

Polk County
Solid Waste Department
100 Polk Plaza #10
Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Polk County *Recycling Guide*

Polk County Recycling Center

1302 208th Street, Hwy 8

St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

(715) 483-1088 - Fax (715) 483-1088

www.co.polk.wi.us/recycling

Open: Monday - Thursday / 6:30am-4:30pm



SOLID WASTE DEPT.

100 • Polk Plaza #10

Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Phone: 715 - 485 - 9294

Fax: 715 - 485 - 9110



www.co.polk.wi.us/recycling

Recycling Ordinance

RECYCLING IS REQUIRED IN POLK COUNTY

Polk County Code - Chapter 3

Solid Waste Collection & Transportation

[Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Polk County by Ordinance Resolution 5-94]

Polk County Recycling Center

MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY RECYCLING CENTER

Located across from Menards on Hwy 8



Recycling Center Drop Off Hours

Monday - Thursday 6:30 am - 4:30 pm

Except

Memorial Day to Labor Day

Monday - Friday 6:30 am - 4:30 pm

Normal Recyclables Accepted

Commingled Fibers

See page 5 for guidelines.

Commingled Containers

See page 6 for guidelines.

Special Waste Items Accepted

Accepted year round for a FEE

(appliances, tires, fluorescent bulbs, electronics)

1

Q&A

What should I do with my old couch, recliner, carpeting, windows, construction/demolition materials, etc.?

Large and bulky items that won't fit in your normal trash should be taken to a transfer station or you can have a garbage hauler pick it up. Please use as a rule of thumb, no liquids are allowed in the garbage. Please refer to the Solid Waste Haulers/Recyclers list for the transfer station or hauler nearest to you (page 4). If you have a pickup or trailer, do your own hauling and you may save a substantial amount of money.



Can I recycle my aerosol cans?

Empty steel aerosol cans are okay to recycle, in fact, they're a great source of steel!

Cans should be empty of any contents and be sure to remove any plastic caps which can be placed with the trash.



If a new can cannot be recycled due to a nozzle malfunction, return the can to the original point of purchase or save them for a Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Program.

What about mattresses?

Mattresses are being recycled and sent to Evergreen Recycling in Rush City, MN where they are torn apart and recycled.

What about Eyeglasses?

An "eye-opening" opportunity exists for doing something positive with your old glasses. Lions Clubs collect eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries. Check with your local Lions Club or local eye clinic for collection points. They also collect hearing aids.



What about Plastic Bags?

Plastic bags cannot be recycled at the Polk County MRF. Ask your favorite supermarket, department or discount store to see if they recycle plastic bags.

What about asbestos?

The following are names and phone numbers of asbestos removal/testing services.

Health & Family Services

Central Office
Asbestos & Lead Section
(608) 261-6876

Troy Gansluckner

(715) 684-2914 ext. 132

Asbestos Removal Services

Frederic, WI
(888) 485-2488

FACTS ABOUT MERCURY

Mercury Thermometers & Thermostats are accepted at the MRF

One fever thermometer contains about 1/2 gram of mercury, enough to contaminate a 10-acre lake. A home thermostat contains about 3 grams of mercury. Every waterway in Wisconsin has been issued a Fish Consumption Advisory due to mercury contamination. Mercury is released into the environment by burning fossil fuels or when products containing mercury are landfilled, incinerated or released into water systems. Bacteria in lakes and rivers converts mercury to a more toxic form called methyl mercury, which is absorbed by plankton and fish and bio-accumulates through the food chain.

Battery Disposal Guide

Battery Type	Common Name	Size Available	Examples of Use	Disposal Method
Alkaline Manganese	Coppertop, Alkaline	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Flashlights, Calculators, Toys, Clocks, Smoke Alarms & Remote Controls	Place in trash
Button	Mercuric Oxide, Silver Oxide, Lithium, Alkaline, Zinc-Air	Sizes Vary	Watches, Hearing Aids, Toys, Greeting Cards, Remote Controls	Collected at MRF (Recycling Center)
Carbon Zinc	"Classic", Heavy Duty, General Purpose, All Purpose, Power Cell	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Flashlights, Calculators, Toys, Clocks, Smoke Alarms & Remote Controls	Place in trash
Lithium	Usually has "Lithium" label on the Battery	3V, 6V, 3V Button	Cameras, Calculators, Computer Memory Back Up	Collected at MRF (Recycling Center)
Nickel Cadmium (rechargeable)	Either Unlabeled or Labeled "Ni-Cd"	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Flashlights, Toys, Power Tools, Cell Phones, Computer Packs	Collected at MRF (Recycling Center)
Reusable Alkaline Manganese (rechargeable)	Renewal	AAA, AA, C, D	Flashlights, Calculators, Toys, Clocks, Radios, Remote Controls	Collected at MRF (Recycling Center)
Sealed Lead Acid (rechargeable)	"Gel", VRB, AGM, Cyclone, Dynasty, EI Power, Gates Volts: Lithonia, Saft, Panasonic, Yuasa	Multiples of 2 2V, 6V, 12V	Video Cameras, Power Tools, Wheelchairs, ATV's, Cameras, Metal Detectors, Clocks	Collected at MRF (Recycling Center)

Note: Several Pharmacies & Department Stores will take back used batteries at their photo department. Ask if your's does.

Alternatives to Mercury Items:

From	To
Thermometers	Digital
Thermostats	Digital
Dental Amalgam & Fillings	Ask dentist about other treatments
Auto Light Switches in Hood & Trunk	Ball bearing switches (about \$1)
Barometers	Alternate available
Manometer	Alternate available
Some Nasal Sprays, Ointments, Contact Lens Solutions	Read labels, avoid products with Thimerosal, phenylmercuric acetate, merbromium

Electronic Recycling Program

With the law that went into effect September 1, 2010, Polk County's Recycling and Solid Waste Department has worked to develop a program to better meet the needs of the public. The electronic items banned from landfills can be brought to the Polk County Recycling Center and recycled for a nominal fee. For reduced electronic recycling fees, see page 7.



Confidential Shredding

Keep your bills, files, customers' and clients' information confidential by contracting with Polk County Recycling Center's Paper Shredding service. At 10¢ per pound, paper is kept secure in a locked chamber and then shredded and recycled by trained staff. Contact the Recycling Center in St. Croix Falls for more information.

Medication Collection Program



The Polk County Sheriff's Department offers a permanent medication drop-off site in Balsam Lake at the Justice Center. The public is able to bring their unwanted or expired medications to the lobby of the Justice Center, and deposit them in the secure locked chamber 24 hours a day. This will reduce pollution of waterways and reduce medication abuse or potential poisoning.

Why Recycle?

Rigorous recycling efforts have kept nearly two million tons of material out of Wisconsin landfills and incinerators. At this rate, Wisconsin citizens could “save” landfill space equivalent to the size of an average municipal waste landfill every year and a half. But such efforts are saving the state more than landfill space; they also save a great deal of energy and other resources. For example, recycling one ton of aluminum saves the energy equivalent of 2,350 gallons of gasoline, or the total amount of electricity used by a typical Wisconsin home over 10 years. Recycling paper produces 73 percent less air pollution than does manufacturing paper from virgin materials, and recycling glass cuts down on mining wastes from glass manufacturing by 80 percent.

Recycling in Wisconsin does have a cost (state average of \$95 per ton), it’s about \$10 more than disposing of waste in landfills or incinerators (\$85 per ton). In addition, the recycling cost figure does not account for materials that communities no longer have to collect, like yard waste that’s managed at home, recyclables that are taken to buy-back centers, and wastes that are never generated because of waste reduction efforts. Nor does it include the significant value of resources saved through recycling. When you add it all up, recycling in Wisconsin more than pays for itself.

Recycling Participation In Wisconsin

Currently, every state resident has access to a community-recycling program, and fully 94% of Wisconsin households report participating in these programs and 93% feel that it is worthwhile. 58% of Wisconsin households recycle at least as much as they did two years ago, and 32% are recycling more now. Over half report composting yard waste and 73% leave grass clippings on their lawns.



Report Illegal Dumping Call: 715-635-4060

Polk County Paint Drop-Off Program

April 1 - September 15 • The Polk County Recycling Center



- DROP OFF OR PICK UP**
- Bring your excess paint and leave it or exchange it for another color of your choice
 - Employees of Polk County Recycling **MUST** inspect the paint before it is left.
 - Paint must be at least 1/3 full
 - Paint must be in original container
 - Paint must have readable label
 - Paint has to have been stored in warm area - not frozen



Products Accepted: Oil-based & latex paint, stripper, polishes, adhesives, tar, joint compound, thinners, brushes, and rollers.

PAINT NOT ACCEPTED

If it is already dried up and doesn't contain lead, mercury, or other toxic substances, toss it in the garbage. **Oil based or latex paints can be dried out and tossed in the garbage.** Empty paint cans can be recycled with tin cans. Save liquid paint for the Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Collection. **No Frozen Latex Paint.**

Suggestion: Purchase paint according to the quantity needed for a project. See if a friend, relative, neighbor, art class or theater group can use the unused portion.

PAINT DRYING TECHNIQUES

SMALL AMOUNTS: Remove lid and let paint dry in the can, stirring occasionally to speed drying. Or, brush paint in layers on newspaper or cardboard.

LARGE AMOUNTS: Pour one-inch layers of paint into plastic-lined cardboard box. Allow to dry one layer at a time - thin layers will speed up the process. Or, mix paint with cat litter, sawdust or sand in a plastic-lined cardboard box and let it dry.

SEPARATED LATEX PAINT: Pour the clear liquid on top into a plastic-lined cardboard box. Mix the liquid with an equal amount of cat litter or other absorbent and let it dry. Let the leftover paint in the bottom of the can dry out, using one of the above techniques.

Where to Recycle

These sites will have an attendant:

Items these locations will accept are: newspaper, magazines, tin, glass, corrugated cardboard, aluminum and plastic bottles #1 & #2

Polk County Recycling Center

Monday through Thursday (6:30 am to 4:30 pm)

Memorial Day to Labor Day

Monday through Friday (6:30 am to 4:30 pm)

Alden - Alden Town Hall

3rd Saturday (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)

Black Brook - Black Brook Town Hall

1st and 3rd Friday and Saturday (9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Clam Falls - East of Clam Falls Tavern

2nd and 4th Saturday (10:00 am to 2:00 pm)

Farmington - Town Hall Garage

Every Saturday (8:00 am to 4:00 pm)

Garfield - Wanderoos Town Hall

2nd and 4th Friday and Saturday (9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Georgetown - Georgetown Town Hall

2nd and 4th Friday and Saturday (9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Drop-off Box Locations Available 24 Hours

Amery - Parking lot of Cattail Trail (behind Amery Fire Department facility)

Balsam Lake - Upper level parking lot of Government Center

Clayton - Municipal parking lot behind downtown businesses

Cushing - Cushing Co-op Grain Department

Frederic - Village Shop on west end of Frederic

Luck - Village Shop on 3rd Avenue

Milltown - ~~Parking Lot by Holiday~~ **Community Center Parking Lot**

Osceola - Village Shop (Water Treatment Facility)

11

Solid Waste & Recycling Haulers

Waterman Sanitation

848 68th Ave

Amery, WI 54001

715-268-6471

Holdt Disposal

1837 260th Ave.

Luck, WI 54853

715-554-2780

Olson Sanitation

PO Box 327

Somerset, WI 54025

715-247-3440

Waste Management

2132 Oak Drive

Osceola, WI 54020

888-960-0008

Allied Waste

1207 West Knapp St.

Rice Lake, WI 54868

715-234-7744



Specialty Item - Propane Cylinders



Polk County Recycling Center

1302 208th St.

St. Croix Falls, WI

715-483-1088

Scrap Metal Dealers

L.A.D. Auto Crushing

580 200th/Cty Rd M

Osceola, WI 54020

715-294-3220

Friberg Sales

2957 State Rd 35 or

209 Industrial Way

Frederic, WI 54837

715-327-8349

Deer Lake Auto Salvage

St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

715-483-3388



Recycling Made Easier

2 Stream *Commingle* Recycling

FIBERS ONLY



NEWSPAPER & MAGAZINES

Inserts, catalogs, glossy flyers and paper.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Paper bags, cereal & cake boxes, manila envelopes, file folders

OFFICE PAPER

White/pastel paper and envelopes, scratch paper, computer paper, label sheets, paper ream covers, and post-its. Please put office paper in brown paper bag and tape shut.

PHONE BOOKS & ALL MAIL

Remove plastic credit cards.

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

Hard cover books, carbon paper, food wrappers, tissue paper, paper towels, detergent boxes, waxed milk or juice cartons, produce boxes, wrapping paper, styrofoam egg cartons and greenhouse boxes.

NO PLASTIC BAGS!

Plastic bags cannot be recycled at the Polk County MRF. Ask your favorite supermarket, department or discount store to see if they recycle plastic bags.

5

Polk County CLEAN SWEEP EVENTS

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER

At Recycling Center - Friday, August 8 & Saturday, August 9, 2014

Polk County Material Recovery Facility - Solid Waste Department/Recycling Center - 1302 208th St. • St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

- **Free of charge** to Polk County households and farms
- **Farmers and businesses/institutions must pre-register** by calling (715) 485-9294/(715) 483-1088
- **Call in advance** if you have **over 500 lbs.** of hazardous waste, **more than three drums** of hazardous waste, rusted **deteriorated containers** or **loose pesticides** needing to be containerized.

Home & Garden

Aerosol Cans (full)
DDT - Insecticides
Dioxins - Herbicides
Dry Cleaning Solvent
Fertilizer (with pesticides)
Fungicide
Furniture Polish
Insect Spray
Lye
Metal Polish (solvent-based)
Mothballs
Pesticides
Pool Chemicals
Poisons
Shoe Polish
Spot Remover
Stump Remover
Weed Killer

Garage & Workshop

Acetone
Artist's Paint & Media
Autobody Repair Products
Battery Acid
Car Wax, Solvent Based
Contact Cement
Driveway Sealer
Fiberglass Epoxy
Gasoline/Oil Mixtures
Gasoline & Other Fuels
Glue (solvent-based)
Joint Compound
Lead-based Paint
Lighter Fluid
Non-automotive Oils
Oil-based Paint
Paint Thinner
Paint Stripper
Parts Cleaner
Photographic Chemicals
Rust Remover
Shellac
Stain
Tar
Turpentine
Varnish
Wood Filler
Wood Preservative

Agriculture Chemicals

Fertilizer
Herbicide
Insecticide
Pesticide

Kitchen & Bathroom

Cleaners (solvent-based)
Disinfectants
Floor Care Products
Hair Remover
Nail Polish
Nail Polish Remover
Oven Cleaner

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Household Garbage
Explosives
Radioactive Materials
Medical Waste
Biological Wastes
Empty Pesticide Containers
Latex Paint

For more CLEAN SWEEP information, call the Polk County Solid Waste Department/Recycling Department at (715) 485-9294

SPECIAL WASTE ITEMS

Accepted at the Polk County Recycling Center at No Charge

WASTE OIL

Used motor oil, transmission and gear oil, hydraulic oil, #2 fuel oil, diesel fuel, kerosene, brake fluid, power steering fluid. **Do not mix oil with solvents, gasoline, or anything else!**



ANTIFREEZE

Do not put gas, oil, solvents or any other contaminant into the antifreeze drum.

Note: Service stations, auto dealerships & other businesses that service five or more vehicles per month are prohibited from using the oil filter & antifreeze program.

USED COOKING OIL

This material is being made into bio-diesel fuel.

WALL THERMOSTATS CONTAINING MERCURY

INK JET and TONER CARTRIDGES

Also check where toner is sold for recycling options.

SCRAP METAL

All metal should be free of plastic, wood, glass and rubber. Copper/brass/scrap aluminum are accepted (no automobiles). **Size of loads limited** to a pick-up size box full. Call in advance for scheduling deliveries of large size loads.



AUTO BATTERIES

Lead acid

BUTTON BATTERIES

From watches, hearing aids, greeting cards, toys, etc.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

From power tools, cell phones, toys, computers

CELL PHONES

Also check where cell phones are sold for recycling options.

CLOTHING, SHOES, TEXTILES

Recycled Wardrobes, 30365 Neal Avenue, Lindstrom, MN 651-257-8133

SHINGLES & COMPOST

Trial program for Shingles and compost material including leaves and lawn clippings can be dropped off at the recycling center. Please call for updated information.



CONTAINERS ONLY

All Containers Can be Placed Together



GLASS

(Bottles and jars only: clear, brown, green)

Rinse and remove caps (labels are ok), avoid breaking. **NO** window glass, ceramics, china, light bulbs, mirrors or glass cookware!

ALUMINUM CANS

(Food and beverage cans only) Rinse and flatten. **NO** aluminum siding, cookware, foil or foil pans. **NO** plastic bags!

TIN CANS

(Coffee, soup, vegetable cans, etc.) Rinse and flatten, if possible. Empty aerosol cans, steel lids and caps are ok **NO** clothes hangers, pans, cookware, or metal items. **NO** plastic bags!

PLASTICS

Polk County Only Accepts: (#1 & #2 plastic bottles)

(ie: milk jugs, pop & water bottles, peanut butter jars) Rinse, remove caps. Wide mouth containers are ok. **NO** cool whip tubs, ice cream pails, toys, plastic film, deli containers, plastic bags, food, styrofoam, 5 gallon pails, caps, lids, vinyl siding or plastics other than #1 or #2.

Note: There are many types of plastics. Check the bottom of the container for recycling number.

NO PLASTIC BAGS!

Plastic bags cannot be recycled at the Polk County MRF. Ask your favorite supermarket, department or discount store to see if they recycle plastic bags.

SPECIAL WASTE ITEMS

Accepted at the MRF Year Round For a Fee

Appliances/Electronics/Fluorescent Bulbs/Tires

Drop-Off Hours

Monday-Thursday 6:30 am - 4:30 pm
Except Memorial Day to Labor Day • Monday - Friday 6:30 am - 4:30 pm

RECYCLE APPLIANCES

FEE: \$16 UNLESS LISTED DIFFERENTLY

Refrigerators, Freezers (electric)
Microwaves, Washers, Dishwashers
Dryers, Ranges (electric or gas)
Humidifiers/Dehumidifiers
Furnaces, Water Heaters
Convection Ovens
Washer/Dryer Units
Microwave/Stove Units
Trash Compactors



Air Conditioners: \$30
Plastic Water Heaters: \$30
Water Softeners: \$25
Smaller Items: \$5

RECYCLE ELECTRONICS

Computers

Monitor: \$11
Printer: \$5
CPU: \$5
Mouse: Free
Keyboard: Free
Laptop: \$20
Misc. Computer Equipment: 40¢ /lb.
Copiers: 40¢ /lb.



Other Electronics

Televisions, VCR, etc.: 20¢ /lb.

RECYCLE BULBS

Fluorescent Bulbs

PACKAGE TO PREVENT BREAKING

4' and under: 75¢
5' and over: \$1
Compacts: 75¢
U Shaped & Circular: 75¢
Shattershield/Shielded Lamps (plastic coated): \$3.25
UV/Ultra Violet Bulbs: \$6.50
HID/High Intensity Discharge: \$3
(Mercury Vapor, Metal Halide, High Pressure Sodium
- 400 watt & 175 watt is common)
Ballast: \$3/lb.
Compact Fluorescent Bulbs: Return to one of the
following retailers for FREE disposal:
• Amery True Value • Balsam Lake Hardware Hank
• Clayton Hardware Hank, SCF
• Clear Lake True Value • Frederic Hardware



7

Commercial Appliances

\$1.50 PER CUBIC FOOT,
\$25 MINIMUM CHARGE

Commercial Air Conditioners: \$475
Commercial Water Heaters: \$65



Gas Ammonia Appliances

GAS AMMONIA REFRIGERATOR

Under 4' High (RV type): \$105
Over 4' High (RV type): \$185

Servel Type Owners: are eligible for rebate, contact the MRF for information on how to apply.

Note: Appliances that are not properly cleaned out will not be accepted.

Other Special Waste Items

Propane Cylinders: 4-40 lbs. \$7, 100 lbs. \$13
Mattresses & Box Springs: \$15

Return smoke detectors to:
First Alert Radioactive Waste Disposal
780 McClure Road
Aurora, IL 60504-2495
1-800-323-9005

Oil & Fuel Filters

50¢ /filter

A new law bans the disposal of used automotive oil filters and oil absorbent materials in landfills in Wisconsin as of January 1, 2011. The ban applies to individuals, including homeowners and farmers, as well as businesses, commercial or industrial facilities, non-profit organizations, churches, educational institutions and municipalities. An exemption allows disposal in a landfill of less than one gallon of oil absorbent materials that contain waste oil from a non-routine spill.



RECYCLE TIRES

Car & Pickup

15¢ /lb.

Tractor Tires

16¢ /lb.

Off Road Tires

30¢ /lb.

Car and Truck Tires on Rims

\$2.00/car and pickup rim plus 15¢ /lb.

Heavy Truck Rims

\$12.00 plus 15¢ /lb.



All prices are subject to change without notice!

8