



**BROWN COUNTY
PORT & RESOURCE
RECOVERY
DEPARTMENT**

Our Vision:

To provide competitive, cost-effective and environmentally sound management systems for solid waste and recyclable materials for Brown County customers.

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The purpose of the Brown County Port and Resource Recovery Department is to meet the solid waste disposal needs of local communities and businesses through methods which are environmentally sound and economical. These methods incorporate waste reduction, material reuse, recycling, composting, landfilling and waste-to-energy to the extent that they are technically feasible, economically appropriate and desired by the public.

What is single stream recycling? Single stream recycling allows you to put all your recyclable materials into one cart or bin. Paper, glass, steel, aluminum, plastic, cardboard, etc. can be placed into the same bin. No need to separate anything! You still need to rinse your containers and cut your cardboard to size. This service is available to everyone so please contact your local city, town or village to find out how you can take advantage of single stream recycling and if recycling carts are available.

Recyclable plastic, glass, tin/steel cans and aluminum can be placed curbside in a designated recycling curbside cart. Recycling carts are available by contacting the municipality in which you live. Containers should be rinsed to remove all product from the container. **Remove all caps and lids.** Plastic caps can be placed in the trash. Metal lids can go into the recycling bin. Flatten boxes to save space and cut down large pieces of cardboard to 3' x 3'.

We are able to recycle many things in Brown County. For more information check out the *Tri-County Recycling Guide*. The 2014 *Tri-County Recycling Guide* may be found on our website (BrownCountyRecycling.org) or picked up at the Brown County Resource Recovery Facility, your local City/Town/Village Hall or any of the Brown County Libraries.

Recycling DOs & DON'Ts

Plastic

ACCEPT:

- #1 Plastic bottles such as water and soda bottles
- #2 Plastic jugs and jugs such as milk jugs and laundry detergent bottles

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- No Plastic Bags, Wrap or Film
- No Motor Oil Bottles
- No Styrofoam

GUIDELINES:

- Remove all caps and lids and discard
- Rinse bottles and jugs

Aluminum & Steel

ACCEPT:

- Aluminum Cans and Bottles
- Steel, Tin and Bi-Metal Cans
- Empty Aerosol Cans

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- No Aluminum Pans or Foil
- No Empty Paint Cans

Paper

ACCEPT:

- Cardboard and Paperboard (cereal box)
- Newspaper and Inserts
- Junk Mail and Office Paper
- Phone Books, Books, Magazines & Catalogs
- Shredded Paper (put in brown paper bag & staple shut)

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- No Tissue
- No Paper Contaminated by Food or Grease

GUIDELINES:

- Flatten and cut cardboard to no larger than 3' X 3'

Glass

ACCEPT:

- Food and Beverage Bottles and Jars

DO NOT ACCEPT:

- No Windows, Ceramics or China

GUIDELINES:

- Rinse cans and bottles and
- No need to remove labels
- Metal caps and lids should be recycled, discard plastic caps and lids

Spring Cleaning

By WI Department of Natural Resources

Spring cleaning offers a great opportunity to reduce waste, save money and make a positive impact on the environment. As the weather warms up, put reuse and recycling into action with some of the ideas below.

Cleaning out the house, apartment, basement or garage

- Create a designated "to recycle" pile where you can collect all recyclables, including retired electronics, old magazines, junk mail, cardboard boxes and other items.
- Donate items in usable condition, such as clothing, appliances, books and home construction and renovation materials.
- If you need extra cash, set aside gently used items and have a yard sale.
- Organize a swap with friends, family or coworkers to trade books, clothing, games and other household items.
- Contact your local recycling program to see what large or bulky items you may be able to bring to a drop-off for recycling appliances and large cardboard boxes and yard debris.
- Use washable cleaning rags instead of paper towels.
- Add to your cleaning rag supply with clothing and linens that are torn or stained.
- Start a compost pile of yard materials that accumulate from spring yard cleanup.
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn as you mow.

As the school year ends

- Go through school supplies from this year and sort out what can be used for craft projects or in the next school year, such as tape, glue, pens and pencils, crayons and colored pencils.
- Save notebooks, folders and binders that are in good shape for use around the house or in the next school year.
- Reuse pencil cases to organize junk drawers, kids' jewelry or accessories, or small items when packing for a trip.
- Collect one-sided papers from classes and assignments to create a ready supply of scrap paper for the household. Cut them into halves or quarters for a variety of sizes.
- Save a few of your kids' paintings and drawings from the school year. You can turn pictures into greeting cards to send to relatives or laminate paintings and use them as placemats.
- For a fun craft, recycle random or broken crayons by melting them into new shapes and colors.
- Organize a swap with other families to trade books, clothing for growing children, age-appropriate games and school supplies.
- Give backpacks and lunchboxes a good cleaning before putting them away for the next school year. On backpacks, use warm water and a mild dish detergent and let the bag air dry. Sprinkle the insides of lunchboxes with baking soda or fill them with crumpled newspaper to keep them odor-free until they're ready to use.
- If backpacks are too worn out to be used the next school year, find other uses for them, such as carrying garden supplies or beach toys.
- Do the same for used up lunchboxes. Insulated lunchboxes can be kept in the car to keep cold or frozen groceries cool on your trip home from the store.

College move-out

- Check your school's website to see if they have any waste reduction events, programs or tips during move-out. Look specifically for opportunities to recycle carpets, electronics and other large or bulky items.
- While packing, make piles for recycling, donation, electronics recycling and waste to make disposing of each group of items easier.
- Donate unwanted furniture, appliances, household goods and clothing to local resale stores.
- Donate non-perishable food items to a local food bank.

Return old textbooks to your university bookstore or sell them to an independent reseller to avoid sending them to a landfill.

Did You Know?

If an average 100-unit apartment complex recycled to maximum participation each month it would save the equivalent of 22 30-foot trees, 8,300 kilowatts of electricity, 78 pounds of air pollution and 27 cubic yards of landfill space.

Up to Our Elbows in Recycling

Study being developed to determine what we recycle

(Brown County, WI) Nearly 2,000 pounds of recyclable material was sorted by hand over three days in an attempt to better understand what Brown County residents are putting in their recycle bins. "We are measuring the amounts and types of recyclables being collected," said Mark Walter, business development manager for Brown County Port and Resource Recovery. "Several recycling truckloads of materials from randomly selected pick up routes are being sorted."



Picture taken by: John Arendt, UWGB

The data collected will be used to develop a Waste Characterization Study which will assist the University of Wisconsin-Extension in developing educational tools for the new materials that residents will be able to recycle as early as fall 2014. "Our goal is to find out what residents are recycling now so that we can do a better job of informing them about the upcoming changes to what we will be able to accept," Walter said. "Once the recycling system changes are in place, we will be able to collect items like cartons and all plastic bottles and containers."

The study was initiated by the County's Waste Stream Committee. "In 2012 when the Brown County Waste Stream Committee was created, the focus was to redirect the amount of waste going into landfills and turning it into marketable, saleable materials," said County Executive Troy Streckenbach. "This study is a positive initiative that allows us to further understand the educational needs of the public in regards to recycling awareness and provide necessary marketing tools. This will further position Brown County to be environmentally sustainable and economically beneficial."

Students from the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay assisted with the recycle sorting efforts. Findings from the study will be released in early May.

Brown County Waste Transfer Station

Minimum fee of \$12 per transaction, payments may be made with credit card or personal checks (made out to Brown County Transfer Station). No cash is accepted. There is a \$15 fee for items that contain Freon. All loads must be tarped. Please access the Transfer Station through Highway54/Mason St. from the East.



Brown County Waste Transfer Station

Accepted Materials:

- Residential Waste
- Construction and Demolition Waste
- Commercial Waste
- Industrial Waste
- Ash - (fireplace or firepit etc.) In plastic bags only
- Asphalt Shingles (\$20/ton for Clean and \$30/ton for Dirty)

Unaccepted Material:

- Liquid of any kind
- Asbestos (Contact Outagamie at (920) 832-5277)
- Electronic Waste
- Oil Filters

Other Accepted Materials With Additional Fees:

- Air Conditioners (contains freon)
- Dehumidifiers (contains freon)
- Refrigerators (contains freon)
- Tires (with or without rims \$2/20lbs.)

Jan 1 - Mar 31 Hours:

Mon - Fri: 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Sat: 7:30 AM - Noon

Apr 1 - Dec 31 Hours:

Mon - Fri: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sat: 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Longer wait periods may occur during peak periods:

Mon - Fri: Noon to 3:00 PM
Sat: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Curbside Trash & Recycling Carts



For all curbside pickup questions or ordering of trash and recycling bins, please contact your local municipal public works department located on Brown County's website:

www.co.brown.wi.us/municipalities

Public Works	Phone Number
Ashwaubenon	(920) 492-2310
Bellevue	(920) 468-5225
DePere	(920) 339-4060
Green Bay	(920) 448-3535
Howard	(920) 434-4640

Pharmaceutical Disposal

Drop Off Sites



[Brown County Sheriff's Department](#)

2684 Development Drive - Investigative Division
M-F 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, except Holidays

[Ashwaubenon Public Safety](#) lobby

2155 Holmgren Way
M-F 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

[Green Bay Police Department](#)

307 South Adams St.
Drop box in lobby, available 7 days a week,
7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

[Hobart Village Hall](#)

2990 S Pine Tree Rd.
Drop box in Business Office lobby
M-F 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Household Sharps



Drop Off Sites

To reduce public health risks such as accidental needle sticks, Wisconsin law requires all citizens to manage sharps safely. It is illegal to put sharps in the trash or with recyclables.

Sharps users are highly encouraged to place their used or discarded sharps in an acceptable sharps container and take to them to a designated sharps collection station for proper disposal.

Sharps are accepted at many pharmacies, hospitals and clinics throughout Brown County. For specific drop off locations and program guidelines go to [BrownCountyRecycling.org](http://www.BrownCountyRecycling.org) and click on "**Sharps**" on the right side of the page or call the Brown County Health Department at (920) 448-6400.

Participating business who may offer sharps collection include:

- Aurora Baycare
- Aurora Pharmacies
- Bellin Health Clinics
- Bellin Memorial Hospital
- Brown County Health Dept
- CVS Pharmacies
- Dousman Clinic
- Krider Pharmacy
- K-Mart
- Prevea Health East
- De Pere
- Shopko Pharmacies
- Shopko Express
- St. Mary's Hospital
- St. Vincent Hospital
- Walgreens Pharmacies

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located 2561 S. Broadway.
Year-Round Residential Collection hours are: Thursdays, Noon – 6 pm and
Saturdays, 8 am—2 pm.

Longer wait periods may occur during peak periods:
Thursdays: Noon to 2:00 PM & Saturdays 10:00 AM to Noon
Businesses and farms require an appointment by calling (920) 492-4950.
Please see more information at www.BrownCountyRecycling.org