



**BROWN COUNTY
PORT & RESOURCE
RECOVERY
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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Brown County Organic Food Waste Drop-Off Program

Are you interested in reducing the amount of waste you toss into your trash can as well as minimizing your environmental impact? Join our food waste drop-off program and start bringing your compostable organic waste, dairy, bones, and non-recyclable paper to one of the Brown County Organic Food Waste Drop-off Sites. The Organics Food Waste Drop-off Program offers even avid backyard composters the opportunity to compost more materials like paper towels, napkins, meat and bones, dairy products, greasy pizza boxes and much more. **Starting this fall, the Brown County Organics Food Waste Drop-off Program** will start accepting food and organic waste from anyone who lives in Brown County.

How it works:

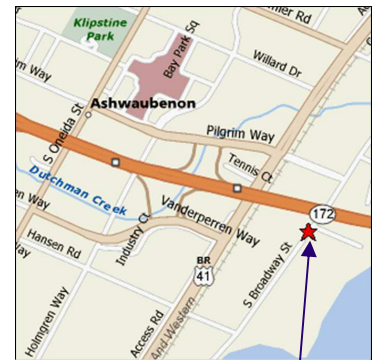
- Sign up through the Brown County Resource Recovery Department website or by calling (920) 492-4950 to become a part of our Organics Food Waste Drop-Off program.
- Purchase BPI-certified compostable bags through the Brown County Organics website or at a local grocery or hardware store. Normal plastic bags contaminate our compost and are **not** allowed.
- Start collecting food scraps, leftovers, nonrecyclable papers and much more at home and bring them to one of our Drop-off Sites.
- Organics are hauled to an anaerobic digester which accelerates the composting process as well as capturing the methane gas from the decomposition process.

Sign up today:

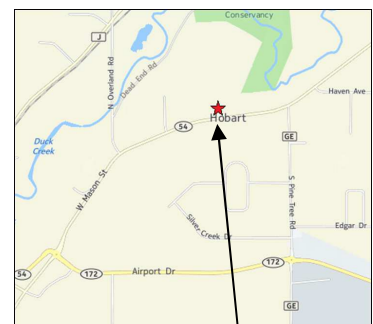
Although there will not be a fee for using the Drop-off Sites during the next operating year, **all users must complete a registration form.** Participant's registration information helps us track how many people are using the Drop-off Sites so that we can make sure we have enough scheduled pick-ups to accommodate everyone's materials, and it allows us to share important updates and information with our participants and helps ensure we keep our collected organics - and the resulting compost - free of contamination.

Download the registration form from www.BrownCountyRecycling.org/organics and email or send it to the Brown County Resource Recovery office (BC_Resource_Recovery@co.brown.wi.us or 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304).

Drop-Off Sites & Hours



Recycling Transfer Station
2561 S. Broadway
M-F 7:30 am - 4:00 pm
Sat 8:00 am - 2:00 pm



Solid Waste Transfer Station
3734 W. Mason Street
M-F 7:30 am - 4:00 pm
Sat 7:30 am - 2:00 pm

2013 Annual Report

The Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department had another successful year in 2013. Business activities included processing more than **132,000 tons** of solid waste through the Brown County Solid Waste Transfer Station. In addition, another 8,000 tons of solid waste and 67,000 tons of alternative daily cover were delivered directly to the BOW landfill. The shingles recycling program begun in 2012 resulted in 4,400 tons of shingles being recycled in 2012 increasing to more than 10,000 tons in 2013. Also in late 2012, a Construction and Demolition (C&D) recycling program was started resulting in 1,400 tons of C&D being recycled in 2012 increasing to more than 11,000 tons in 2013.

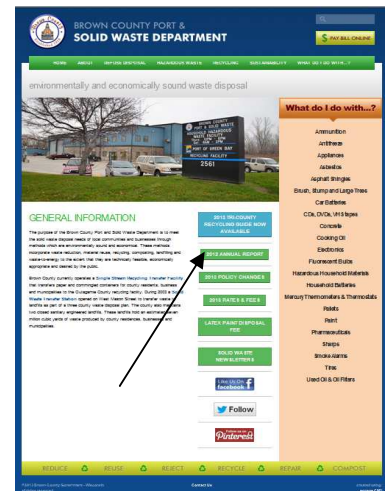
Single stream recycling continued to pay dividends in 2013 as more than 24,000 tons of single stream recyclables were hauled from Brown County to the BOW recycling facility and more than \$760,000 was returned to customers as a recycling rebate in 2013.

During 2013, the Brown County HHW facility took in 804,000 pounds of hazardous materials from 8,400 residential and business sources. The HHW facility was able to recycle or make available to the public more than half of the collected material while 207,000 pounds of hazardous waste was kept out of the environment and properly destroyed. HHW staff also with several nearby counties either assisting with their collection events or serving as a disposal outlet for their material. This year was the first full year of a fee for acceptance of latex paint (\$1.00 per gallon) initiated to better manage the cost of proper disposal. The A drop of eight percent in the amount of electronics collected was seen as the statewide ban on disposal of electronics in landfills entered its third year and more disposal options continue to emerge.

More than 9,200 pounds of sharps were safely destroyed through the Brown County Household Sharps Program. Brown County HHW assisted law enforcement in Brown County with disposing of over 3,500 pounds of over-the-counter, non-controlled and controlled medications.

The East Landfill Gas-to-energy facility continues to produce enough energy (6,065,201 kw) to provide electricity for more than 1,000 homes in Brown County. Although the West Landfill gas is not being beneficially used, the monitoring requirements were reduced after the Hazardous Air Pollutants were modeled and shown to be performing below NR 445 requirements.

To view the Annual Report please go to our homepage at www.BrownCountyRecycling.org and click on the green “2013 Annual Report” button.



DID YOU KNOW?

Recycling 27 aluminum cans saves the equivalent of one gallon of gasoline.



Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department

Invites you to our annual

Customer Appreciation Day



Solid Waste Transfer Station - **Tuesday, September 16th @ 10am - 2pm**
3734 W. Mason Street, Hobart, WI 54155

Recycling Transfer Station - **Wednesday, September 17th @ 10am - 2pm**
2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304

Phone: (920) 492-4950

Food compliments of
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Thank you for your business!!!

Reducing, Reusing and Recycling Plastic Bags and Wrap

By Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

The DNR has partnered with the American Chemistry Council's Flexible Film Recycling Group and GreenBlue's Sustainable Packaging Coalition on a plastic film recycling initiative called Wisconsin WRAP: Recycling Plastic Film Beyond Bags.

Reduce the Number of Bags You Use and Reuse Plastic Bags

The first and best option for reducing plastic waste is to minimize single-use plastics in your daily life. Actions you can take include: Reduce your use of disposable shopping bags by using a reusable bag or container when shopping, Reuse old plastic bags for multiple shopping trips, Re-purpose plastic bags as trash liners or pet waste bags, Refuse a bag for easy-to-carry purchases and Buy products in bulk. Many grocery stores offer durable, washable bags to customers at an affordable price. Using these bags on a regular basis can create less waste than paper or plastic, and washing them regularly helps prevent the spread of dirt and germs.

What can be recycled: more than shopping bags

If you have plastic bags and wrap you can't reuse, you can often recycle them at stores or other drop-off sites if they are clean and dry. Many people know that shopping bags can be recycled. Far fewer are aware that other household plastic wrap can be recycled, including: plastic newspaper bags, produce bags, stretch film around furniture or electronics, plastic packaging on paper products and dry cleaning bags. Plastic bags of any color are accepted at drop-off locations. Plasticfilmrecycling.org has more information on which types of plastic bags and wrap can be recycled and which cannot. Non-recyclable plastic wraps include any wrap or bag that contained frozen food, pre-washed salad mix bags and bags labeled as degradable. Any plastic wrap, bag or film that is dirty or wet should also not be recycled. When in doubt, don't recycle items you are unsure about. Bags and wrap with food particles or excess moisture - or that are labeled compostable or biodegradable - can hinder the recycling process and prevent the reuse of entire loads of recovered bags and wrap.

Take your plastic wrap and bags to drop-off locations

You can recycle most clean and dry plastic wrap and bags at participating store drop-off locations. If you know of stores that are collecting plastic film and bags but are not listed in the directory, suggest a drop-off location. Although some community recycling programs will accept plastic bags and wrap in curbside collection, the industry strongly encourages recyclers to use retail drop-off locations instead. Plastic wrap, bags and film clog curbside recycling machinery and are difficult to separate from other materials. For now, the best option is to take clean, empty bags and wrap to a retailer that offers a recycling bin to its customers.

Do more: set up or encourage collection programs

Whether you are a business that generates a lot of plastic film and bags or a consumer, there is a role for you. Learn how to do your part to build the economy, keep recyclable plastic film and bags out of Wisconsin landfills and put them back into productive use. Set up a collection program at your local school or your workplace, including work operation spaces such as a distribution center. Learn how your business, retail or grocery store, or distribution center can support plastic film recycling and get involved. Coordinate local outreach and education.

Learn more by visiting: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Recycling/bags.html>



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Top 5 Recycling Questions

1. Why can I recycle **ONLY** #1 and #2 plastics?

Great News!!! While we are currently able to collect **ONLY** #1 and #2 plastic bottles and jugs recent market changes have made recycling of #4 and #5 dairy tubs and lids more stable and reliable. We are in the process of adding sorting stations, conveyor belts, storage silos and a second baler. Once the equipment has been installed, we will be able to accept more plastics. Watch for more information later this fall.



2. Should I remove my bottle caps and rinse my containers?



Removing your bottle caps is a good recycling habit. When caps are left on, the liquids stay in the bottle which makes it difficult for the specialized machinery to properly sort the plastic. The bottle could end up in the trash rather than being recycled. As a courtesy to the people who sort the recycling, we ask that you rinse your containers before tossing them into your bin or cart. Also, there is no need to remove the labels because they are burned off during the recycling process.

3. What do I do with plastic bags?

Plastic bags are highly recyclable, but **NOT** through your curbside program. The Tri-County Recycling Facility is not designed to remove plastic bags, and the bags wrap around the equipment causing maintenance issues. Please take your plastic bags and other film plastics to a local retail or grocery store to be recycled.



4. Can I recycle aluminum foil and pie pans?



The Tri-County Recycling Program does **NOT** accept aluminum foil and pans because they are made from lower grade aluminum than the aluminum used to make beverage cans. You may recycle aluminum pans and foil through a local scrap metal dealer.



5. What should I do with shredded paper?

To recycle shredded paper we ask that you put it in a paper bag; staple it closed, label the bag and put it in your curbside container. This method keeps the pieces of paper from blowing around the neighborhood while sitting at the curb, during transportation and at the recycling facility. **Do not** use plastic bags!



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