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DRUG DROP BOX UPGRADED

The Two Rivers Police Department has installed a new and improved drug drop box in the lobby located at 1717 East Park Street. The new drop box is available Monday through Friday between 8am and 4:30pm. When using this drop box or any other drop box or disposal event in Manitowoc County, make sure to follow the program guidelines.

Funds for the drop box came from a Rx disposal grant that the Manitowoc County Recycling Center receives to facilitate the proper collection and safe disposal of unwanted medications in Manitowoc County. Using this style of drug drop box, and having residents bring their old medications in a quart sized ziplock bag, helps to increase the efficiency and safety of the law officers that manage the drug drop boxes.

There are two reasons for the collection and proper disposal of medications. First, removing these drugs from your house can reduce the likelihood of family or guests using the prescriptions in a way that leads to addiction, continued use of illicit drugs, and accidental poisoning or overdoses. Second, these drugs should not be placed in the trash or flushed down the toilet since they cannot be removed by landfills, sewage treatment plants, or septic systems and are released into our water supplies.

Since 2006, Manitowoc County has offered annual programs for medication disposal. What started out as a one-day collection event in 2006 has now grown into 3 permanent drug drop boxes and 3 annual take back events.

Thanks to the efforts of the program supporters and participating residents, approximately 16,679 pounds of pills, patches, powders, and liquids have been collected since it started (not including the packaging).

When using this drug drop box, or any other drop box or drug collection event, it is very important to follow the guidelines. The guidelines are designed to keep the collections safe and efficient. Please check them before using since they are subject to change. The current guidelines are listed on page 2.



Mission Statement

To provide materials recycling and recovery services to the citizens of Manitowoc County and to keep the public informed about recycling issues.



Manitowoc County Recycling Center & Compost Sites

3000 Basswood Road, Manitowoc WI

920-683-4333

Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter



DRUG COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Participants should remove pills from the original container and put them in a "ziplock" style bag that is quart size or smaller. Pills can be mixed in one bag. Bring the bag to a law enforcement drug drop box or drug disposal event. Please review the guidelines and follow them.

Guidelines:

- Accepted drugs include prescriptions, over the counter, pet medications, controlled substances, and supplements.
- Place pills in a "ziplock" style bag that is quart size or less. Liquids, cremes, and powders can stay in the original container with caps tightened.
- Pill bottles and boxes are NOT accepted. Cross out your personal information and dispose of them, or recycle them, at home.
- Needles, sharps, mercury devices, chemical waste, electronic glucose monitors, non-medical inhalers, and personal care products like shampoo and cosmetics will NOT be accepted.
- Do NOT bring medications to drug disposal events before or after the listed times.
- Households only. Businesses should call 683-4333 for disposal information.
- **Practice safe storage by keeping medications in a secured location.**
- Practice reduction by consulting with your physician about your medication needs.
- Never share your prescriptions with another person.

YES**NO****PERMANENT DROP BOX LOCATIONS:**

- Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office: 1025 South 9th St, 8am-4:30pm M-F
- Manitowoc City Police Dept: 910 Jay St, Manitowoc, 7:30am-4:30pm M-F
- Two Rivers Police Dept: 1717 East Park St, Two Rivers, 8am-4:30pm M-F

NEXT DRUG DISPOSAL EVENTS:

- Thursday, September 12th: 2pm-4pm, Kiel Community Center, 510-3rd St. Kiel
- Thursday, October 17th: 8am-Noon, JE Hamilton House—Health Fair, 1520 17th Street, Two Rivers

COMPOST PRODUCTS

Wood mulch and compost are available at the Recycling Center Main Office during the posted office hours. Purchases must be made before loading. Note that the office hours are different than the drop off site hours. Loading is generally available Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm. Deliveries can also be set up within Manitowoc County. Call 920-683-4333 for more info.

**RECYCLING CENTER OFFICE**

3000 Basswood Rd, Manitowoc
 Mon-Fri 7am-4pm
 Sat 8am-Noon

SCREENED COMPOST PRICES

- 1 bushel: \$2.50
- 1 cubic yard: \$13.00
- 6 cubic yards including delivery: \$108.50

UNSCREENED COMPOST PRICES

- 1 bushel: \$0.50
- 1 cubic yard: \$1.50
- 6 cubic yards including delivery: \$39.50

WOOD MULCH

- 1 bushel: \$0.75
- 1 cubic yard: \$8.00
- 6 cubic yards including delivery: \$78.50

TIRE COLLECTION

The Manitowoc County Waste Tire Collection is open through October. Residents and businesses can drop off tires for a fee at the Manitowoc County Recycling Center during normal office hours. Please review the rates and guidelines before bringing tires.

The Manitowoc County Tire Collection started in 1998 and has collected approximately 3.55 million pounds of waste tires since it began. Waste tires can be reused in a number of beneficial ways. They can be shredded into rubber chips and used as artificial turf or as a groundcover in playgrounds. Tire rubber can be incorporated into asphalt roads, running tracks and used in other rubber products. Depending on what other materials are in the tires, they may also be used as tire derived fuel at permitted facilities.

The DNR estimates that Wisconsin produces 5 million waste tires per year. Tires have been banned from landfills since 1995 because they take up too much space and their bulky size makes them hard to keep buried. Unfortunately, tires have often been illegally dumped along roadways or in illegal stockpiles. Aside from looking like a mess this can cause problems. Water accumulated inside the tires becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. If tire piles catch fire they can release large amounts of pollutants into the air, water and soil.

Help reduce the amount of tires being used by taking proper care of the tires on your car. Following the scheduled rotation and maintaining proper air pressure can help get more use out of each tire. Fixing alignment problems early can also save tire wear and extend their life.

For more information call the Recycling Center at 920-683-4333 or visit Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter.



Fees and Guidelines

- Pay in the Recycling Center Main Office **before** dropping off tires
- \$4.00 per car tire or smaller (5 tires or less)
- \$5.50 per standard truck tire (5 tires or less)
- 14.5 cents per pound (\$290 per ton) for road tires including:
 - Quantities of 6 or more tires
 - Semi tires
 - Tires on rims
- 19.5 cents per pound (\$390 per ton) for off-road tires including:
 - Agricultural equipment tires
 - Mining equipment tires
 - Mixed loads containing off road tires
- Bring your waste tires during the listed times for the Main Office
- Cash or check only.
- Collection employees reserve the right to judge, based on tire size and quantity, whether a customer is charged on a per tire basis or by tire weight.
- Residents and businesses with dump truck loads or larger quantities of tires must call the Recycling Center before coming
- Rubber products that are not tires are not accepted

Waste Tire Collection

Location & Hours:

3000 Basswood Road
Manitowoc

Monday—Friday
7am—4pm
Saturday
8am—Noon

Tires Accepted:

Car
Truck
Semi
Tractor
Motorcycle
ATV
Bicycle

***Rubber products
that are not tires
are not accepted.**



HOME COMPOSTING

Gardeners and homeowners, turn your household food scraps into rich compost for your garden or plants. Mix kitchen scraps and grass clipping with leaves and turn the pile occasionally until it breaks down. Not only does home composting provide excellent compost, but you can reduce the amount of materials going into your garbage. Large, 13-cubic foot compost bins with locking lids are available at the Recycling Center for only \$60.00 (tax included).

Stop by the Recycling Center at any time during normal business hours and take a look at our floor model. Educational resources for home composting are available as well.

CLEAN SWEEP RESULTS

The Manitowoc County Department of Public Works and Manitowoc County Recycling Center would like to thank all the participants and volunteers of the Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep program.

This year the collection had 517 households, 15 farms, and 15 businesses participate and collected a total of 41,493 pounds of hazardous waste. Households turned in 27,822 pounds of hazardous chemicals. Farms turned in 5,122 pounds. Most of the items turned in were old oil based paints and solvents, though a significant amount of pesticides were also dropped off. Since the Clean Sweep started in 1985, households and farms have turned in 1,045,922 pounds of unwanted chemicals! All of the collected items are properly recycled, neutralized or disposed of at special disposal sites or hazardous waste incinerators that render the materials harmless.

The business portion of Clean Sweep served 15 local businesses who qualified as "Very Small Quantity Generators" under the program. These businesses brought in 8,549 pounds of hazardous waste. Businesses are offered a substantial discount when they bring their materials to the Clean Sweep event.

Many cleansers, home improvement products, automotive products and pesticides can be dangerous when stored or disposed of improperly. They can contaminate the soil, water, and air when spilt or illegally dumped. Improperly stored items could be involved in accidental poisonings of children and pets. The Clean Sweep Program provides an opportunity for households and farms to safely dispose of these materials for free and for eligible businesses to save on their disposal costs.

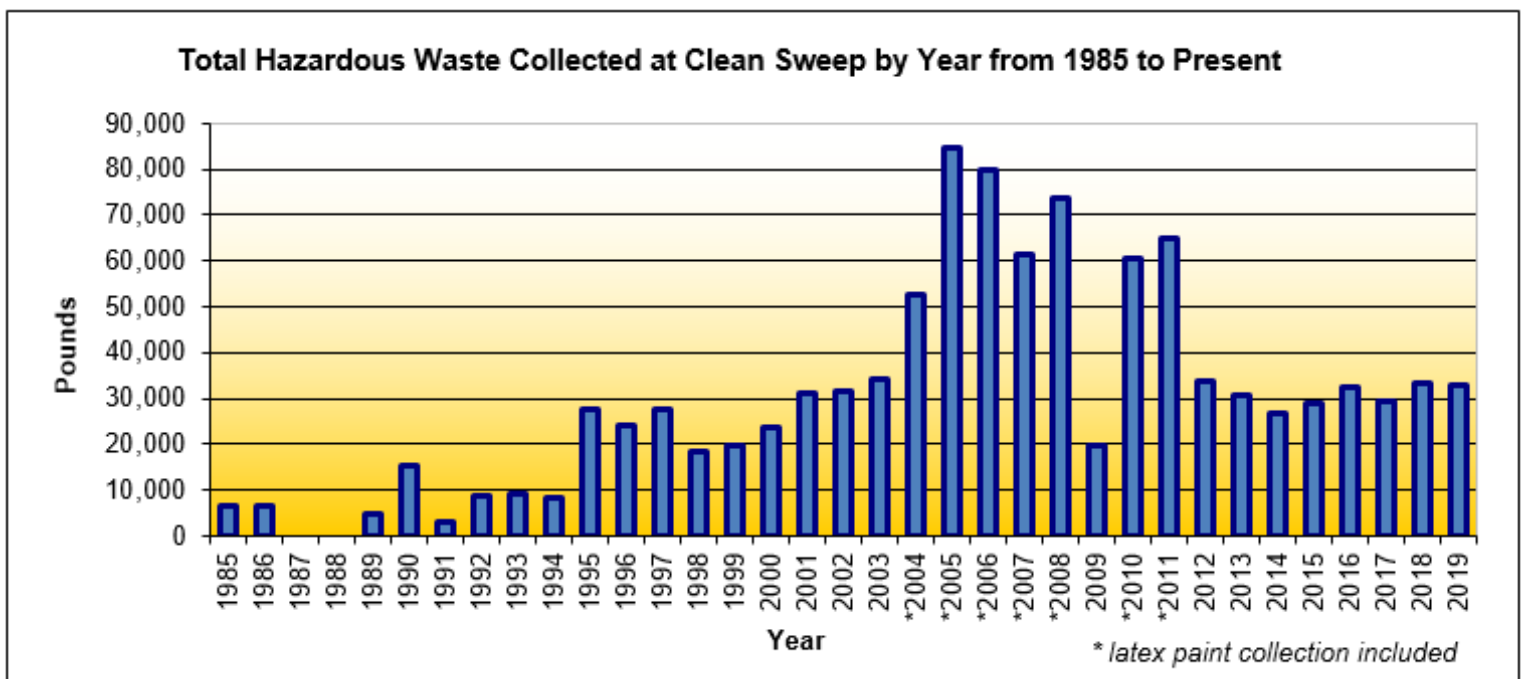
When shopping for household hazardous waste items, keep in mind that reduction is your first choice. Before you even buy an item read the labels, then choose safer alternatives and buy the smallest amount needed for the job. Once you have bought the product: follow directions for safe use, store it properly in the original container, share what you can't use, and dispose of leftovers properly.

Clean Sweep is an annual collection typically held in mid-May. It is made possible partly through grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, a donation from the Ridgeview Landfill and volunteer labor. The Manitowoc County Recycling Center has a number of programs throughout the year that you can use to help our environment and clean up at home including Composting and Drug Disposal programs, an ongoing Electronics Collection, a Tire Collection as well as the Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep Program.

To learn more about these and other programs visit Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter.



2019 Hazardous Waste	
Category	Pounds
Pesticides/Poisons	5,516
Lead/Oil Based Paint	7,825
Caustics/Corrosives	570
Reactives	22
Solvents/Thinners	5,250
Waste Oil	4,200
PCBs	30
Aerosol Cans	2,057
Mercury	27
Dioxins	18
Other	2,307
Agricultural	5,122
VSGQ Business	8,549
TOTAL POUNDS	41,493



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center has an ongoing electronics collection program. A variety of electronics are accepted including televisions, computer equipment, kitchen gadgets, electric tools. Items that are not accepted include Freon containing appliances like air conditioners, dehumidifiers, or refrigerators, as well as bulky appliances like stoves or dryers.

Many electronics contain hazardous materials that enter the environment if disposed of improperly. Dumping or burning them can allow heavy metals and toxic compounds to infiltrate into the soil, air, and water. Heavy metals such as lead and mercury can leach out of electronic devices and can contribute to health problems in humans and wildlife. Electronics recycling helps prevent pollution, recover raw materials, conserve landfill space, and creates jobs.

Wisconsin's Electronic Recycling Law bans certain consumer electronic devices from landfills and incinerators and established a collection and recycling system in Wisconsin for households and K-12 public schools.

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center is registered with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) as a certified electronics collector. This means that ALL the electronics recycled through our program are sent to reputable recycling companies who guarantee the confidential destruction of any personal data remaining on your electronics, recycle or reuse all of the materials they receive, and are registered with the Environmental Protection Agency and WDNR.

Televisions and monitors are measured diagonally across the glass portion of the screen. Televisions and monitors must not be broken or stripped. Due to the increased health and safety issues associated with handling, storing, and transporting stripped electronics or broken televisions, these items may be refused or assessed an extra fee depending on the situation.

Visit Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter or call the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 683-4333 for more info.



Item	Fee
Flat panel TV or monitor—Small (less than 27")	\$10 each
Flat panel TV— Large (27" or more)	\$20 each
Microwave	\$10 each
CRT TV or monitor—Small (less than 24")	\$15 each
CRT TV—Medium (24" or more up to 36")	\$25 each
CRT TV—Large (more than 36")	\$35 each
Computer Processor	\$10 each
Other Electronics (includes: laptops, stereos, vcr/dvd, printers, scanners, cameras, and many other electric appliances)	\$0.25 per lb
Cell Phones	Free
Single Use Batteries (alkaline, lithium, button batteries sorted by type)	\$1.20 per lb
Rechargeable Batteries	Free

LAMP RECYCLING

Light bulb recycling is one of the services provided by the Manitowoc County Recycling Center's ongoing electronics collection program. Some lamps, including fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs and high intensity discharge bulbs, contain small amounts of mercury that can be harmful to human health and the environment when they are disposed of in the trash. Even incandescent bulbs contain lead, which is also a toxic metal. All the materials in these bulbs can be recycled. During 2017 the Recycling Center collected approximately 13,932 bulbs and 2,325 pounds of light ballasts from residents and businesses. Once received, the bulbs are carefully packaged for shipping to a specialized recycling facility where hazardous materials are safely removed. All the materials in these bulbs can be recycled without generating any waste. Even the hazardous materials, like mercury, can be recovered and reused.

Bring your burnt out light bulbs and ballasts to main office at the Manitowoc County Recycling Center. When transporting large amounts of fluorescent tubes secure them in boxes or by taping them together in manageable bundles using an easy release masking or painters tape (no duct tape).



Item	Fee
4 ft. Fluorescent Light Bulbs*	\$0.40 each
8 ft. Fluorescent Light Bulbs*	\$0.50 each
Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs*	\$0.40 each
High Intensity Discharge (HID) Light Bulbs (Including Sodium, Metal Halides, & Mercury Vapor)*	\$1.35 each
Incandescent, Flood and Spot Light Bulbs*	\$0.30 each
LED Bulbs*	\$2.60 each
Ballasts (non-PCB)	\$0.55 per lb
Ballasts (PCB)	\$0.93 per lb

*There will be an additional charge for any broken light bulbs.

**Do not use duct tape to bundle fluorescent lamps together, use an easy-release tape like painters tape or masking tape.

RECYCLING DEPOT

The Manitowoc Recycling Center maintains a residential drop off area at the Recycling Center Main office located at 3000 Basswood Road. It is open Monday-Friday from 7am to 4pm, and Saturday from 8am to Noon. This site is intended for use by all county residents. There is no trash or garbage drop off at this location. Contact a local hauler or the Ridgeview Landfill for disposal of trash. Different municipal drop off sites may be more accessible to you depending on the city, township or village you are from.

General Drop Site Guidelines

- Place your recyclables in the bunker or receptacle labeled for that material.
- Remove any plastic bags or strings and take them home with you to place in your trash.
- Do not place nonacceptable items in the bunkers or receptacles.
- Do not place materials outside receptacles on the ground.
- Large loads of cardboard, paper or plastic can be placed on appropriate pile on the tipping floor.
- Use caution driving through the drop site and on the tipping floor.



The recycling and compost areas are monitored for illegal dumping, littering, and other issues. Please follow all posted guidelines.

Paper

Includes newspapers, junk mail, magazines, computer paper, books with metal or plastic binding removed etc.. Paper should be clean and dry. No paper contaminated with food or oil. No paper coated with foil, plastic or heavy glue. No plastic/foil wrapping paper.



Plastic

Check for a neck. **We only accept #1 and #2 bottles and jars.** Remove the caps, rinse and flatten. No tub shaped containers or bottles that contained oil or pesticide (even if rinsed). No plastic wraps, films, bags, trays, pails, packaging peanuts, Styrofoam, or any other non bottle shaped item. Please do not tie milk jugs together or tie in plastic bags.



Glass Bottles

Any color glass bottle or jar can be recycled. Put into designated bunker. Remove lids or caps and rinse. No window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, clay, ceramics, drinking glasses or ovenware.



Cartons

Cartons include shelf stable and refrigerated containers for wine, milk, juice, cream, soy milk, soup, and egg substitutes. Drop off cartons with the with the plastic bottles. They should be emptied and flattened.



Cardboard

Should be clean and flattened. No soiled cardboard or cardboard coated with wax, tin, or plastic.



Cans

Tin, steel, and aluminum cans. Coated cans, foil, and pie tins are ok. Empty and rinse out food residue.



ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER REQUEST

Are you interested in receiving current updates recycling programs in Manitowoc County? Join our electronic mailing list to receive our quarterly newsletter. Either call us at 920-683-4333 or email jonreisenbuechler@co.manitowoc.wi.us and request to be added to our email distribution list. The recycling center will not give away or sell your information. You will receive our quarterly newsletter detailing news and information about the recycling center and related events.

SCRAP METAL DUMPSTER

The Recycling Depot now has a scrap metal dumpster available for your convenience. It is for clean scrap metal only, including steel, iron, copper, sheet/cast aluminum, tin, and mixed metals. Please remove excessive non-metal components.

- NO propane (or other) tanks
- NO electronics or appliances
- NO batteries or lamps
- NO garbage, plastic, wood, or rubber
- NO chemicals, gas, oil, or other hazardous wastes.



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