



**BROWN COUNTY
PORT & SOLID WASTE
DEPARTMENT**

Our Vision:

To provide competitive, cost-effective and environmentally sound management systems for solid waste and recyclable materials for Brown County customers.

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Tri-County Recycling Facility To Add Second Shift

The Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago Tri-County Material Recovery Facility (MRF) will be adding a second shift this year to meet the increased demand for separation of recyclable material.

The \$10 million MRF is a strategic regional investment made by the Tri-County partnership in 2008-2009 to ensure reliable and cost efficient recycling for many years into the future. It has performed well over the past four years, yielding \$12 million in gross surpluses helping communities to pay for recycling collection.

Because of the statewide needs for the single-stream processing the MRF performs, the business has been growing throughout 2012 and 2013. With this growth, the Brown-Outagamie-Winnebago (BOW) facility has been receiving more tonnage than one shift can handle and implemented a temporary second shift late in 2012. Since then, the BOW has negotiated a contract with a private hauler to secure the tonnage long-term and now has the tonnage to justify implementation of a permanent second shift. The recycling program serves 65 communities in the three counties. The revenue from recycling helps pay the cost of collecting recyclables and offset the cost of operating the facility. Throughout 2012 and 2013, the BOW's service area has been extended north to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and west as far as the Mississippi River.

This year, the 4-year-old BOW MRF will add 29 workers, a change that will mean that the MRF will be able to process significantly more than the 50,000 tons of material the facility processed in 2010, its inaugural year of operation. In 2011, the figure rose to nearly 53,000 tons, before jumping to 67,000 tons in 2012. According to projections, the MRF could process 78,000 tons by the end of this year.



In addition to new customers, the BOW MRF will expand the types of recyclables that are accepted. Milk and juice cartons, drink boxes and yogurt containers will be added to recycling collections once the program is expanded to include plastics #3 -#7. Currently, residents can only recycle plastic bottles labeled #1 (PETE) and #2 (HDPE). An exact date for these changes to take place has not yet been determined as it depends on installing and upgrading equipment, but residents will be notified when the change will take place.

2012 Annual Report

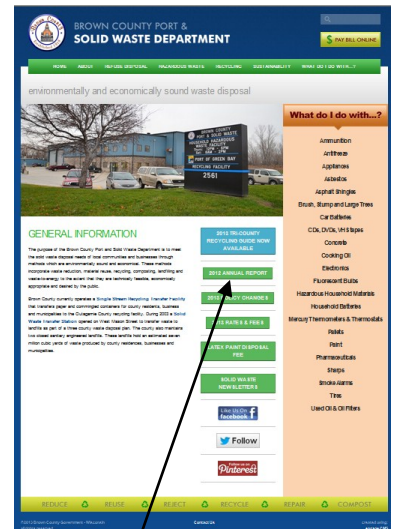
Earlier this year, the Brown County Port & Solid Waste Department released its *2012 Annual Report of Solid Waste Management Services* highlighting a successful year for the department.

Normal 2012 business activities included processing more than 130,000 tons of solid waste through the Brown County Transfer Station. In addition, another 80,000 tons of solid waste were delivered directly to the Brown, Outagamie & Winnebago (BOW) landfill. Beginning in June 2012, 4,400 tons of shingles and 1,429 tons of construction & demolition materials were recycled through the Brown County Transfer Station for a total reduction in landfill tonnage of 5,829 tons.

More than 25,000 tons of single stream recyclables were hauled from Brown County to the BOW recycling facility and nearly \$700,000 was returned to customers as a recycling rebate.

The Brown County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility took in 825,000 pounds of hazardous materials from 7,400 residential and business sources. HHW was able to recycle or make available to the public more than half of the collected material while 208,000 pounds of hazardous waste was kept out of the environment and properly destroyed. HHW staff managed or assisted nearby counties with collection events, and served as a disposal outlet for material from an additional county's HHW program. During 2012, Brown County initiated a charge for acceptance of latex paint (\$1.00 per gallon) to better manage the cost of proper disposal. The facility also saw a drop (22% decrease) in the amount of electronics collected as the statewide ban on disposal of electronics in landfills entered its second year.

Approximately 9,500 pounds of sharps (10% increase) were safely destroyed through the Brown County Household Sharps Program. Brown County HHW assisted law enforcement in Brown County with disposing over 4,300 pounds of over-the-counter, non-controlled and controlled medications.



To view the Annual Report please go to our homepage at www.BrownCountyRecycling.org and click on the green "2012 Annual Report" button.

Departmental Notes



Credit Card Transaction Fees and Electronic Billing

The Brown County Port and Solid Waste department has instituted a transaction fee of 3% for bill payments using a credit card through the BrownCountyRecycling.org website.

If you would like to receive your solid waste bills electronically, you now have the option of having them emailed to you. Please contact Sheri McAllister at (920) 492-4951 or McAllister_ST@co.brown.wi.us

Materials Recycling Facility Rental Space Available

The Brown County MRF has 11,000 sq. ft. of rental space available at its facility located at 2561 South Broadway in Green Bay. The rental space includes offices and a portion of the MRF including a baler and conveyor.

If you know someone interested in this space feel free to contact us at 920-492-4950 for more information. You can also check the Brown County Purchasing Department website for Project 1730 under Open Projects. Bids are due by August 12.



Wisconsin Recycling Markets Directory

What do you do if you have material that you want to recycle but it's not accepted in your curbside bin? Consult the Wisconsin Recycling Markets Directory (WRMD).



The directory provides information about outlets for recycling various materials in Wisconsin. Users can search the list of recyclers for various materials, view information about the recyclers and suggest additional recyclers to include in the listing. One thing to keep in mind however, the recyclers in the directory generally work with large volumes of material. It is important to contact these companies to discuss your recycling options and to make arrangements for drop-off or pick up.

The directory is hosted by the Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) and can be found at <http://www4.uwm.edu/shwec/wrmd>.

Did You Know?

Recycling does not stop when you take your cart to the curbside; in fact, that is just the beginning! Recycling involves much more. Our department's goal is to find a means to reduce the amount of material going to landfills and find a way to recycle and recover more.


Did you know that you can recycle shingles, construction & demolition waste, tires, appliances, computers, latex paint, oil (both vegetable and petroleum), electronics, light bulbs, antifreeze, household chemicals, scrap metal and batteries? All of these items are accepted either at the Brown County Solid Waste Transfer Station or at the Brown County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Check our website for more information by clicking on "What Do I Do With?"

Follow Brown County Recycling





It's now even easier to keep track of ideas for recycling by following us on one (or all) of our social media accounts. Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or Pinterest to get ideas about how and where to recycle. Take your recycling efforts to the next level by learning how to reduce and reuse even more!

Summer Recycling

 The summer months can bring on the heat. Be sure you stay hydrated by using re-useable water bottles instead of purchasing a 24-pack of individual bottles. Only 25% of the 4 million plastic water bottles that Americans use each hour are recycled. Re-useable water bottles are easy to keep on hand, last a long time and are ready to go when you are. Re-using materials like water bottles keeps almost 1.7 million tons of material out of Wisconsin landfills every year!



 Summer is a great time for gardening, and composting can be an added benefit to the avid gardener. It's also a great way to recycle. Adding in yard materials and certain food scraps like vegetable peels, stale bread and even coffee grounds to a compost bin can provide valuable material for gardeners. Every year, each American throws out about 1,200 pounds of organic garbage that can be composted including food scraps, yard waste, paper and cardboard.

 When you take a road trip, recycle along the way. No matter if you go camping, to a festival, or just a day trip, make recycling a priority for you and your family. Pack food items in re-useable storage containers for the trip and be sure to look for recycling bins to use. If you can't find any, bring a bag to keep your recyclable items in and then recycle them when you return home.

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Five Things You Can Do To Recycle More And Waste Less

Here are some tips you can use to help recycle more of the waste you produce and help to reduce the amount of material ending up in our landfills.

1. Take it home with you. All too often items like plastic soda bottles end up in the trash because there is not a recycling bin available. The next time you are unable to find a recycling bin take the bottle home with you.
2. Buy with recycling in mind. Recycling should not begin when you make the decision as to which bin it goes in. Recycling should begin in the aisle of the store. Look for products packaged in recyclable containers.
3. Know the proper way to recycle. Check our recycling guide to help you identify which items are required to be recycled.
4. Start a compost pile. This is nature's recycling at its best!
5. Start a recycling program at work.



Aerosol Cans Can Be Recycled Too



Brown County has been accepting aerosol cans placed in your recycling bins since 1998. Before you place your aerosol can in the recycling bin be sure the can is empty and the plastic lid and nozzle have been removed. Cans that contained pesticides cannot be recycled due to the health hazard the pesticides may pose to recycling workers.



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Customer Appreciation Day

~ BURGERS ~ BRATS ~ CHIPS ~ SODA ~

Brown County Transfer Station – Tuesday, September 17th @ 10am until 2pm
3734 W. Mason Street, Hobart, WI 54155

Brown County Recycling Transfer Station – Wednesday, September 18th @
10am until 2 pm
2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304

Phone: 920-492-4950

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