

Public Works Department: Recycling Center

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Waste Tire Collection

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center has expanded the annual tire collection to run from the start of April through the end of October. Previous tire collections were limited to 2 weeks in September but recent facility changes have allowed us to accept them seasonally. This should provide a more convenient service for our community. Be sure to check for current rates and guidelines.

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 shred 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 <u>Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter</u>.

Manitowoc County Recycling Center Waste Tire Collection 2018

3000 Basswood Road, Manitowoc WI April through October Monday – Friday 7am to 4pm, Saturday 8am to Noon

Fees & Guidelines

- \$4.00—per car tire or smaller (5 tires or less)
- \$5.50—per standard truck tire (5 tires or less)
- 14 cents per pound (\$280 per ton) for:
 - Quantities of 6 or more tires
 - o Semi tires
 - o Tractor tires
 - Tires on rims
- Pay in the Recycling Center Main Office <u>before</u> dropping off tires.
- Bring your waste tires to the Manitowoc County Recycling Center during normal office hours.
- 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 load or larger quantities of tires should call the Recycling Center before coming.



Car Truck Semi Tractor Motorcycle ATV Bicycle

