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BROWN COUNTY PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT

The Waste Not

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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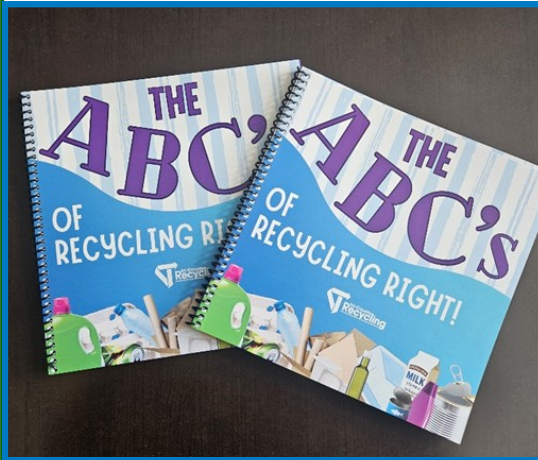
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The ABC's of Recycling Right: Bringing Recycling Lessons to Third-Grade Students



The Tri-County Recycling Partnership is proud to announce the release of *The ABC's of Recycling Right*, an engaging new educational resource designed to teach third-grade students the importance of recycling. The book provides up-to-date recycling information using every letter of the alphabet, paired with interactive in-classroom activities that make learning about recycling fun and hands-on.

The ABC's of Recycling Right is more than just a book—it's a tool for teachers to inspire the next generation of

environmentally conscious citizens. Each letter introduces a new recycling concept and includes a classroom activity, helping students learn by doing and reinforcing good recycling habits from an early age.

To support local education and sustainability, the Tri-County Recycling Partnership is providing free copies of the book to all public and private third-grade classrooms in Brown, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties. By bringing current recycling information directly into classrooms, the Partnership hopes to spark curiosity, promote responsible environmental practices, and empower students to make a difference in their communities.

"We're thrilled to bring recycling education back into the classroom in such an interactive way," said Kelly Reyer, Education & Outreach Specialist with Winnebago County Solid Waste. "By combining up-to-date recycling information with hands-on activities, we're helping students understand not just the 'why' but also the 'how' of recycling."

Teachers in the three counties can expect to receive their copies soon, along with resources to guide classroom activities.

The ABC's of Recycling Right is part of the Tri-County Recycling Partnership's ongoing effort to engage students, teachers, and families in building a more sustainable future.

Visit www.RecyclemoreTriCounty.org for more information.



State of Wisconsin Honors Tri-County Recycling

The 2025 Recycling Excellence Award from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was bestowed upon the Tri-County Recycling educational team for their work on the Tri-County Recycle Right Master Classes. Congratulations to all involved!

Remembering the Basics for Holiday Recycling

As the holiday season approaches, it is essential to keep recycling practices in mind to minimize waste and protect the environment. Brown County Resource Recovery encourages everyone to remember these key details to ensure a more sustainable celebration.



“By disposing of holiday materials responsibly, we can ensure that they are either reused, recycled or disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner,” shared Mark Walter, Brown County Resource Recovery Business Development Manager. “Small efforts by individuals can have a big impact on the community’s efforts.”

What can you do with your holiday materials? Ornaments and bulbs used for decorating should either be donated or thrown away. Gift wrapping materials such as tissue paper and wrapping paper as well as ribbons and bows cannot be recycled. If you cannot reuse these items for other gifts, please dispose of them in the trash. Additionally, holiday lights, whether for indoor or outdoor use, cannot be recycled in your curbside bin. These items can become tangled in sorting machinery leading to breakdowns, expensive repairs and processing delays. Instead, take them to the Brown County Hazardous Material Recovery facility (HMR) for safe disposal. The Brown County HMR facility accepts a variety of materials that cannot go in your recycling bin but can still be recycled.

For those with natural holiday trees, consider repurposing them in your yard to provide shelter for wildlife, and later use them for mulch. Artificial trees should be disposed of in the trash. Holiday cards can be repurposed or reused for DIY or crafting projects and are recyclable as well. Lastly, metal holiday tins should be reused or donated, or taken to a metal recycler. As a last resort they can be thrown away.

The Brown County Resource Recovery website (www.BrownCountyRecycling.org) has a variety of valuable information on waste disposal and recycling that can help simplify your waste disposal options. Tri-County Recycling’s Waste Wizard (www.RecycleMoreTricounty.org) covers Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago counties and is a simple tool to identify how to dispose of almost any material. The free Betterbin mobile app allows individuals to scan barcodes on products, providing instant information on recycling and disposal options.

By recycling materials properly, this holiday season and beyond, we can all contribute to a greener holiday season and help these practices become a regular part of our routine throughout the year.

America Recycles Day is November 15th

Since 1997, communities across the country have come together on November 15th 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.

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 November 15th as possible.

Help to Keep America Beautiful by recycling right this November 15th and all year long.

2025 Holiday Hours for Resource Recovery Facilities

	NOVEMBER 2025			DECEMBER 2025				
	Thu 11/27	Fri 11/28	Sat 11/29	Wed 12/24	Thu 12/25	Fri 12/26	Sat 12/27	Wed 12/31
General Offices 2561 S. Broadway	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 9:00-1:00	Open 7:30-2:00	Closed	Open 7:30-4:00	Open 9:00-1:00	Open 7:30-2:00
SOLID WASTE Transfer Station 3734 W. Mason	Closed	Open 7:00-4:00	Open 7:00-2:00	Open 7:00-2:00	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 7:30-2:00	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

	JANUARY 2026		
	Thu 1/1	Fri 1/2	Sat 1/3
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 9:00-1:00
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	Closed	Closed



2026 Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Policy and Rate Update



The mission of the Port Division of Brown County Port & Resource Recovery is to enhance the prosperity of the people of northeastern Wisconsin by providing facilities and infrastructure able to effectively move commodities and goods across the nation.

The mission of the Resource Recovery Division is to meet the recycling and disposal needs of local communities, residents and businesses through methods that are environmentally sound, technically feasible and economical. These methods incorporate waste reduction, material reuse, recycling, composting, hazardous waste recovery, solid waste disposal and waste-to-energy efforts.



The Resource Recovery Department oversees the county resource recovery operations. These operations include: a Recycling Transfer Station (RTS) where recyclables are collected and transferred to the Brown, Outagamie, and Winnebago County (BOW) Single Stream Material Recovery Facility for processing; the Solid Waste Transfer Station (WTS) where waste produced by county residences, businesses and municipalities is collected; the BOW South Landfill (SLF) where solid waste is taken for disposal; and, the Hazardous Material Recovery Facility (HMR).



Brown County Solid Waste Transfer Station (WTS)

3734 W. Mason Street, Hobart, WI 54155

BOW South Landfill (SLF)

1258 Mill Road, Greenleaf, WI 54126

- Loads weighing less than 860 pounds will be charged a minimum fee of **\$28.00**.
- Loads over 860 pounds will be charged the Gate Rate per ton.
- The 2026 Waste Transfer Station Gate Rate is **\$65.00/ton** and **\$75.00/ton** during Road Weight Limits.
- The 2026 South Landfill Gate Rate is **\$55.00/ton**.
- The minimum fee for concrete, stumps and logs is **\$5.00**.
- The disposal rate for Waste Tires is **\$440.00/ton**.
- Non-Freon Appliances and Microwaves are **\$5.00 each**.
- Freon Appliances are **\$15.00 each**.

Payment Methods: The Solid Waste Transfer Station and South Landfill **do not accept cash or check**; customers must pay by credit card or by setting up an approved charge account.

Safety Vests: Safety vests or high visibility clothing is required to be worn by all persons prior to leaving the scale at either the Solid Waste Transfer Station or the South Landfill. Vests are available for purchase for **\$5.00** at either scale.



Please check our website for details and charges:
www.BrownCountyRecycling.org
or call (920) 492-4950.

Recycling Transfer Station (RTS)

2561 S. Broadway, Ashwaubenon, WI 54304

Due to uncertainty in the global economy and weakening recycling commodity markets, we anticipate continuing to charge for material coming into the Recycling Transfer Station throughout 2026.



Scale-Only fee is **\$10.00** and refused material at the Recycling Transfer Station is **\$55.00** per incident plus the cost of disposal of any material banned from recycling.

Hazardous Material Recovery Facility (HMR)

2561 S. Broadway, Ashwaubenon, WI 54304

Non-hazardous and universal waste items will have a **\$0.35/lb** fee in 2026 including all lightbulbs, electronics & battery powered devices, adhesives, windshield washer fluid, latex paint, antifreeze, cooking oil/grease, and small corded appliances.



- Automotive lead-acid batteries are **\$1.00/unit** and 1 lb. propane cylinders are **\$2.00/unit**.
- Household batteries and battery-containing devices will be accepted for **free** from Brown County residents.
- Microwaves and fire extinguishers are **\$5.00/unit**.
- Dehumidifiers, miniature refrigerators, small A/C units and small water coolers are **\$15.00/unit**.

Rates are for Brown County residents only. Businesses and residents from other counties will have different rates.

Additional Resources:

- Resource Recovery, Recycling and Hazardous Waste questions: www.BrownCountyRecycling.org
- Port of Green Bay website: www.PortofGreenBay.com

Phone: (920) 492-4950

