



Public Works Department: Recycling Center

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AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

Recycling is one of the easiest things that we can all do to improve our communities, conserve natural resources and create green jobs.

America Recycles Day is a nationally recognized day designed to build awareness of recycling and its benefits and to encourage people to recycle correctly and buy recycled products. By recycling, you can help reduce emissions of greenhouse gas and water pollution, save energy, supply valuable manufacturing materials, create jobs, and reduce the need for new landfills. People can easily participate by making an effort to learn about the recycling programs in their community. Visit the Manitowoc County Recycling Center website at Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter to learn more about local recycling and disposal options. Or try www.recyclemorewisconsin.org for information about recycling issues and guidelines throughout Wisconsin. If you want to do more, then make an effort to buy green products that contain recycled content or purchase products that can be easily recycled in your community. You could even take a recycling pledge on the America Recycles Day website at <http://americarecyclesday.org> to show your support for recycling.



Manitowoc County has demonstrated a very proactive approach towards recycling. In the early 90's approximately 58,000 Tons of solid waste per year were landfilled from Manitowoc County. That number has been reduced to about 30,000 per year because of the recycling and waste reduction efforts. In 2017 there was 5.75 million pounds of paper and cardboard and 531,000 pounds of plastic bottles recycled at the local recycling center. Despite these impressive numbers, there is still room to improve. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that Americans recycled 63% of their paper and cardboard in 2010. The National Association for PET Container Resources estimated that just 29% of the PET bottles were recycled in 2011.

There is an increasing need throughout the Nation to "Recycle Right". We would like to encourage everyone to review the recycling guidelines for their curbside program or local drop off site. Stick to the instructions! Just recycle what you are told tell you to recycle, contamination is a big issue, it always has been a big issue. When you put the wrong item in your recycling, it still goes to the landfill, it just makes more hassles along the way. Make sure you know the common items that can be recycled in your community. Contamination often happens when people assume they know what to recycle when in fact they are overlooking some important details.

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center would like to thank Manitowoc County residents and businesses for participating in recycling and special collection programs like the Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep, Drug Disposal Program, Waste Tire Collection, Electronics Collection and

the Compost Sites. By taking the time to learn about and use these programs and others, participants have helped improve our community, environment, and economics. Visit the Recycling Center at [Manitowocounty.com/recyclingcenter](https://www.manitowocounty.com/recyclingcenter) or call 920-683-4333 to learn more about these programs and help improve recycling Manitowoc County.