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BROWN COUNTY PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT

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OUR VISION

To provide Brown County municipal commercial and industrial customers cost-effective and sustainable solid waste management systems with the focus on resource recovery primarily through recycling, repurposing and energy recovery

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Pre-Holidays Clean Out: Know Before You Throw

With winter weather approaching, we begin to spend more time indoors, which often leads to the realization that there may be a lot of unwanted “stuff” in our home. Brown County Resource Recovery encourages everyone to take a few minutes to think about and organize just how you’re going to do that clean out.



Clothes & Toys: Usually, our closets are filled with clothes and toys and the urge can be to simply throw all of it in the trash. “We encourage everyone to donate as much as they can, so materials are re-used,” said Mark Walter, Resource Recovery Business Development Manager. “Gently used items you don’t want can be donated and used by others.” There are many secondhand stores that will take your clothing items and toys. You can also check with your local schools or

church to see if they are in need of those items.

Technology & Batteries: When it comes to electronic devices and gadgets, both new and old, they need to be disposed of properly. Walter explained, “You may not realize it, but these items should not be thrown in the trash as they need to be disposed of in a safe way.” That’s because batteries and battery containing devices can cause fires if placed in the trash or recycling bin.

Resource Recovery’s Batteries NOW Included program makes disposing of batteries and battery containing devices easy for all Brown County residents. All household batteries and battery-containing devices are NOW accepted for free from all Brown County residents. Devices with removeable batteries can also be brought to the Hazardous Material Recovery Facility (HMR) for proper disposal for a small fee.

“Batteries, even the smallest ones, have the possibility of becoming damaged and can combust if thrown in the trash or recycling,” added Chris Blan, Resource Recovery Technician. “Battery fires can occur in home disposal bins as well as in recycling and waste facilities, posing a danger to everyone. Bring your batteries and electronic devices to HMR so we can safely recycle and properly dispose of them.”

Lights & Light Bulbs: The HMR also accepts a variety of other hazardous materials such as light bulbs and string lights. “If your string lights no longer work, they do not go in with your recycling,” said Walter. “String lights are considered tangles and can get caught in our sorting equipment causing damage, shutdowns and potential injury to our employees.” String lights and bulbs, of any size, can be disposed of at the HMR facility for a small fee.

While winter is just starting to make its mark on our community, now is the time to make sure our living spaces are clutter free. The Hazardous Material Recovery Facility is open to residents on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. All household batteries and battery containing devices are accepted for free. To learn more about Resource Recovery’s services and accepted materials, please visit www.browncountyrecycling.org.

Waste Transfer Station Updates

In early 2025, Brown County will be installing a new 15 cy compactor at the Waste Transfer Station that will speed up trailer load times and reduce unplanned compactor downtime. The new compactor will be the same make and model as the compactor that will remain and will reduce maintenance costs and time spent troubleshooting.

In addition, the first 30 feet of concrete, three manholes and sanitary lines inside the six doors at the Waste Transfer Station tip floor will be removed & replaced in two phases. Each phase is estimated to take about four weeks. This project will upgrade and line the manholes and eliminate cracks in the four-inch concrete topping layer. Construction will cause some temporary delays at the Waste Transfer Station with requests to haul waste directly to the South Landfill to limit inbound waste. The updates should provide long term benefits to improve our customers' experience. When we get closer to installing the compactor and working on the concrete floor, we will let our customers know about any expected disruptions. Look for communications on the construction dates and times.

Finally, construction is underway on a new gravel dumpster storage pad. We expect to have room for storage of approximately 32-40 dumpsters and will know the final count once the pad is complete. Currently, four haulers have signed contracts for storage of six dumpsters each. Additional room may be available for one or two haulers to store six dumpsters. If interested contact Mark Walter at 492-4965.

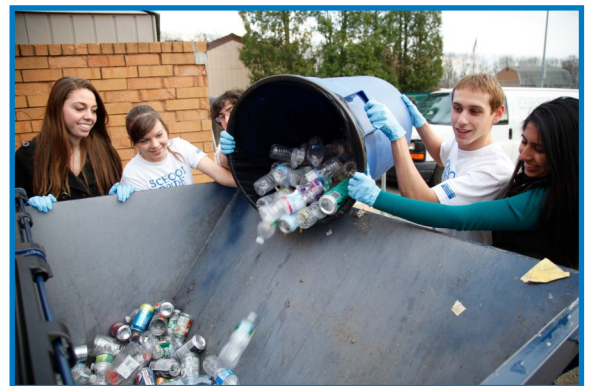


America Recycles Day is November 15th

Since 1997, communities across the country have come together on November 15 to celebrate America Recycles Day (ARD), a national day that celebrates and raises the awareness of the benefits of recycling. Keep American Beautiful (KAB), the organization behind it, is offering resources to help local groups who want to hold an event in coordination with ARD.

Local organizations can sign up online and access resources from Keep American Beautiful. By registering with KAB, local organizations can access resources, including social media materials, logos and tip sheets to promote recycling awareness in your community.

Access to these materials is available to organizations, including state and municipal governments and local "green teams" or scouting troops. Some materials are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so early registration is encouraged. Events can be scheduled any time during the month of November, but should be held as close to Nov. 15 as possible.



Credit: Keep America Beautiful

2024 Holiday Hours for Resource Recovery Facilities

	NOVEMBER 2024			DECEMBER 2024					
	Thu 11/28	Fri 11/29	Sat 11/30	Sat 12/21	Tue 12/24	Wed 12/25	Thu 12/26	Sat 12/28	Tue 12/31
General Offices 2561 S. Broadway	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 7:30-4:00	Closed	Closed
RECYCLING Transfer Station 2561 S. Broadway	Closed	Open 7:30-4:00	Open 8:00-12:00	Closed	Open 7:30-2:00	Closed	Open 7:30-4:00	Open 8:00-12:00	Open 7:30-2:00
SOLID WASTE Transfer Station 3734 W. Mason	Closed	Open 7:00-4:00	Open 7:00-2:00	Open 7:00-4:00	Open 7:00-2:00	Closed	Open 7:00-4:00	Open 7:00-2:00	Open 7:00-2:00
SOUTH LANDFILL 1258 Mill Rd	Closed	Open 7:30-4:00	Open 7:30-12:30	Open 7:30-12:30	Open 7:30-2:00	Closed	Open 7:30-4:00	Open 7:30-12:30	Open 7:30-2:00
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RECOVERY 2561 S. Broadway	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

	JANUARY 2025		
	Wed 1/1	Thu 1/2	Sat 1/4
General Offices 2561 S. Broadway	Closed	Open 7:30-4:00	Closed
RECYCLING Transfer Station 2561 S. Broadway	Closed	Open 7:30-4:00	Open 8:00-12:00
SOLID WASTE Transfer Station 3734 W. Mason	Closed	Open 7:30-4:00	Open 7:30-12:00
SOUTH LANDFILL 1258 Mill Rd	Closed	Open 7:30-4:00	Open 7:30-12:30
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RECOVERY 2561 S. Broadway	Closed	Open 7:30-6:00	Closed



The Garbage Day Before Christmas

Halloween was a very spooky time, but something even spookier is the amount of non-recyclable materials seen coming through the Tri-County Recycling facility in the days after the holiday. Here are just a few things to remember while you are packing up and swapping the ghoulish décor for cornucopias and turkeys.

Costumes and trick-or-treating pails are the best items to reuse the next year, or to donate for others to enjoy. For creative types, try to re-imagine parts of the costume for a new one, like transforming this year's princess outfit into next year's zombie bride decoration. Textiles and hard plastics are not recyclable in the Tri-County system.

The jack-o-lanterns and dried corn stalks making your entrance festive are organic materials and can be taken to your municipality's yard waste. You can also check with your municipality to see if they are offering a pumpkin drop-off. Finally, candy wrappers are not recyclable but are often mistakenly put in the recycling bin.

Solid Waste Board Member Highlight: Kevin Gannon

Kevin Gannon is the newest member of the Brown County Solid Waste Board, joining in May 2024.

Kevin draws on 40 years of leadership in transportation infrastructure. He has an extensive network in the industry and a deep commitment to the kind of follow-through and quality delivery that builds lasting, trusted connections.

Kevin served as Vice President at Northeast Asphalt Inc., a Walbec Group Company where in his role there, he was responsible for strategic and operational oversight. He led a team of 350+ professionals who, collectively, twice received industry recognition for the top asphalt paving project in the nation. Currently, Kevin serves as the Vice President of Cornerstone Business Services and as a Supervisor on the Brown County Board and Planning, Development, and Transportation (PD&T) Committee.

Kevin has previously served as board president of the Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association, board president of the Asphalt Pavement Association of Michigan, and board member for the Wisconsin Asphalt Pavement Association. In 2010, he testified before Congress on stimulus effects on transportation.

Kevin holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater. He resides in Green Bay, Wisconsin with his wife Rochelle. They have four adult children and three grandchildren. He is an active outdoorsman and enjoys spending time with his family in their Northeast Wisconsin cabin retreat.



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Recycling & Hazardous Material Recovery Facilities

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