



BROWN COUNTY
PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY
DEPARTMENT

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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Compactor Dedication

The newly installed compactor at the Brown County Materials Recycling Facility was officially dedicated by County Executive Troy Streckenbach at a ceremony on October 19th. The executive explained the financial benefits to Brown County and the investment by Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties (BOW) in the equipment. The event was a chance for the public and media to get a look at the new machinery. Additional remarks were provided by Solid Waste Board Chairman John Katers who explained this innovative effort came from staff working on cost-saving and efficiency measures for the Recycling Transfer Station.



Executive Troy Streckenbach speaking about the financial benefits of the compactor.

The compactor has been running smoothly since installation with outbound loads averaging 23-24 tons each as compared to an average of 14 tons before the compactor was installed. The increase in tonnage carried in one trip will reduce the number of trips required to haul material to Outagamie County by nearly 50 percent. The increased tonnage also means that there will be less



New recycling compactor in action.

material in our facility at one time, less wind-blown material, less staff time cleaning the tip floor and a happier neighborhood.

The compactor is estimated to cut costs by nearly \$100,000 a year and should pay for itself in less than five years.

Since 2002, the first week of October has been declared Household Hazardous Waste Awareness Week. During this week we extend our hours for household hazardous waste (HHW) drop off to Monday in addition to our normal Thursday and Saturday hours. While HHW is open every Thursday and Saturday (except for Holidays) many people are only aware of our hours during HHW Awareness Week. It is our goal to make everyone aware that we accept material all year.

Our HHW facility takes pride in being open to the public to accept hazardous material year-round. There are only a handful of sites like ours in the state and we are pleased to provide a reliable and environmentally responsible facility for our residents to bring their hazardous waste materials.



Location: 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304 (just south of the I72 overpass)

Residential Drop-Off Hours: Thursdays: 12:00 pm-6:00 pm (Peak Hours-12:00 pm-2:00 pm)
Saturdays: 8:00 am-2:00 pm (Peak Hours-10:30 am-12:00 pm)

Business Drop-Off Hours: By Appointment Only (920) 492-4950

- If you are bringing a large quantity of material (a truck bed full, or trailer full) please call to make an appointment. If you come with a large quantity of material during our residential hours we may ask you to pull aside and wait for the line to shorten before we can assist you. You can also call to make an appointment.
- Ballasts must be removed from the florescent light fixtures prior to being brought in to HHW. Both the ballast and the fixture can then be brought to our facility.
- **Effective January 1, 2016 there will be a change in fees for residential drop-off of hazardous material**

Questions?: Call (920) 492-4950

Trash Collection—The Fifth Most Dangerous Job in the U.S.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics released the 2014 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries Summary, ranking refuse and recyclable material collection as the occupation with the 5th highest fatality rate in the US for the second year in a row, behind logging workers, fishers, aircraft pilots, and roofers.

The data indicates that there were 27 worker fatalities in 2014, which is a drop from 33 worker fatalities in 2013; however, the 2014 fatality rate increased to 35.8% from 33% in 2013. The drop in fatal injuries but increase in fatality rate could be attributed to smaller number of workers in this occupation.

Data gathered by the National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA) indicates that vehicle accidents and workers being struck by mobile equipment are the leading causes of fatal injury to refuse and recyclable material collectors.

NWRA has a very active Safety Committee for the industry that has championed “Slow Down to Get Around” legislation, which now is law in nine states. NWRA provides a variety of safety resources, including Temporary Worker Safety Training, Safe Driver Training and Certification Program, Safety Standards and a Waste Collection Vehicle Safety Guide.

Safety Tip—Backing Into Trouble

Backing is the most common type of accident involving the solid waste industry’s trucks and contributes to 25% of all traffic accidents. What can you do to avoid the dangers of backing?

- Avoid backing by planning ahead
- Alert your supervisor or dispatch if a container or stop could be changed to eliminate or minimize backing
- Use a spotter, if possible
- STOP. Check your surrounds, mirrors and monitors
- Sound your horn before backing
- Backup alarms, cameras and detection systems are common devices used to prevent backing accidents
- Do Not back with a rider on the rear step
- Do Not back if your mirrors or camera are covered with ice or dirt

Technology, training, sensible routing and wearing high visibility garments can all play a role in improving safety while backing.

These safety tips come from the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA).



Automated recycling truck

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Frequently Asked Questions

What are your hours and where are you located?

Waste Transfer Station

3734 W. Mason
Hobart, WI 54155
Mon-Fri 7:00 am—4:00 pm
Sat. 7:30 am—2:00 pm

Recycling Transfer Station

2561 S. Broadway
Green Bay, WI 54304
Mon-Fri 7:30 am—4:00 pm

Household Hazardous Waste

2561 S. Broadway
Green Bay, WI 54304
Thurs. 12:00 pm—6:00 pm
Sat. 8:00 am—2:00 pm



What do I do with extra cardboard that doesn't fit in my recycling?

Cardboard can be brought to the Recycling Facility. Use the small opening between large overhead doors on the Broadway side of the building to unload your material directly into the recycling building

Where should I take my old electronics?

Electronics are considered universal material. This includes televisions, stereos, cell phones, DVD and VHS players and the CD's or tapes, and microwaves. All of these materials should be brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. (Hours and location above.)



What do I do with my old paint?

Paint should be brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. (Hours and location above.) We accept latex and oil based paint, as well as stains, sealers, varnishes, etc. A fee may apply.

What should I do with my shredded paper?

Any paper that has been shredded should be placed in a paper bag (not a plastic bag) labeled "Shredded Paper" and stapled shut. It can go right into your recycling bin or brought to our Recycling Facility. (Hours and location above.)



Change in Rates & Fees

Effective January 1st a change in rates and fees will occur. These changes will be implemented at the Waste Transfer Station, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Recycling Transfer Station. The Waste Transfer Station will see an increase in fees at the gate rate and several other small changes. The HHW will see a change in universal waste and other non-hazardous material, which will now be charged \$0.25 per pound. Used oil will be taken at no cost from Brown County residents. Lastly, the Recycling Transfer Station may see some change.