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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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Spring Cleaning?

Spring is the time of year when our department sees an increase in business. Whether you're cleaning out your basement or garage, tidying up your yard or clearing out packing materials from a move, the Brown County Resource Recovery Department has information on what to do with all that stuff.

The **2016 Tri-County Recycling Guide** was distributed in local newspapers in April this year to coincide with Earth Day. The guide is your go-to source of information on all of the community drop-off sites for waste oil, yard waste, electronics and recycling. This is the 5th year Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties have cooperated to produce this informative guide.

The guide can be found on our website (BrownCountyRecycling.org) or picked up at the Brown County Resource Recovery Facility, your local City/Town/Village Hall or any of the Brown County Libraries.

Another resource that you can find on newsstands throughout northeast Wisconsin is **Nature's Pathways** magazine. For the 2nd year in a row, the Tri-County recycling facility has been featured on the cover of this publication. The magazine provides information on wellness related topics that are important to northeast Wisconsin residents. This month, information on what to recycle is included in the center article. If you can't find a printed copy, the virtual edition is available online at <http://naturespathways.com/read/new/index.html>.

Looking for additional details on some of our programs? We have a brochure for that. To make things easier for our residents, we have put together brochures for each of our waste programs. This includes Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste, Food & Organic Waste, Waste Transfer Station and Business Hazardous Waste (VSQG). Each brochure provides locations and hours of operations for each program facility as well as explaining what is accepted at each location.

You can find more at www.browncountyrecycling.org. Our website is where you will find the most up-to-date information on our programs.



Dirt Cheap!



The Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department has high quality clay available for purchase at \$0.25/cy. This material is perfect for buildings, roads or a constructed manure pit. The Clay material is located in the Town of Wrightstown, County Road IL, 1.25 miles west of 57. It will be the contractor's responsibility to load & haul material.

If you are interested please contact Chad Doverspike, Port & Resource Recovery Operations Manager at (920) 492-4955 (office) or (920) 621-4393 (cell).



County Road IL (Mill Road) between Elmro Rd and Old 57 Rd. (Excavating location at red X)

\$3 Million For Recycling Restored

Thanks to action by Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay), state funding for local recycling programs has been mostly reinstated. After a \$4 million cut in the recycling program in the 2016 budget, a new law enacted at the end of April has reinstated \$3 million for grants to local communities for recycling efforts. This funding provides essential financial support for local recycling programs across the state and is supported by landfill tipping fees.

The new law originated in August 2015 with Sen. Cowles who had become concerned that the funding cut could negatively impact recycling, local waste reduction programs and a driver of economic development. The senator conducted an evaluation of the recycling fund which showed that a significant amount of money remained in the fund after all 2016 state budgetary obligations were met, prompting Sen. Cowles to author the bill that became Wisconsin Act 392.

Materials Recycling Facility Rental Space

The Brown County Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) has 11,000 sq. ft. of rental space available at its facility located at 2561 South Broadway in Green Bay. With the removal of our old baler and conveyor, the space is just waiting for a user. The rental space includes offices and a portion of the MRF.

If you know someone interested in this space feel free to contact us at (920) 492-4950 for more information.

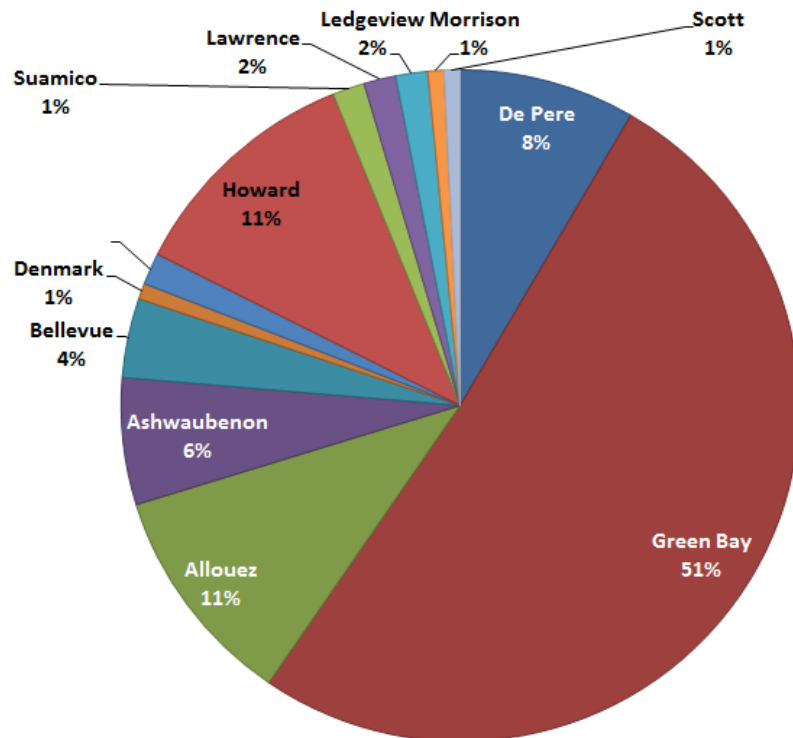
Food & Organic Waste Program

The Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department started a pilot food & organic waste program at the end of 2014. Since then 132 households representing 292 people, in Brown County have signed up to participate.





Since the UW-Extension location opened in January 2016 more than 30 households have been added. Participation is expected to continue to grow as more people become aware of the program, as well as how much less garbage there is each week!

Locations, hours and registration forms can be found at browncountyrecycling.org

Participation Percentage By Municipality



Did you know...?

-  Every year, each American throws out about 1,200 pounds of organic garbage that can be composted
-  Over 50% of Wisconsin households compost yard waste and 73% leave grass clippings on their lawns
-  In 2015 Brown County residents composted 15,710 pounds of food and organic waste through the Brown County drop-off program
-  UW-Oshkosh is now offering organic compost from their dry digester to the public for purchase.
Hours: Monday-Friday 8 am—4 pm. | Call: (920) 424-3148.

What happens to... Batteries?

Batteries are one of a number of items that are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste facility. Employees sort batteries by their “battery chemistry”: alkaline, single use lithium, rechargeable lithium and all other chargeable. The terminals of EVERY rechargeable and lithium battery and alkaline batteries with a voltage greater than nine volts are covered to prevent any spark or heat generation that could result in a fire in storage or during transport. Batteries are shipped to Dynamic Recycling in La-Crosse, WI where the batteries are combined with similar battery chemistries. Ultimately, your dropped off batteries will end up in Pennsylvania, Indiana, California or British Columbia before they are recycled into new batteries for you to purchase at the store. And when they are used up...we’ll be waiting!

Industrial Achievement Award

The Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department has been awarded the Industrial Achievement Award from NEW Water. This department received the award for the work we do to ensure that East Landfill complies with NEW Water's pretreatment program as well as federal, state and local wastewater discharge standards and requirements. This is the second year in a row that the Department been awarded the Industrial Achievement Award.

Safety Tip—Distracted Driving: Take the Pledge

One of the most dangerous distractions

Texting or talking on a hand-held cell phone involves three different types of distraction simultaneously

- Visual—taking your eyes off the road
- Manual—taking your hands off the wheel
- Cognitive—taking your mind off driving

What is at stake?

- In 2014, 3,179 people were killed and estimated 431,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver (CDC)
- Each day in the United States, over 8 people are killed and 1,161 injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver (CDC)

What can be done?

Go to DISTRACTION.GOV and TAKE THE PLEDGE

- The fight to end Distracted Driving starts with YOU!
- Make the commitment to drive phone-free today.
- One Text or Call, Could Wreck It All



Follow Us

For facts, general information and ideas on how to reduce waste follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest! We post information you want to know several times a week.

If you are interested in reading more about a resource recovery topic online or in our newsletter let us know! We would love to tell you what you want to hear. Email us at bc_resource_recovery@co.brown.wi.us with your ideas.



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