



BROWN COUNTY
PORT & SOLID WASTE
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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Tiered Solid Waste Tipping Fee to Debut in 2013



The Brown County Port & Solid Waste Department has begun negotiating new Solid Waste Management Service Agreements with our customers to help ensure a long-term, stable waste management system for Brown County residents and businesses. Currently all Brown County municipalities are under short-term contracts to deliver municipal solid waste to the County.

In an effort to show a benefit to our existing customers as well as to provide an incentive to new customers, the Department has proposed to change the single rate tipping fee system currently in place to a tiered tipping fee system with three rates.

The establishment of a tiered system was presented as part of the 2013 budget that was approved by the Brown County Solid Waste Board and Brown County Executive, and is scheduled for adoption by the Brown County Board in November. The tiered system will allow the Department the flexibility to retain existing customers and attract new customers by offering a discounted rate for their solid waste disposal.

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America Recycles Day is November 15

Since 1997, communities across the country have come together on November 15 to celebrate America Recycles Day (ARD), a national day that celebrates and raises the awareness of the benefits of recycling. Keep American Beautiful (KAB), the organization behind it, is offering resources to help local groups who want to hold an event in coordination with ARD.



Local organizations can sign up online and access resources from Keep American Beautiful. By registering with KAB, local organizations can access resources, such as guides for plastic bag and film recycling, activity ideas, posters (on recycled paper), banners (made from recycled plastic bottles), pencils (made from recycled newspaper), buttons (made from recycled steel) and more.

Access to these materials is available to organizations, including state and municipal governments and local "green teams" or scouting troops. Some materials are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so early registration is encouraged. Events can be scheduled any time during the month of November, but should be held as close to Nov. 15 as possible.

Tiered Tipping Fee (cont.)

The 2013 tiered tipping has been proposed as follows:

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| ♦ Preferred Contract Rate | \$40.00/ton |
| ♦ Contract Rate | \$41.20/ton |
| ♦ Gate Rate | \$43.00/ton |



The tiered tipping fee system will provide long-term and high tonnage customers with the best available Preferred Contract Rate tipping fee. All municipal customers of Brown County are eligible for the Preferred Contract Rate no matter their tonnage level. Customers with short-term contracts and/or low tonnage will be eligible for the Contract Rate. Customers with no commitment to the Brown County Solid Waste Management System will be charged the Gate Rate.

Other Solid Waste Operational Changes for 2013

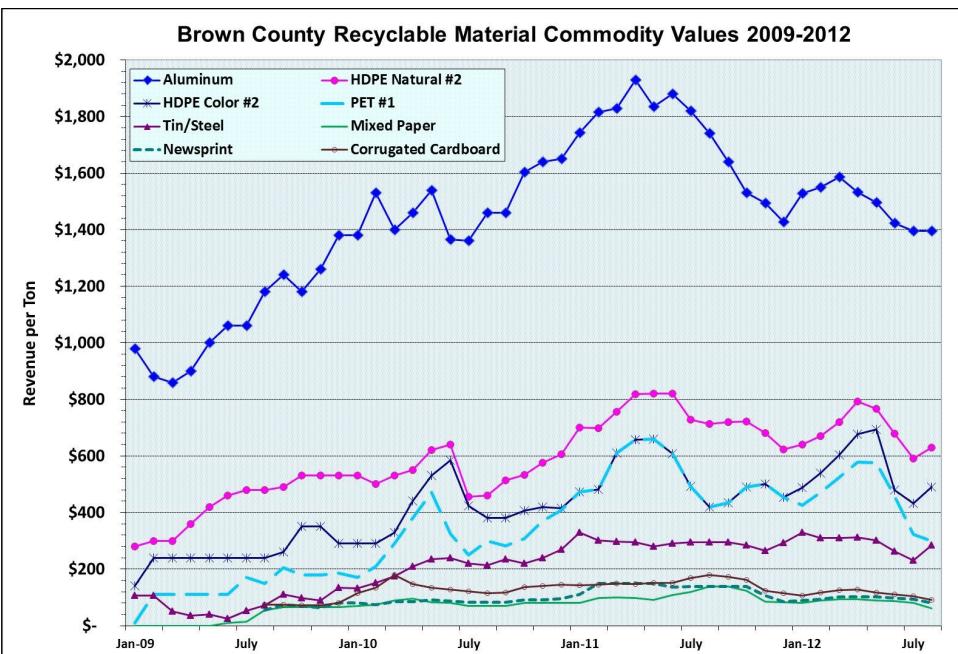
In February 2012, solid waste disposal transitioned from the Winnebago County Landfill to Outagamie County's Northeast Expansion Landfill. The costs of operating Outagamie County increased almost \$2/ton, while Brown County's waste hauling costs decreased by \$1.50/ton due to the reduced transportation distance. The Outagamie County landfill tipping fee is estimated to increase by \$1/ton in 2013.

A new Asphalt Shingle Recycling Rate of \$30.00/ton was established in 2012 and will be modified in 2013 for clean (\$20.00/ton) and dirty (\$30.00/ton) shingles.

A new rate for clean Construction and Demolition waste for recycling will be established in 2013 at \$38.00/ton.

Recycling Markets Slow in 2012

The Tri-County Single Stream Recycling Facility entered its 4th year of operation in 2012 following a year in which both the price received for recycled materials grew and the amount of tonnage processed increased. This year has been very different with a steady drop in the price of recycled commodities while tonnage has continued to increase. In 2011, the Facility processed 52,800 tons of recycled materials, while in 2012 we are on track to process more than 62,000 tons.



At the same time, the price of recyclable commodities has dropped by more than 40 percent across all categories with newsprint being especially hard to move domestically. Most recyclers are predicting that the markets will continue to drop through the end of this year.

Household Hazardous Waste Facility Collects 10 Million Pounds!

The Brown County Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW) collected its 10,000,000th pound of hazardous waste in September since its opening in 1996. Millions of pounds of hazardous waste have been kept out of our landfills, helping to protect the environment.

Each year, thousands of Brown County residents and businesses drop off hazardous waste at the HHW. Less than 30 percent of the material that gets collected ends up disposed of as hazardous waste. More than 2 million pounds have been recycled or given away to the public for free through the facility's Product Exchange Room which allows residents to take partially used products like paint and cleaners at no charge.



The HHW Facility collects household cleaners, solvents, gasoline, acids, bases, pesticides, mercury, antifreeze, oil and more from Brown County residents for no charge. Latex paint is disposed of for a small fee per can. In addition, the HHW also collects computers and other electronics charging a per pound rate for disposal.



Our program provides an option for residents to safely dispose of products that could cause harm to the environment. Achieving this huge milestone means that people are aware of what we do and are taking advantage of it.

Household Hazardous Waste Awareness Week

The Week of October 1st has been declared Household Hazardous Waste Awareness Week. Proper disposal of those wastes considered flammable, corrosive, toxic and reactive is important because these materials can cause harm to children, pets, wildlife and the environment. Material such as paint, stain, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, batteries, aerosols, antifreeze, computers, electronics, fluorescent bulbs, etc. can be dangerous alone or when mixed together.

To celebrate this awareness week, the Brown County HHW Facility will hold special collection hours during the week:

Monday, October 1st noon – 6 pm

Thursday, October 4th noon – 6 pm

Saturday, October 6th 8 am – 2 pm

Find out about alternatives to common household cleaners and garden chemicals. Learn about options for disposing of leftover paint.



The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located at 2561 S. Broadway. Collection hours Thursdays, Noon - 6 pm Saturdays, 8 am - 2 pm Go to our website www.BrownCountyRecycling.org.

Businesses and farms require an appointment. For more information call (920) 492-4950.

While there is a small fee for latex paint disposal as well as computer and electronic recycling, there is no charge for Brown County residents to properly dispose of other types of hazardous waste.

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RECYCLING CORNER

Now that the school year has begun, it's time to get your child's school fully involved in recycling. Crazy Crayons, through the National Crayon Recycle Program takes unwanted, rejected, and broken crayons and recycles them into new crayons!



See their website for more information

[http://www.crazycrayons.com/
recycle_program.html](http://www.crazycrayons.com/recycle_program.html)

Our Commercial Single Stream Recycling Contract is still available to any non-partner customer. While Brown County municipalities continue to get our best rate, the Commercial SSR Contract provides a \$5.00/ton bonus over the non-contract rate. If you are interested please contact us.

Did You Know?

You CAN recycle pizza boxes as long as they have not been contaminated with any food!



Looking for a place to dispose of polystyrene (Styrofoam) egg cartons?

Don't throw it in your recycling!! Return it to :

National Polystyrene Recycling Co.

720 S. Temescal St.
Corona CA 91719



Send 40 cartons at a time (approximately 1.5#) by U.S. Priority Mail (accepts up to 2#). Postage is extra.

Customer Appreciation Days

The Brown County Port & Solid Waste Department will be holding its first Customer Appreciation Days at our Solid Waste Transfer Station on Tuesday September 18 and at our Recycling Transfer Station on Wednesday September 19.

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Customer Appreciation Day

~ BURGERS ~ BRATS ~ CHIPS ~ SODA ~

Brown County Transfer Station – Tuesday, September 18th @ 10am until 2pm
3734 W. Mason Street, Hobart, WI 54155

Brown County Recycling Transfer Station – Wednesday, September 19th @
10am until 2 pm
2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304
Phone: 920-492-4950

Did You Know?

Out of every \$10 spent buying things, \$1 (10%) goes for packaging that is thrown away. Packaging represents about 65% of household trash.