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The Quarterly Newsletter of the Manitowoc County Recycling Center



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#### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Due to the COVID-19 issue and in line with CDC and State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services guidelines to limit community-spread of the virus, the Manitowoc County Recycling Center has suspended or modified many services. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and assure you it was done to protect our staff and customers, and ensure continuation of our basic services, which is processing recyclables and yard materials.

### COVID-19



The main office will be closed to everyone except commercial and municipal haulers until direction is given that it is safe to re-open. Businesses that self haul recyclables can still utilize our truck scale and tipping floor.

The recycling depot will remain open at this time. Please follow the posted guidelines and proper social distancing. Please note that we do not sanitize any recycling container lids or openings so please use proper precautions. Recycling contamination is still an issue so please follow the guidelines listed on page 5. The site is under surveillance and illegal dumping or excessive contamination may result in legal action.

The compost sites will remain open during their normal hours for drop off of yard materials. Please maintain proper social distancing when using the compost sites. Compost sales at the main office have been suspended. Unsifted compost is available for free but you must self load and bring your own shovel. The pile is clearly labeled and is located on the south side of the Basswood drop off area. Deliveries can still be arranged by calling the front office at 920-683-4333. Please be patient as delivery wait times can be significant and may be delayed due to driver shortages, weather conditions, material availability, and equipment repairs.

Tire recycling and electronics recycling has been suspended for all front desk sales. Haulers, municipalities and businesses that have charge accounts set up can call 920-683-4333 and schedule a time to drop off significant loads of tires or electronics. Protocols for safe handling will be given when the appointment is made.

The April 16th drug collection event at the Manitowoc Senior Center has been cancelled. While drop boxes located at local law enforcement offices may be open it is expected that they may modify their procedures as they see fit.

The May 15 and 16 Clean Sweep is tentative. If it is cancelled, alternative dates have been arranged for October 23 and 24. Guidelines have been modified to increase safety for workers, participants must remain in their vehicles and materials placed in the trunk or back of the car. Gas cans, totes, and other containers will not be returned.

With many people spending an increased time at home and making the most of it by cleaning and organizing, there has been an increase in recycling center traffic. This is not ideal at a time when we are facing decreased staff and increased safety measures. It is great that you want to recycle your items, but if you find that the service you need to do so has been suspended then please hold onto them until the covid-19 precautions are eased. Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time. If you have questions or concerns please call our main office at 920-683-4333.

#### Mission Statement

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

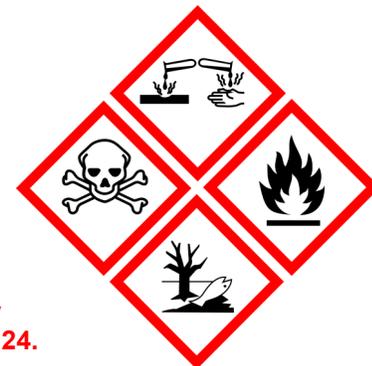


**Manitowoc County Recycling Center & Compost Sites**  
3000 Basswood Road, Manitowoc WI  
920-683-4333  
[Manitowocounty.com/recyclingcenter](http://Manitowocounty.com/recyclingcenter)



# Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep

Many common items like automotive products, household cleaners, pesticides, and home improvement products are hazardous when used, stored, or disposed of improperly. Look for items that contain the following on their labels: **Danger, Warning, Caution, Poison, Combustible, Flammable, Corrosive, and Toxic.**



Thanks to our participants and volunteers, since our collection started in 1985, we have collected 1,045,922 pounds of unwanted chemicals.

**Due to Covid-19 precautions, please consider these dates tentative. If the event is officially cancelled, a notice will be put out and an alternative collection will be held October 23 and 24.**

**Manitowoc County Highway Shop  
3500 HWY 310**

**Residents**

Saturday, **May 16**, 9am - Noon

**Farms and Businesses**

Friday, **May 15**, 2pm - 4pm

Pre-registration is required by May 8

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

- Pesticides and poisons
- Oil and lead based paints
- Wood preservatives
- Solvents
- Aerosols
- Cleansers and polishes
- Contaminated oil
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline
- Mercury and mercury containing devices
- Pool chemicals

Disposal or recycling options exist for many unacceptable items. Contact the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 920-683-4333 or visit

[Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter](http://Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter)

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

- **LATEX PAINT\***
- Explosives such as ammunition
- Radioactive materials such as smoke detectors
- Compressed gas tanks such as fire extinguishers and propane tanks
- Unknown chemicals
- Tires
- Infectious and biological waste including sharps
- Light bulbs and batteries
- TVs and electronics
- Appliances
- Freon gases
- Pharmaceuticals



\*Residents are encouraged to dispose of latex paint in their trash. Just take the lid off and let it dry or add paint hardener or cat litter. Once hard, latex paint can be disposed of in the trash.

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 to safely dispose of these materials for free and for eligible businesses to save on their disposal costs.

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 Manitowoc County Clean Sweep is part of a regional partnership with Sheboygan and Fond du Lac County. It is possible partly through grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, a donation from the Ridgeview Landfill and volunteer labor. If you are interested in contributing to the Clean Sweep program contact the Recycling Center at 920-683-4333.

**REDUCTION IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE!**

**Before you buy:**

- Read the labels
- Choose safer alternatives
- Buy the smallest amount needed for the job

**After you buy:**

- Follow directions for safe use
- Store properly in the original container
- Share what you can't use
- Dispose of leftovers properly

**GUIDELINES**

- Household and farms may dispose of acceptable hazardous waste items at no cost.
- Participants must be residents of Manitowoc County.
- Wastes must be brought in the original containers. Keep materials separate. Do NOT mix chemicals.
- To prepare materials for transport, line a cardboard box with a plastic bag, place them in the box and separate with cardboard.
- Place items in your trunk or the back of your vehicle.
- Gas cans, totes, and other containers will not be returned.
- When arriving at the Clean Sweep site, slow down and follow traffic directions.
- Remain in your vehicle at all times.
- Do not come before or after the listed times.
- Farms and businesses must register by May 8, 2020. Call 920-683-4333.

**Program Sponsors:** Manitowoc County Solid Waste Dept., Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Waste Management Inc., Ascend Services Inc., and Manitowoc County UW Extension.

## TIRE COLLECTION

The Manitowoc County Waste Tire Collection is open through October. However, due to Covid-19 precautions we have suspended all sales at our main office until further notice. We understand that people may still have a need to recycle their tires and have modified our collection to handle some of them.

Haulers, municipalities, and businesses that have charge accounts set up can call 920-683-4333 and schedule a time to drop off significant loads of tires. Residents with significant loads of tires can call the recycling center to be screened. If they qualify, they can be scheduled a time and be handled similarly to businesses.

We are discouraging people from bringing in small amounts of tires at this time. Please hold onto these until the Covid-19 precautions are relaxed.

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 [Manitowocounty.com/recyclingcenter](http://Manitowocounty.com/recyclingcenter).

## Fees and Guidelines

- Municipalities, businesses, and farms must schedule an appointment to bring tires in.
- Residents with large loads of tires will be screened and scheduled a time if they qualify.
- Loads of less than 6 car or truck tires are discouraged at this time.
- 17 cents per pound (\$340 per ton) for road tires including:
  - Quantities of 6 or more tires
  - Semi tires
  - Tires on rims
- 22 cents per pound (\$440 per ton) for off-road tires including:
  - Agricultural equipment tires
  - Mining equipment tires
  - Mixed loads containing off road tires
- You will not be permitted into the main office. All communications will be handled through phone or the scale intercom.
- Weight tickets will be mailed, faxed or emailed on request.
- Rubber products that are not tires are not accepted

## **Waste Tire Collection**

### **Location & Hours:**

3000 Basswood Road  
Manitowoc

Monday—Friday  
7am—4pm

### **Tires Accepted:**

Car  
Truck  
Semi  
Tractor  
Motorcycle  
ATV  
Bicycle

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

## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The Manitowoc County Expo, Recycling Center, and Public Works department is seeking to hire four seasonal grounds keeper positions and a recycling center intern beginning May or June and working through August 31. The position is full-time but would consider part-time employees. If interested, please contact the Expo Office at 920-683-4378.

## DRUG DISPOSAL PROGRAM

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. Recycle or dispose of the empty pill bottles and boxes at home. Liquids, creams, and powders stay in their original container with the caps tightened.

### 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



### DRUG DISPOSAL EVENTS:

**-Cancelled due to Covid-19 precautions** April 16: 10am-Noon, Manitowoc Senior Center-TRIAD Presentation, 3330 Custer Street, Manitowoc  
-October 15: 8am-Noon, JE Hamilton House—Health Fair, 1520 17th Street, Two Rivers

### PERMANENT DROP BOX LOCATIONS:

- Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office: 1025 South 9<sup>th</sup> St, 8am-3:30pm 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
- Mishicot Village Hall: 511 East Main Street, Mishicot, WI, open during [Village Hall](#) hours

### COMPOST SITE SPRING UPDATE

Beginning April 1st the Basswood Road and Woodland Drive Compost Sites will have new hours. The Basswood Site yard material drop off area will be open Monday-Friday, 7am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am until 6pm. The Basswood Site is located at 3000 Basswood Road in Manitowoc. The Woodland Site, located at 4191 Woodland Drive in Two Rivers, will be open Monday-Friday, 10am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am until 6pm.

Due to the Covid-19 precautions, the Recycling Center Main Office will not be open on Saturdays until direction is given that it is safe to reopen.

When using the compost sites please maintain proper social distancing and follow the posted guidelines. Remove items from plastic bags. Take your empty plastic bags home with you to dispose of in your garbage or reuse. Acceptable items for the compost pile include leaves, grass, garden waste, fruits, vegetables, weeds, flowers, woodchips, sawdust from untreated wood, and sod that has had the soil removed. Acceptable items for the brush pile include brush, branches and trees cut less than 6 inches in diameter and 5 feet long.

Items that are NOT ACCEPTED include soil, sand, rock, ashes, animal waste and lumber. Leaving these items at either compost site is considered illegal dumping.

Wood Mulch and Screened Compost sales at the front desk have been suspended due to the Covid-19 precautions. Unscreened compost is still available for free but you must shovel your own. Deliveries can still be arranged by calling the Main Office at 920-683-4333 and payments can be mailed in. Deliveries are made in the order they are received and can be delayed by weather conditions, material availability, staff shortages, or equipment repairs.

Deliveries of less than 6 cubic yards can be made for all compost products. They will cost the price of the material plus our standard delivery fee of \$30.50.

### SCREENED COMPOST PRICES

- 1 cubic yard: \$13.00
- 6 cubic yards including Delivery Charge: \$108.50

### UNSCREENED COMPOST PRICES

- 1 cubic yard: \$1.50
- 6 cubic yards including Delivery Charge: \$39.50

### WOOD MULCH PRICES

- 1 cubic yard: \$8.00
- 6 cubic yards including Delivery Charge: \$78.50



## 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.
- Due to Covid-19 please practice social distancing and other precautions at the recycling depot.



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 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.



The Manitowoc County Recycling Center is operated by Ascend Services Inc. Formerly Holiday House of Manitowoc Inc.



The Manitowoc County Recycling Center is a business unit of the Manitowoc County Department of Public Works and is operated in partnership with the Manitowoc County Expo Center.

