

MIRFTURF Summer 2011

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WASTE TIRE COLLECTION

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center will be holding the annual tire collection Sept 12 through Sept 24. This annual event has collected an estimated 2.34 million pounds of waste tires since it began in 1998.

Proper disposal of tires can help protect the environment and benefit human health and safety. The DNR estimates that Wisconsin produces 5 million waste tires a 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 are often illegally dumped along roadways or in illegal stockpiles. Aside from looking like a mess, this can cause environmental problems. Tires can pollute surface and groundwater and provide homes for rodents and breeding grounds for mosquitoes. If tires catch fire, they can also release large amounts of pollutants into the air, water and soil.

Waste tires can be reused in a number of ways. They can be shredded into rubber chips and used as an artificial turf or groundcover in playgrounds. Tire rubber can be incorporated into asphalt roads, running tracks and used in other rubber products. Current research may turn up new ways that recycled tires can be used. Tires may also be used as an alternative fuel source. When burned in specially designed incinerators the release of noxious smoke is controlled.

Before the wear bars on your tires even begin to show, you can help reduce the amount of tires being disposed of. Taking proper care of your tires can prolong the life of the tire. Following the scheduled rotation and maintaining proper air pressure can help you get more use out of them. Fixing alignment problems early can also save on tire wear.

WASTE TIRE COLLECTION

Manitowoc County residents and businesses can drop off their waste tires at the Manitowoc County Recycling Center.

Sept 12 through Sept 24

Fees (5 tires or less)

- \$1.50—per car tire or smaller
- \$2.50—per standard truck tire
- \$7.00—per semi truck tire
- \$12.00—per tractor tire

Quantities of 6 or more tires will be weighed and charged 9 cents per pound or \$180/ton.

- ◆ Tires with rims will be charged by the pound.
- ◆ Please register at Main Office before dropping off tires.
- ◆ Residents and businesses with large quantities of tires should call the Recycling Center.

For more information:
Call **920-683-4333** or visit
www.manitowocrecycles.org

Waste Tire Collection Location & Hours:

3000 Basswood Road
Manitowoc
Monday—Friday
7am—4pm
Saturday
8am—Noon



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

DRUG COLLECTION EVENTS

Do you have old medications that you need to dispose of? If so, help keep our communities safe and clean by participating in the Manitowoc County Drug Disposal Program.



Unused medications present public health and safety concerns for communities.

Medications may lay around a house for weeks or even years; this is often when medications are stolen from relatives and acquaintances. Stolen medications wind up on the illegal drug market where they are abused and have resulted in unintended poisonings as well as a number of overdoses in our community. Pharmaceutical chemicals can also show up in the water supply, this is largely due to the common practice of flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Jul 7 - 1pm-5pm, Manitowoc City Police Dept, 910 Jay St, Manitowoc
- ◆ Sept 1 - 1pm-5pm, Kiel Community Center, 510 Third St, Kiel

Acceptable Items

- ◆ prescription medications
- ◆ over the counter drugs
- ◆ pet medications
- ◆ controlled substances
- ◆ illegal drugs

Guidelines

- ◆ Needles and sharps will not be accepted
- ◆ Do not mix medications in the same container, keep them in the original container
- ◆ You may block out your name but keep the drug name visible
- ◆ Residents may participate for free

COMPOST BIN SALE

Gardeners and homeowners, turn your household food scraps into rich compost for your garden or plants. Not only does home composting provide excellent compost, but you can also save on your garbage disposal costs. Large, 13-cubic foot compost bins with locking lids are available at the Recycling Center for only: **\$50.00** (tax included)

Stop by the Recycling Center at any time During normal business hours and take a look at our floor model.



HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN SWEEP 2011 was a huge success! This collection had 889 households, farms and businesses turn in 66,577 pounds of materials. Most of the items turned in were old paints and pesticides though a significant amount of waste oil, solvents and corrosive substances were also dropped off. The Manitowoc County Department of Public Works and Manitowoc County Recycling Center would like to thank all the participants for attending this collection.

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. Eligible businesses are offered a significant discount for their materials during the event. Clean Sweep is an annual collection typically held in mid May.

The Manitowoc County Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep started in 1985. Since it began, households and farms have turned in approximately 790,700 pounds of material. The Manitowoc County Clean Sweep is part of a regional partnership with Sheboygan, Calumet and Fond du Lac Counties. 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 Recycling Center has a number of programs throughout the year that you can use to help our environment and clean up at home. To learn more about these and other programs log onto www.manitowocrecycles.org, call 920-683-4333, or visit the Recycling Center office at 3000 Basswood Road.

Household Hazardous Waste	
Item	Pounds
Latex Paint	25460
Lead/Oil Based Paint	18723
Waste Oil	7303
Pesticides/Poisons	4280
Solvents/Thinners	2445
Aerosol Cans	2758
Caustics/Corrosives	833
Reactives	61
PCBs	29
Other	4685
TOTAL POUNDS	66577



Flammable materials



Toxic



Corrosive

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The E-Cycle Free Electronics Collection that was held on June 14th at the Expo was a huge success. This event was attended by 524 households and 3 schools. Five semi trailers were packed full within 3 hours of the official start of the event. The line for this event was long, with the longest reported wait time being 1 hour and 15minutes. Despite the long wait, it took an average of 40 seconds to unload a vehicle.

All too often unwanted electronics are illegally dumped. Many are simply stockpiled in garages and basements. The Manitowoc County Recycling Center and Public Works Department would like to thank all those who participated in this event and the ongoing fee-based collection. Disposing of your electronics properly will help keep the hazardous materials found in common electronics out of our environment and also help recover and reuse the materials they are

made of. All the electronics collected through our programs are processed by DNR registered recyclers who guarantee environmentally and ethically friendly recycling and confidential destruction of personal electronic data.



If you have electronics and you missed this event you can bring them to the Recycling Center during the main office hours for a small fee. The lines will be much, much, shorter!

MANITOWOC COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER ELECTRONIC COLLECTION FEES

Guidelines

- ◆ Do not break bulbs, they should remain intact.
- ◆ It is advisable to tape the terminals of batteries for safety.
- ◆ Call ahead if bringing in large quantity or heavy items.

Fees

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Computer Monitors and Processors	\$10.00 each
TVs (<i>less than 27" diagonal</i>), Microwaves	\$10.00 each
TVs (<i>27" or more diagonal</i>)	\$20.00 each
Other Electronics	\$0.25 per pound
Batteries (<i>some limits apply</i>)	FREE
Ballasts—Non PCB	\$0.55 per pound
Ballasts—PCB	\$0.88 per pound
Fluorescent Bulbs—4ft & under	\$0.30 each
Fluorescent Bulbs—over 4ft	\$0.40 each
Compact Fluorescent Bulbs	\$0.30 each
Incandescent, Flood, and Spot Light Bulbs	\$0.20 each
High Intensity Discharge Bulbs	\$1.25 each

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FACEBOOK

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center is now on Facebook! Become a fan and check often for information on special collections and other Recycling Center events going on throughout the year. Also, keep up to date on various recycling issues across Wisconsin and around the nation. Go to www.manitowocrecycles.org and click the Like Box and become a fan today!



VOLUNTEERS are needed to staff the Recycling Center fair booth. The Manitowoc County Fair is from August 23rd to the 29th. Volunteers can sign up for 3 hour time slots throughout fair week by calling the Recycling Center Main Office at 683-4333. All volunteers will be given a one day workers pass good for general grounds admission during the day they volunteer (it does not include rides or grandstand events).

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Residential Drop Off

You can drop off the following materials for recycling:

Plastic Bottles, Tin and Aluminum Cans, Glass Bottles, Magazines, Newspaper, Cardboard, Paper and Scrap Metal. Please call the Recycling Center if you have questions regarding where to recycle other materials or visit www.manitowocrecycles.org for a complete list.



*The Manitowoc County Recycling Center is managed and operated by
Holiday House of Manitowoc County Inc. Serving people with disabilities
since 1957.*

**BE GREEN
AND SAVE US
SOME GOLD!**

Instead of receiving a mailed copy of the MRFTURF you can receive it by email as a PDF.

Email jonreisenbuechler@co.manitowoc.wi.us with your name, email, and mailing address so we can make the switch.

Thank you for your consideration!