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The Quarterly Newsletter of the Manitowoc County Recycling Center & Compost Sites



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### LITHIUM BATTERY DISPOSAL

Lithium batteries are commonly found in many devices today including phones, tablets, laptops, drones, and many high tech toys. They typically carry a high capacity charge needed to meet the energy demands of the devices they power.

Do NOT place these batteries, or and devices that contain them, in your curbside recycling or any recycling center drop off bin.

These batteries can easily start fires when they become damaged by the equipment used to handle recyclables or trash. Damaged batteries can heat up and become an ignition source in large piles of paper, cardboard or plastic bottles.

Lithium batteries have been responsible for many fires in the solid waste and recycling industries, including fires in collection trucks, transfer stations, recycling centers and landfills. So what should you do? There are places that can collect and recycle unwanted lithium batteries for little to no charge. In fact, we can accept most rechargeable lithium batteries for free at our main office as part of our electronics recycling service, visit [manitowocountywi.gov/.../electronics-collection/](http://manitowocountywi.gov/.../electronics-collection/) or call the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 683-4333.



### HOME COMPOSTER

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.



### 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  
[Recycling.manitowocountywi.gov](http://Recycling.manitowocountywi.gov)



**COMPOST PRODUCTS**

Mulch and compost products 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.



**SCREENED COMPOST**

- 1 bushel: \$3.00
- 1 cubic yard: \$15.00

**UNSCREENED COMPOST**

- 1 bushel: \$1.00
- 1 cubic yard: \$3.00

**WOOD MULCH**

- 1 bushel: \$1.00
- 1 cubic yard: \$10.00

**SHREDDED LEAF MULCH**

- 1 bushel: \$1.00
- 1 cubic yard: \$10.00

**DELIVERY**

- Zone 1 (within 10mi) \$40.00
- Zone 2 (over 10mi) \$65.00

**PIRATES of the CARROTS & BEANS**

**\$30** Season Pass\*  
**\$6** Veteran's Admission & Senior Admission (60+)\*

*\*Does not include rides*

**\$10 General Admission Includes**

- UNLIMITED CARNIVAL RIDES
- SEA LION SHOWS
- MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT
- GRANDSTAND SHOWS
- MAGIC SHOWS
- PONY RIDES
- AG ADVENTURELAND
- PARKING

**CARNIVAL RIDE TIMES**

WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY: 1PM-5PM & 6PM-10PM  
 FRIDAY/SATURDAY: 1PM-5PM & 6PM-11PM  
 SUNDAY: 11AM-6PM

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**MANITOWOC County FAIR**

**Pirates of the Carrots & Beans**

**AUGUST 23-27**

**\$10 General Admission**

*General Admission Includes*

- UNLIMITED CARNIVAL RIDES,
- SEA LION SHOWS, GRANDSTAND SHOWS,
- MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

**ALSO INCLUDED:**

- Magic Shows, Pony Rides,
- AG Adventureland, Parking

LAMP 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 20221 the Recycling Center collected approximately 12,919 bulbs 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.

Bring your burnt out lamps 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 painter's tape (no duct tape).



Item	Fee
4 ft. Fluorescent Lamps	\$0.45 each
8 ft. Fluorescent Lamps	\$0.55 each
Compact Fluorescent Lamps	\$0.45 each
High Intensity Discharge (HID) Lamps <i>(Including Sodium, Metal Halides, &amp; Mercury Vapor)*</i>	\$1.40 each
Incandescent, Flood and Spot Light Lamps	\$0.35 each
LED Lamps	\$2.80 each
Fluorescent light fixtures (without bulbs)	\$9.00 each
Holiday lights <i>(string lights only, no lighted decorations)</i>	No charge
Ballasts (non-PCB)	\$0.55 per lb
Ballasts (PCB)	\$1.00 per lb

\*There will be an additional charge for any broken lamps.  
 \*\*Do not use duct tape to bundle fluorescent lamps together, use an easy-release tape like painter's tape or masking tape.

**SMOKE DETECTOR DISPOSAL**

Neither the Recycling Center or Clean Sweep Program accepts unwanted smoke detectors. Certain types of smoke alarms contain trace amounts of radiation. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that households return them to the manufacturer for proper disposal. Please contact the smoke detector manufacturer for instructions on proper disposal. Contact information should be available in the instruction manual, on their website, or on the back of the unit. Owners of unwanted Kidde smoke detectors can call 800-880-6788. Owners of First Alert and BRK smoke detectors should call 800-323-9005.

Residents who do not want to ship smoke detectors to manufacturers may dispose of them in the regular trash as they are not covered under current landfill bans.



**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, and electric tools. Items that cannot be accepted include Freon containing appliances like air conditioners, dehumidifiers, or refrigerators as well as bulky appliances like stoves, washers, or dryers.

It is important to recycle electronics for a number of reasons. They can contain hazardous materials that can 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 have the ability to leach out of electronic devices under certain conditions. These materials can cause a number of health problems in humans and wildlife. Electronics recycling helps recover reusable raw materials, conserves landfill space, and creates jobs.

Since 2010, Wisconsin's Electronic Recycling Law banned certain consumer electronic devices from landfills and incinerators and established a collection and recycling system in Wisconsin for households and K-12 public schools. Since then, the Recycling Center has recycled approximately 2.76 million pounds of unwanted electronics.

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center is registered with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 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 Association and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

All 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.



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)	\$1.25 per lb
Rechargeable Batteries (< 300 Watt Hours)	Free

**FREON CONTAINING APPLIANCES**

Many customers stop in asking what do do with their air conditioners, dehumidifiers or refrigerators. We do not accept these items because we are not licensed to handle or remove Freon. There are other places in the area that do though. Be sure to call ahead for guidelines and pricing. If you have unwanted Freon containing items consider taking them to one of the following places:

- Appliance Disposal, Manitowoc, 920-323-0493
- [Sadoff Iron & Metal](#), Manitowoc, 920-684-3388
- Langs Appliance Service, Manitowoc, 920-682-8091
- [Tisler Salvage Inc.](#), Reedsville, 920-864-7631
- [B & B Metals](#), Newton, 920-693-8261
- Salvage Battery and Lead, Mishicot, 920-755-4511



**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.

Clean Sweep is an annual collection event for hazardous waste items commonly found in households and farms, such as pesticides, solvents, cleaners, and oil based paints. Since it started in 1985, households and farms have turned in 1,185,447 pounds of unwanted chemicals.

This year the collection had 435 households, 12 farms, and 12 businesses participate and collected a total of 30,241 pounds of hazardous waste. Households turned in 20,929 pounds of hazardous chemicals. Farms turned in 6,338 pounds. Most of the items turned in were old oil based paints and solvents, though a significant amount of pesticides were also dropped off. The business portion of Clean Sweep served 12 local businesses who qualified as "Very Small Quantity Generators" under the program. These businesses brought in 2,974 pounds of hazardous waste. Businesses are offered a substantial discount when they bring their materials to the Clean Sweep event.

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.

Clean Sweep 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 [Recycling.manitowocountywi.gov](http://Recycling.manitowocountywi.gov).

2023 Hazardous Waste	
Catagory	Pounds
Pesticides/Poisons	4,954
Lead/Oil Based Paint	7,144
Caustics/Corrosives	708
Reactives	32
Solvents/Thinners	6,000
Waste Oil	0
PCBs	0
Aerosol Cans	1,713
Mercury	27
Dioxins	23
Other	328
Agricultural	6,338
VSGQ Business	2,974
<b>TOTAL POUNDS</b>	<b>30,241</b>



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@manitowoccountywi.gov](mailto:jonreisenbuechler@manitowoccountywi.gov) 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.

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