



# Recycling and Waste Reduction

KEEPING MILWAUKEE CLEAN AND GREEN

Fall 2012

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TAKE THE *Pledge* & ENTER TO WIN!



Pledge to be a better recycler and you could win a compost bin! Make sure to enter "Fall Mailer" in the "How did you hear about us" box.

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## RECYCLING - Now it's even BETTER!



EASY SINGLE-SORT RECYCLING WITH MORE MATERIALS ACCEPTED!

Last year, Milwaukee introduced some exciting changes to its recycling program. New materials were added to the list of accepted items, and Single-Sort recycling brought with it easier sorting requirements, meaning that papers and cardboard no longer need to be kept separate from plastic, metal and glass containers. After just one sort from the trash, all recyclable materials may be mixed together in your cart.

Are you recycling all you can? Newly accepted materials include #4 and #5 plastic containers, bulky #2 plastics (such as crates and buckets), pots and pans, aluminum foil and baking pans, and cartons (aseptic and gable-top). For the complete list of accepted materials and more details, see inside!

Recycling makes it easy for everyone to pitch in and help to conserve natural resources, save landfill space and reduce pollution. It also supports hundreds of jobs here in Milwaukee and helps the city to save money. In 2011, residents' recycling efforts avoided approximately \$839,000 in landfill disposal costs and earned over \$1.8 million in revenue from the sale of recyclable materials! Overall, that meant a savings of

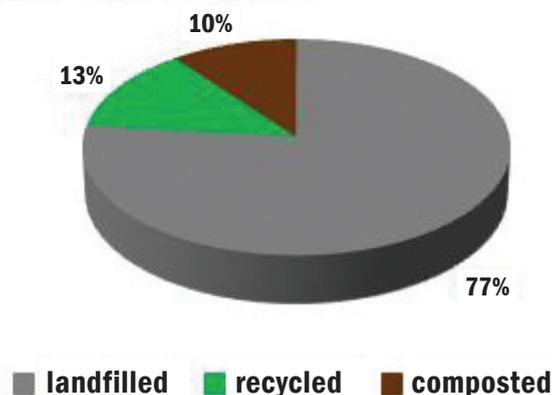
\$71 per ton for materials that were recycled rather than wasted in a landfill!

Thanks to easier, more convenient recycling and the continuation of our April through November guaranteed collection dates, we are recycling more than ever!

**In 2011, 22,837 tons** of residential recyclables were collected, which was **3.5% more than the previous year** on a pounds per household basis. For the second time in a row, the amount of recyclables collected in the city rose from the previous year – a feat that hadn't been achieved since 1997! **So far this year, recycling pounds per household are up by 5%!**

### Materials Managed by DPW All Sources, 2011

23% landfill diversion



## AUTOMATED collection

To increase efficiency and reduce costs, DPW is testing the use of fully-automated trucks for the collection of garbage and recycling in some neighborhoods. A mechanical arm allows the driver to retrieve and dump carts without ever leaving the truck. This system will provide more efficient service and reduce pollution through reduced truck idling and the use of cleaner fuel.





# NOW IT'S EVEN BETTER!

With **MORE** Recycling Materials Accepted!

Please Recycle:



- ✓ All plastics numbered ♻️♻️♻️
- ✓ Aluminum containers, foil & pans
- ✓ Bulky #2 plastics (eg. 5-gallon buckets)
- ✓ Cardboard & paperboard
- ✓ Cartons
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Metal pots & pans
- ✓ Mixed paper & junk mail
- ✓ Newspapers, magazines & catalogs
- ✓ Phone books
- ✓ Steel cans & empty aerosol cans



**PREPARATION GUIDELINES:** Please empty and rinse all recyclable containers. Place shredded paper in a clear plastic bag (tied-off) or a paper bag, stapled shut.

## UNACCEPTED ITEMS:



- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Ceramics or China
- ✗ Coat hangers
- ✗ Drinking glasses
- ✗ Food soiled paper (clean pizza boxes ok)
- ✗ Glass cookware/bake ware
- ✗ Household items such as toasters & microwaves, etc.
- ✗ Light bulbs
- ✗ Mirrors
- ✗ Needles & sharps, other medical waste
- ✗ Porcelain
- ✗ Plastic bag & film
- ✗ Plastic bottles that contained motor oil or antifreeze
- ✗ Plastic buckets with paint or other product residue
- ✗ Styrofoam or foam packaging material
- ✗ Trash
- ✗ Tissue & paper towels
- ✗ #3, 6, 7 or unmarked plastics
- ✗ Window or auto glass

Have Questions?

Call (414) 286-CITY (2489)  
[www.MilwaukeeRecycles.com](http://www.MilwaukeeRecycles.com)

## The DUKES of HAZARDOUS WASTE



\*\* MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY \*\*  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE MOBILE COLLECTIONS**

FRIDAY, OCT. 12 11am – 6pm  
 SATURDAY, OCT. 13 8am – 2pm  
 STATE FAIR PARK Gate 8 (off of S. 76th St.)

### YEAR-ROUND DROP-OFF POINTS

**MILWAUKEE**  
 CITY OF MILWAUKEE SELF HELP CENTER  
 3879 W. Lincoln Ave  
 TH, F, & SA: 7am – 3pm ONLY

**MENOMONEE FALLS**  
 VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
 W124 N9451 Boundary Rd (124th St)  
 M & W: 11am – 6pm  
 SA: 8am – 2pm

*Dispose of chemicals, batteries & more all year long!*



[www.mmsd.com/dukes](http://www.mmsd.com/dukes)



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Do not place hazardous waste in your garbage or recycling container. Take products like pesticides, paint, solvents and other potentially harmful chemicals to one of the Milwaukee Metropoli-

tan Sewerage District's HHW drop-off sites.

For HOURS, LOCATIONS, accepted items and maps, visit [www.mmsd.com/dukes](http://www.mmsd.com/dukes) or call (414) 225-2066.



# SHARPS

The U.S. EPA estimates that each year, individuals across the county use more than 3 billion needles, syringes and lancets, creating a lot of hazardous waste. **Never dispose of sharps in garbage or recycling carts!** This poses a significant health risk to sanitation workers or others who may come into contact with your garbage who could be stuck by contaminated needles. Improperly discarded sharps endanger children, adults and even pets.

Dispose of sharps by taking them to a registered sharps collection station. For more information including a list of collection stations, visit [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov) and search for “managing household medical sharps”, then choose the tab “Collection Stations”. You may also call the City of Milwaukee Health Department at (414) 286-3521 (TDD: 286-2025).



## Project Clean & GREEN

Each spring, Project Clean & Green provides the opportunity for residents to clean up, green up and beautify their homes and neighborhoods. The program is designed to foster neighborhood pride and ownership through coordinated clean ups, street and alley sweeping, graffiti removal and neighborhood beautification activities sponsored by community organizations.

Collection crews target one zone each week and collect extra items left at your collection point on your scheduled collection day. **During your Clean & Green week, place unwanted bulky items at your collection point on your scheduled garbage pick-up day.** After your Clean & Green week there is a charge for all bulky collections larger than the size of an easy chair.

To find your Project Clean & Green week, call (414) 286-CITY (2489) or visit [www.mpw.milwaukee.gov/services/garbage\\_day](http://www.mpw.milwaukee.gov/services/garbage_day) and enter your address.

### The following items may not be set out for collection:

- Appliances
- More than 5 tires
- Household Hazardous Waste (paint, oil, antifreeze, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs)
- Construction material (roofing, lumber, drywall)
- Excess brush (more than the size of a standard sofa)
- Computers & entertainment electronics

Log on to Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful at [www.kgmb.org](http://www.kgmb.org) or call (414) 272-5462 to register your neighborhood cleanup, get cleanup bags or to borrow a limited supply of clean up tools (rakes, shovels, brooms).

The City encourages residents to **GO GREEN by DONATING** unwanted items instead of sending them to the landfill. For more information on how and where to donate, call the phone number or visit the website above.

# DISPOSAL FACT SHEET

Questions about fees and restrictions?

Need to request service?

Visit [Milwaukee.gov/mpw](http://Milwaukee.gov/mpw) or call 286-CITY (2489)

Recycled =  Composted =  Landfilled = X	City Collection	Drop off: City Self-Help Centers 6660 North Industrial Rd. 3879 W Lincoln Ave.	Drop off: Hazardous Waste Disposal Facilities See <a href="http://mmsd.com">mmsd.com</a>	Other Alternatives/Notes
Aerosol cans (full)			X	Recycle empty cans
Anti-freeze (used)				
Appliances				Check yellow pages; donate
Ashes (double bagged)	X	X		
Asphalt roofing shingles				Fees and restrictions apply
Batteries, Auto				
Branches/Brush (up to 2 cubic yards)				Seasonal collection by request
Bug sprays			X	
Carpet & pad (residential)				Fees & restrictions apply
Christmas trees	X			
Cleaners: garage, auto or workshop			X	
Cleaners: household (Toxic)			X	
Construction debris	X	X		Call for restriction and fee info
Cooking oil (used)				
Dead animals				Call for pickup from public right of way
Electronics (including TVs, computers)				
Foam packaging	X	X		
Garbage	X	X		
Garden debris				Place on top of leaf piles Oct 1 - Nov 15
Glass, window	X	X		
Grass clippings				Leave on the lawn
Halloween pumpkins	X	X		
Leaves				Rake to street Oct 1 - Nov 15
Lightbulbs, fluorescent				<a href="http://www.focusonenergy.com">www.focusonenergy.com</a>
Microwaves				
Motor oil & filters (used)				
Needles, hypodermic (Sharps)				See “Sharps” to left
Paint (oil based)			X	Donate to charity
Paint (water based/latex; must dry out first)	X	X		Donate to charity
Pesticide containers (empty)	X	X		
Pesticide containers (full)			X	
Pet waste (double bagged)	X	X		
Propane or gas cylinders (empty)				Check yellow pages
Recyclables, household				See accepted materials on pg 2
Shoes (used)				Paired only, No high heels
Steel/Metal				
Thermometers (w/Mercury)			X	
Thermometers (no Mercury)	X	X		
Tires (5 max)				



# Self-Help CENTERS

The City of Milwaukee's Self-Help Centers provide Milwaukee residents with convenient drop-off locations to recycle and safely dispose of a long list of items. They are located at:

**NORTH SIDE:**  
6660 N Industrial Rd  
**SOUTH SIDE:**  
3879 W Lincoln Ave

**NOTE!** \*There is a charge for all construction related material (minimal quantities exempt). This includes roofing and flooring material, brick, stones, concrete, lumber, drywall, paneling and other construction material. No commercial loads allowed.

*Please Recycle!*

## Used Cooking OIL RECYCLING

Since the program began last fall, over 2,800 gallons of leftover cooking oil from kitchens across the city have been transformed into biodiesel by a local company right here in Milwaukee! The City has greened its fleet of diesel engine vehicles by using some of this fuel.

Residents may bring many different types of used oil to a Self-Help Center to be recycled, including canola,

soybean, palm, sunflower, corn, olive and other vegetable oils! If possible, transport the oil in its original container (usually plastic with a screw-on top). Otherwise, find an airtight, spill-proof container (pails, glass or plastic jugs with lids). Do not transport hot oil!

Large quantity generators (over 50 gallons) may call Cream City Recycling at (414) 688-7672 for special arrangements.

**Self Help Centers will be closed:** Thanksgiving: November 22 & 23; Christmas: Dec. 24 & 25; New Year's: Dec. 31 2012 & Jan. 1, 2013.

**Proof of City of Milwaukee residency or property ownership is required.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Dumping after hours is illegal and will result in a fine.**

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Milwaukee, WI  
Permit No. 1861

City of Milwaukee  
Department of Public Works  
841 N. Broadway, Rm 620  
Milwaukee WI, 53202



### NO GARBAGE OR RECYCLING COLLECTION ON THESE CITY HOLIDAYS:

**THANKSGIVING:**  
November 22 & 23, 2012  
**CHRISTMAS:**  
December 24 & 25, 2012

**NEW YEAR'S:**  
December 31, 2012 &  
January 1, 2013

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY:**  
January 21, 2013  
**GOOD FRIDAY:**  
March 29, 2013

For hours and more information, please visit [www.Milwaukee.Gov/mpw](http://www.Milwaukee.Gov/mpw) or call 286-CITY (2489).

### ACCEPTED ITEMS

#### Recycled

- Used motor oil and oil filters
- Used antifreeze
- Automotive batteries
- Asphalt roofing shingles\*
- Carpet & pad (residential)\*
- Electronics (including TVs)
- Appliances
- Scrap metal
- Tires (up to 5 passenger tires)
- Corrugated cardboard
- Household recyclables
- Used shoes (any type except high-heels)
- Concrete\*
- Used cooking oil

#### Composted

- Brush
- Grass clippings
- Leaves and garden debris

#### Landfilled

- Garbage
- Construction or remodeling debris\*

\*Fees and certain restrictions apply.

## Christmas Trees

Bring your Christmas tree to a Self-Help Center and it will be ground into mulch or composted. Remove all decorations and wires first. Or, you can dispose of your Christmas tree by placing it at the curb if you have curbside garbage collection or alley if you have alley collection.

EVER wonder what it becomes?

Find out what your recyclables are made into by visiting [www.MilwaukeeRecycles.com](http://www.MilwaukeeRecycles.com)

## Winter Garbage & RECYCLING COLLECTION:

Garbage and recycling collection schedules will change in the winter due to holidays and the management of snow and ice by City crews. **Schedule changes will begin Monday, December 3, 2012.** Residents must clear snow and ice to provide access to carts. Extra items must be placed at the collection point for pickup.

**NOTE!** There is a charge for collection of trash piles larger than 1 cubic yard (roughly the size of an easy chair).



## LEAVES & BRUSH 2012

Leaves and brush, along with other yard waste, are banned from landfills and must not be placed in garbage carts. They are collected separately from garbage and composted, conserving natural resources while saving the City money. To request collection of

brush piles from April through November, you must call 286-CITY (2489). There is no brush collection during the months of December through March. The City will not pick up brush piles that are larger than 2 cubic yards.

- ✓ Keep leaves away from storm drains in the street
- ✓ Keep piles away from sewer grates
- ✓ Place garden debris in leaf piles
- ✓ Do not put leaves in plastic bags
- ✓ Do not put brush in the street
- ✓ Do not put leaves in your garbage carts

Fall leaf collection begins October 15th. You may rake leaves into the street between Oct. 1st and November 15th.

