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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, and energy recovery

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BetterBin App Helps to Answer the Question, What Do I Do With...?



Whether you're at home or out & about, it's not always easy to quickly find out what to do with items you want to throw out or recycle. And "Googling it" may not provide the most accurate answer to your "Do I recycle it, throw it out or something else?" questions. You can now get an immediate answer to those questions with the free BetterBin mobile app!

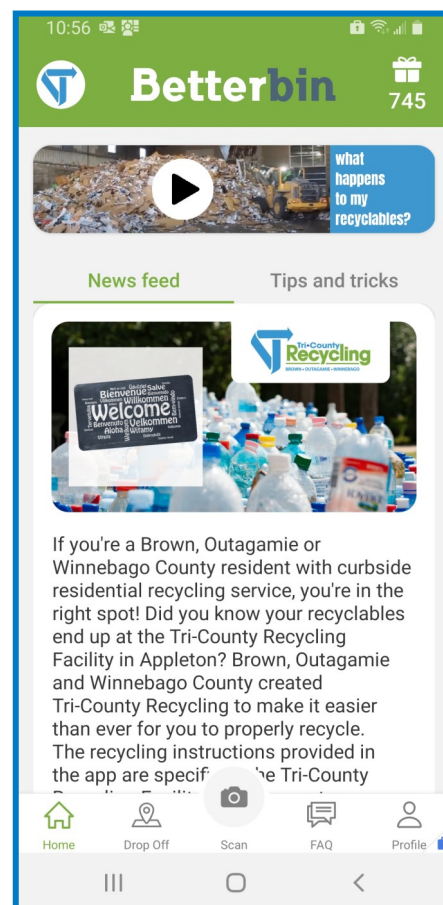
Brown County Resource Recovery, along with its Tri-County Recycling partners, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties, has teamed up with BetterBin, a mobile application developed in Wisconsin that makes recycling and waste disposal easy. "The app is a great way to help community members recycle effectively while taking the guess work out of where items need to go," said Mark Walter, Business Development Manager at Brown County Resource Recovery.

BetterBin allows users to simply scan barcodes of items into the app which will then tell you how to dispose of the item in our area. The app has a large database of information compiled through research and communication with municipalities and businesses. "The database is constantly growing, allowing user suggestions for unknown items so you can effectively recycle materials anywhere in our area", explained Walter.

Not only does the app provide useful information, but frequent users also get rewarded. As users scan, they earn points that can be redeemed for gift cards to popular retailers such as Amazon, Dunkin' Donuts and Petco.

"BetterBin takes all the guess work out of recycling and waste disposal," explained Walter. "Having this tool on hand instantly takes you in the right steps to living greener." The BetterBin app is free to download for both Android and Apple devices.

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Tip Floor Replacement Project Successful Due to Diversion of Waste to South Landfill



A jackhammer excavates the 4 inch concrete floor of the Waste Transfer Station.



New concrete floor, ready for operation

On an average day, the Brown County Solid Waste Transfer Station accepts 750-850 tons of solid waste from residential and commercial customers. Over time the had deteriorated to the point where it needed to be replaced.

On October 3rd, Brown County closed the northern three doors of the six-door Transfer Station building to begin replacement of the concrete tip floor. The north half of the 4-inch concrete floor was removed during the first two weeks, and fresh concrete was poured and allowed to set while the south half of the station remained operating.

Once the new north floor passed stress tests, it was opened for material and the south half of the building was closed for floor replacement. While the south floor was setting, work was also completed on the south compactor. The full project was completed by November 1st.

The project was successfully completed with the help of our customers who reduced the amount of waste brought to the Transfer Station to about 425 tons per day. The remainder was directly hauled to the Brown County South Landfill in Greenleaf, WI.

The new floor should provide the Transfer Station with another 10 years of operating life.

Thanks for your patience during our construction project!

October 9–15, 2022 marked the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week with a focus on fire prevention tips concerning products that are used in the home. These tips include warnings about not leaving burning candles unattended; placement of space heaters; keeping lighters and matches out of the reach of children; and overcharging electrical devices. For the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, let's also look at Fire Prevention from a different perspective – preventing fires caused by the items thrown away at home.

A fire that starts in your recycling bin can be difficult to extinguish. A fire at a waste management facility can be catastrophic. Brown County's Hazardous Material Recovery (HMR) program's goal is to prevent these types of fires from happening. The HMR facility helps eliminate these fire risks in the home and protects the waste industry by safely collecting and disposing of flammable materials, batteries, and battery containing devices dropped off by the public.

**Fire won't wait.
Plan your escape.**

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Holiday Hours 2022 - 2023**

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It's the Holiday Season, and the Garbage Man is Coming to Town



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No matter how you celebrate during the winter months, waste will always be a factor to consider during your celebrations. Whether it's from the mountains of gifts that are opened or from the end-of-the-year cleaning sprees to get ready for the "New Year, New You", most people find that their bins are filling up quicker and with more waste during the holiday season.

If the holiday mess stresses you out, here are some tips to reduce the amount of waste and help maintain your sanity:

- Give the gift of experiences rather than material items. You can still gift the people in your life some joy, but make it an experience or a special dinner. This way there is no packaging, minimal wrapping, and a shared memory.
- If you do give gifts, use as little packaging as possible. A gift basket with individual items reduces the amount of wrapping paper used.
- Plan out your meals so that there is enough food (and just a little more) for the number of guests planned. Reducing your food waste will keep your bins a little lighter.
- Safely dispose of old holiday lights and electronics by bringing them to the Hazardous Material Recovery Facility (2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay) during operating hours.

The Resource Recovery Pinterest page has plenty of ideas to help you this holiday season from DIY gifts, food waste tips and even upcycled decorations.

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If you are interested in reading more about a resource recovery topic online or in our newsletter let us know! We would love to hear from you.



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