seats
- Plastic Litter Boxes
- Plastic Pet Igloos or Kennels
- Plastic Irrigation or Drain Tile Tubes
- Plastic Pond Tubs or Agricultural Water Trough Tubs
- Hard Plastic Kiddie Pools
- Plastic Children's Toys

Valid at the Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center and all Area Collection Stations on April 27 only.



## Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling



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## Coming Soon! New Dunn County Yard Waste & Composting Site

A new yard waste and composting site will be opening at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center in Summer 2019. This site will be open to residents who display a current Dunn County Solid Waste permit sticker. The yard waste site will be open year-round during the public drop-off hours at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center.

Residents can deposit leaves, brush, grass clippings, garden debris, limbs, logs, stumps and Christmas trees at any of Dunn County's yard waste sites. All limbs and logs should be cut to 8 foot lengths or shorter. All yard waste must be loose or bagged in brown paper bags only. Items prohibited from yard waste sites include painted, stained or treated wood or pallets of any kind. These items may be disposed of for a fee at the Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center or any Area Collection Station.

Watch our website, Facebook page and the local newspapers for information on when the new Transfer Station Yard Waste & Composting Site will be opening this summer!

See back page of this newsletter for locations and hours of all Dunn County collection and yard waste sites.

## New Recycling Specialist Joins the Solid Waste & Recycling Team!



Megen Hines joined the Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling team in February 2019 as a Recycling Specialist.

Megen brings five years of recycling industry experience to Dunn County and was a past Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling intern. Previous to joining the Dunn County team, she was the Recycling Specialist in St. Croix County for over four years. She has bachelor's degrees in Environmental Science from UW-Stout and in Meteorology from St. Cloud State University.

Expect to see Megen out and about in the community speaking with residents about recycling. She is available to speak for free to school and community groups. If interested in having Megen speak to your group or if you have questions regarding recycling in Dunn County, please call 715-232-4017 or email Megen at [mhines@co.dunn.wi.us](mailto:mhines@co.dunn.wi.us).

## Solid Waste Permit Sticker Reminder

A current Dunn County Solid Waste Permit must be displayed at the time of your visit to dispose of normal household trash for free at the Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center or Area Collection Sites. A disposal fee of \$3 per bag or barrel of trash will be assessed if a current permit is not displayed.

Enforcing the permit sticker policy helps to protect the investment of the municipalities who have chosen to participate in the Dunn County Solid Waste program. Each participating municipality pays a "per capita" fee that is calculated based on their population. If residents from non-participating municipalities dispose of their household trash without a permit, it increases costs to residents of participating municipalities.

Renters who live in a participating municipality are eligible to receive a Dunn County Solid Waste permit. Renters who have not received a permit should first contact their landlord to see if a permit is available. If no permit is available through your landlord, please contact the Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling office to request a permit.

If you have lost or discarded your solid waste permit, replacement permits can be purchased at our office at a cost of \$10 each.



Residents of municipalities who do not participate in the Dunn County Solid Waste program may purchase a permit for an annual fee of \$100. The cost of the permit is pro-rated monthly throughout the year.

Permits must be purchased directly from the Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Office.

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).

### \$5 Off Any Fee Items

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Valid May-June 2019



# CURBSIDE RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

Recycle these items curbside:

Aluminum Cans



Steel Cans



Glass



Mixed Paper



Cardboard



#1 Plastic Bottles & Jars



#2 Plastic Bottles & Jugs



#5 Plastic Containers



## SORT AND SEPARATE - DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS

*See the examples below of how to properly sort your recyclables for curbside collection*



**Do Not Bag Recyclables**  
**No Garbage**



**No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap**  
**(return to retail)**



**YUCK**  
**No Food or Liquid**  
**(empty all containers)**



**No Clamshells**  
**(berry or lettuce containers)**

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# RECYCLING IS REQUIRED BY LAW IN WISCONSIN!



# DROP-OFF ONLY RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

Recycle any curbside items and these additional items at the Dunn County Transfer Station or any area collection station:

Plastic Film & Bags



Compressed Gas Cylinders & Pressurized Tanks



Bulbs, Lamps, & Ballasts



Tires



Mixed Rigid Plastics



Alkaline, Rechargeable & Auto Batteries



Clothing & Textiles



Grain & Feed Sacks



Vinyl Siding



Scrap Metal



Toner & Printer Cartridges



Electronics



Antifreeze



Used Oil & Oil Filters



Appliances



Aluminum Foils, Aerosols, & Pet Food Cans



Some items may incur a fee. Visit [co.dunn.wi.us/swrfees](http://co.dunn.wi.us/swrfees) for fee information.

Hazardous waste, such as solvents, paints, fuels and other chemicals are only accepted during a Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste event. Visit [co.dunn.wi.us/hazardouswaste](http://co.dunn.wi.us/hazardouswaste) for details.

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# ITEMS PROHIBITED FROM TRASH IN WISCONSIN

- Traditional Recyclables (#1, #2, #5 Plastics, Aluminum Cans, Steel Cans, Glass Containers, Paper & Cardboard)
- Yard Waste
- Lead Acid & Rechargeable Batteries
- Tires
- Used Oil & Oil Filters
- Appliances
- Electronics

## HAZARDOUS & SPECIAL WASTES:

- Paints, Strains & Solvents
- Fertilizers, Herbicides, Insecticides & Rodenticides
- Mercury Thermometers & Thermostats
- Automotive Fluids & Garage Chemicals
- Aerosol Cans with Remaining Product
- Antifreeze
- Bulbs, Lamps & Ballasts
- Compressed Gas Cylinders & Pressurized Tanks
- Medications
- Sharps
- Ammunition
- Deer & Animal Carcasses



## ADDITIONAL ITEMS RECYCLED IN DUNN COUNTY:

*Bring these items to the Dunn County Transfer Station or Area Collection Stations for recycling:*

- Plastic Film & Bags
- Mixed Rigid Plastics
- Clothing & Textiles
- Woven Grain & Feed Sacks
- Vinyl Siding
- Scrap Metals
- Toner & Printer Cartridges
- Aluminum Foils, Empty Aerosols and Pet Food Cans



# E-CYCLE WISCONSIN

Dunn County is a certified State of Wisconsin E-Cycle Collector. Recycle electronics at the Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center or the Boyceville, Colfax and Elk Mound Area Collection Stations.

# 2019 Dunn County Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Event

**Wednesday, September 18**

**Colfax Fairgrounds**

831 E Railroad Ave, Colfax, WI

4:00 – 6:00 pm (VSQG Businesses, Farms & Households)

**Thursday, September 19**

**Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center**

E3900 Hwy 29, Menomonie, WI

2:00 – 3:00 pm (VSQG Businesses)

3:00 – 4:00 pm (Farms)

4:00 – 7:00 pm (Households)

**VSQG Businesses:** Businesses that generate less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month qualify as a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) and are eligible to participate. The business collection is a fee-for-service event. Businesses must pre-register by Friday, September 13, 2019 by contacting the Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling office at 715-232-4017 or by completing the online registration form at [co.dunn.wi.us/hazardouswaste](http://co.dunn.wi.us/hazardouswaste). A list of your materials and quantities is required to complete the registration.

**Farms:** Farms must pre-register by Friday, September 13, 2019 by contacting the Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling office at 715-232-4017 or by completing the online registration form at [co.dunn.wi.us/hazardouswaste](http://co.dunn.wi.us/hazardouswaste). A list of your materials and quantities is required to complete the registration. Fees for latex paint are based on the size of the can, not the volume within the can. See the fee list below for latex paint fees

**Households:** Households do not need to pre-register. Most items, with the exception of latex paint, are accepted at no charge. Fees for latex paint are based on the size of the can, not the volume within the can. See the fee list below for latex paint fees.

**For More Information:** Call 715-232-4017 or visit [co.dunn.wi.us/hazardouswaste](http://co.dunn.wi.us/hazardouswaste)

**Other Area Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Events:** Dunn County residents may also utilize St. Croix County and Polk County Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Events.

## 2019 St. Croix County Clean Sweep Events:

- May 17 & 18, September 27
- Call 715-531-1907 for more information

## 2019 Polk County Clean Sweep Events:

- June 7, August 23
- Call 715-483-1088 for more information

## The following items are accepted at Clean Sweep Events:

Items with labels that include terms such as toxic, caustic, poisonous, corrosive, flammable, etc are considered hazardous and are accepted at Clean Sweep. Below are some examples of acceptable products:

- Aerosol cans with remaining product
- Air fresheners
- Antifreeze
- Adhesives and glues
- Ammunition, including live and empty cartridges
- Batteries
- Bulbs, ballasts, and lamps
- Cleaners and spot removers
- Compressed Cylinders and pressurized tanks
- Corrosives and lye
- Drain and toilet bowl cleaners
- Fertilizers and related products
- Latex paints
- Mercury thermometers and thermostats
- Oil-based or lead-based paints, stains, and varnishes
- Old fuels, including gasoline, diesel, and alcohol
- Paint strippers and solvents
- Pesticides, insecticides, and herbicides
- Polishes and waxes
- Roofing tars and driveway sealants
- Sharps, including syringes, lancets, and auto-injectors
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Used oils and oil filters

*This list is not inclusive. Please call the Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling office at 715-232-4017 if you have any questions or if you are unsure what types of products you have.*

*\*Some items listed above do incur fees, including latex paint. See latex paint fees.*

## The following items are not accepted at Clean Sweep Events

- Biological, Medical and Infectious Wastes
- Radioactive Materials
- Explosives
- Shock or Heat Sensitive Materials
- Picric Acid
- Poly-Foam Spray Tanks
- Hazardous Waste from Large Quantity Generators

## Latex Paint Fees

- Pint: \$1
- Quart: \$2
- Gallon: \$4
- 5 Gallon Pail: \$20



*Fees are based on the size of the can, not the volume of paint within the can. Consolidate paint as much as possible to save money. Payment by cash or check only. If completely dry, latex paint can be safely disposed of in the trash.*

# Dunn County Sorting Guidelines

**#1 Plastic Bottles & Jars:** Include water and soda bottles, and peanut butter jars, etc. Empty, rinse and replace lids or caps. **NO** berry, deli or bakery clamshell containers.

**#2 Plastic Bottles & Jugs:** Include milk, laundry, coffee and shampoo bottles and jugs, etc. Empty, rinse and replace lids or caps.

**#5 Plastic Containers:** Include Arizona tea, yogurt, and cottage cheese containers, etc. Empty, rinse and replace lids or caps.

**Aluminum Cans:** Include empty soda, beer and sparkling water cans, etc. **NO** aluminum foil, pet food cans or empty aerosol cans. Save these items for recycling in the aluminum foil, aerosol and pet food can bins at any of our drop-off facilities.

**Steel Cans:** Include soup cans, coffee cans, empty steel aerosol cans (magnets will stick to them) cookie, popcorn, and holiday tins, metal bottle caps and lids. **NO** aerosol cans with with remaining product. Save aerosol cans with remaining product for a Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Event.

**Glass:** Include food and beverage glass bottles and jars such as wine, beer, sauce and pickle jars, etc. Remove and recycle metal or plastic caps with the appropriate material. **NO** light bulbs, ceramics, plates, bowls, mugs, Pyrex or window glass.

**Cardboard:** Include corrugated cardboard, shipping boxes, cereal, pasta and cracker boxes. Refrigerator and freezer boxes (Carrier Stock) can be added with cardboard for curbside recycling but should be recycled separately from cardboard at drop-off facilities. Flatten boxes and cut into 4' by 4' sections or smaller. **NO** Milk, juice or broth cartons, greasy pizza boxes or waxed produce boxes.

**Mixed Paper:** Include newspapers, magazines, construction paper, copy paper, envelopes (with or without window), junk mail, phone books, paperback books, wrapping paper, post-it notes and scrap paper. **NO** paper with excessive glitter, glue or other residues.

**Aluminum Foil, Aerosols & Pet Food Cans:** Include aluminum foil, empty aluminum aerosol cans (magnet will not stick) and aluminum pet food cans. Items should be empty and clean. Drop-off only, do not recycle in your curbside bin. **NO** aerosol cans with remaining product. Save aerosol cans with remaining product for a Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Event.

**Batteries:** Include alkaline, lithium primary, lithium-ion, nickel metal-hydride, nickel cadmium, lead-acid, cell phone and laptop, button, coin cell, power tool and car batteries. Drop-off only, do not recycle in your curbside bin.

**Bulbs, Lamps & Ballasts:** Include compact, straight, circular and U-shape fluorescent, incandescent, halogen, heat lamp, automotive headlights, ultraviolet, germicidal, insect zapper, high intensity discharge bulbs, vacuum tubes and LEDs. Whole fixtures, neon signs and PCB/non-PCB ballasts are also recycled. Drop-off only, do not recycle in your curbside bin.

**Clothing & Textiles:** Include clothing, shoes, linens, sheets and towels. Drop-off only, do not recycle in your curbside bin. **NO** excessively soiled clothing.

**Compressed Cylinders & Pressurized Tanks:** Include air rifle CO2, MAPP, butane, propane, helium, refrigerants and CO2 cylinders or tanks up to 100 lbs. Other compressed or pressurized tanks not listed require pre-authorization from the Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling office before they can be accepted. Drop-off only, do not recycle in your curbside bin.

**Grain & Feed Sacks:** Include #5 woven bird seed, pet food, grain and rice sacks. Drop-off only, do not recycle in your curbside bin.

**Mixed Rigid Plastics:** Include plastic lawn furniture, totes, shelving units, children's toys, playground items, car seats, kiddie pools, pet kennels, litter boxes, ride-on toys, buckets, drain tile tubes and agricultural troughs. Drop-off only, do not recycle in your curbside bin. **NO** inflatable vinyl pools, toys or rafts.

**Plastic Film & Bags:** Include plastic shopping bags, plastic case wrap from toilet paper, paper towels and bottled water, produce bags, bubble wrap, air pillows and plastic mailers. Keep clean and dry. Remove stickers when possible. Drop-off only, do not recycle in your curbside bin. **NO** frozen food bags, salad bags, cereal bags or candy wrappers. Agricultural plastic films can be recycled at the Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center or the Boyceville and Colfax Area Collection Stations.

**Scrap Metal:** Include steel, aluminum, copper, brass, stainless steel, holiday lights, insulated wire, etc. Drop-off only, do not recycle in your curbside bin.

## Our Office is Moving!

The Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling office, along with the other County department offices in the Dunn County Government Center in downtown Menomonie, will be moving later this year to the Dunn County Community Services Building east of town (next to The Neighbors). This building will act as the new Government Center in Dunn County. The second floor of the Community Services Building is currently being renovated in anticipation of moving all current Government Center offices to this building.

Our new address will be: **3001 US Highway 12 E  
Menomonie, WI 54751**

Information on this transition will be posted on our website and Facebook page when exact dates are known.

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Menomonie, WI 54751  
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## Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Facilities and Hours of Operation

### Dunn County Transfer Station & Recycling Center

E3900 Hwy 29, in the Town of Menomonie, WI

**Mondays** 6:30am – 4:30pm  
**Wednesdays** 1:00pm – 6:00pm  
**Saturdays** 7:00am – 12:00pm

### Boyceville Area Collection Station & Yard Waste Site

E2698 County Road N, Boyceville, WI

**Wednesdays** 10:00am – 7:00pm (April 1 - Oct 31)  
**Wednesdays** 10:00am – 5:00pm (Nov 1 - Mar 31)  
**Saturdays** 8:00am – 4:00pm

### Colfax Area Collection Station & Yard Waste Site

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

**Wednesdays** 10:00am – 5:00pm  
**Saturdays** 8:00am – 4:00pm

### Connorsville Area Collection Station

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

**Wednesdays** 8:00am – 12:00pm  
**Saturdays** 8:00am – 12:00pm

### Downsville Area Collection Station

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

**Wednesdays** 8:00am – 3:00pm  
**Saturdays** 8:00am – 3:00pm

### Elk Mound Area Collection Station & Yard Waste Site

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

**Wednesdays** 8:00am – 7:00pm (April 1 - Oct 31)  
**Wednesdays** 9:00am – 5:00pm (Nov 1 - Mar 31)  
**Saturdays** 8:00am – 4:00pm

### Ridgeland Area Collection Station

N12184 Hwy 25, Ridgeland, WI

**Wednesdays** 12:00pm – 5:00pm  
**Saturdays** 8:00am – 12:00pm

### Rock Creek Area Collection Station

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

**Wednesdays** 1:00pm – 5:00pm  
**Saturdays** 8:00am – 12:00pm

### Sand Creek Area Drop-off Site (Recyclables Only)

N13425 County Hwy I, Sand Creek, WI

**Saturdays** 8:00am to 4:00pm

### Municipalities with their own Solid Waste Program

The following municipalities do not participate in the Dunn County Solid Waste program:

- Town of Eau Galle
- Town of Hay River
- Town of Sand Creek
- Town of Stanton
- Village of Knapp
- City of Menomonie
- ♦ Drop-off site for City of Menomonie residents only:  
1601 Gilbert Creek Rd, Menomonie or call 715-232-2302

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

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