

# The Basics of Backyard Composting

## Composting is great for your garden & lawn

25% of landfill waste is organics that could instead be composted and used in farms and gardens. Composting saves landfill space, saves resources, protects the planet and returns valuable material to productive use.



### It is as simple as 1-2-3-4

1. Chop materials so they break down quicker
2. Mix “browns” with “greens”
3. Keep compost as moist as a wrung-out sponge  
Water as needed to maintain moisture balance
4. Turn the pile once a week to speed things up

A basic compost pile needs only four ingredients:

### BROWNS + GREENS + WATER + AIR

- Browns are carbon-rich, dry materials like leaves, twigs, paper products and sawdust
- Greens are nitrogen-rich, moist materials like grass, fruits, vegetables and grains

Animal by-products are not recommended — such as meat, fish, bones, dairy, oils.

### What can I do with finished compost?

Completed compost is dark brown, crumbly, and has an earthy odor. You should not see any of the original materials in completed compost.

Compost can be added to lawns and gardens as a soil amendment to improve soil structure and health. Compost can also be used as mulch to reduce weeds, prevent erosion and maintain moisture.

For more composting details see the “*Garbage to Garden*” compost poster on the WI DNR website. [dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/wa/wa1528.pdf](http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/wa/wa1528.pdf)



## Compost Bin Sale

- Includes “*Composting Cookbook*”
- Assembly is less than 10-minutes
- Made of 100% recycled plastic
- Holds 60 gallons of material
- 33” in diameter and 33” tall

### Bin Pick-up Dates:

- County staff will contact you in regards to a pick-up time at the end of April

### Bin Pick-up Location:

- St. Croix County AG Center (lower-level garage),  
1960 8th Ave, Baldwin (located off of Highway 63 south of Flagship Ford)

### How to Order:

- Visit our website [www.sccwi.gov/Recycling](http://www.sccwi.gov/Recycling)  
Click the online link under Compost Bin Sale — scroll to the bottom of the page
- Pay online with debit or credit card—you will get an email notification for pick-up info.



**QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED**

# Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Collection Events

## Appliance & Electronics Collection Event

- CITY of HUDSON  
285 Krattley Lane, North Hudson  
**open from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
- TOWN of TROY  
277 Townsvalley Road, River Falls  
**open from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
- VILLAGE of WOODVILLE — Fire Hall  
216 River Street, Woodville  
**open from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**



### Most APPLIANCES are \$10

Stove / Frig / Freezer / Microwave / Washer / Dryer / Dishwasher  
AC / Furnace / Humidifier / Dehumidifier / Water Heater / Softener  
Push Mower / Snow Blower / Tiller / Grill / Compressor / Vacuum  
*Call for pricing on Gas + Commercial Units and additional items.*

ELECTRONICS	COST	ELECTRONICS	COST
CD Player	\$15	Small Radio	\$15
Cell Phone	Free	Stereo Receiver	\$25
Copier (Small)	\$25	Stereo (Console)	\$50
Copier (30-50 lbs.)	\$60	Telephone	\$3
Copier (Over 50 lbs.)	\$135	<b>TELEVISIONS:</b>	
Computer/Laptop	\$15	13" & Smaller	\$25
Fax Machine	\$20	14-19"	\$30
Keyboard & Mouse	Free	20-27"	\$35
Modem (External)	\$10	28"+	\$55
Monitor CRTs ≤ 17"	\$30	Console	\$55
Monitor CRTs ≥ 18"	\$35	Plasma/LCD ≤ 20"	\$20
Printer (Small)	\$15	Plasma/LCD ≥ 21"	\$30
Printer (Large/Laser)	\$35	Smoke Detector	\$2
Scanner	\$15	Treadmill	\$25
UPS/Battery Backup	\$25	Typewriter	\$15
Fluorescent BULB pricing varies based on style \$0.60 - \$4.35			
PROPANE TANKS: 1# = \$2      20# = \$5			

Payable by **CASH or CHECK ONLY** (no credit cards)

**YEAR-ROUND RESOURCES for APPLIANCES and ELECTRONICS** — contact directly for details

**E-CYCLING**  
900 Industrial Street, Hudson  
715-381-5900

**RICHMOND Recycling Center**  
1428 100th St, New Richmond  
715.690.4661

**ADVANCED DISPOSAL**  
100 Packer Dr., Roberts,  
715.749.3855 (for appliances only)

## Tire Collection Event

- CITY of HUDSON      285 Krattley Lane, North Hudson      **open from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
- TOWN of TROY      277 Townsvalley Road, River Falls      **open from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
- TOWN of RICHMOND      1428 100th Street, New Richmond      **open from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

### TIRE PRICES

Car: \$5 without rim or \$ 8 with rim  
Truck: \$7 without rim or \$12 with rim  
Tractor tire: \$35  
Heavy equipment tire: \$45  
ATV/Motorcycle tire: \$4  
Bicycle tire: \$1

Payable by **CASH or CHECK ONLY**

Call your local tire retailer for year-round disposal options.



# 2021 Hazardous Waste Collection

## Next Clean Sweep Event is October 7th & 8th

Due to rising disposal costs, St. Croix county will only be holding **ONE annual collection event**.

More details to come in the fall newsletter or check the Recycling website this summer.

*St. Croix County residents can also attend Clean Sweep collection events in neighboring counties. Check their websites for dates and more details.*

POLK COUNTY                      **715-483-1088**  
[co.polk.wi.us/recycling](http://co.polk.wi.us/recycling)

PIERCE COUNTY                    **715-273-3092**  
[co.pierce.wi.us/Solid%20Waste/Gerneral\\_Recycling](http://co.pierce.wi.us/Solid%20Waste/Gerneral_Recycling)

## New option for year-round hazardous waste collection

**There is now a new vendor in St. Croix County to provide residents with an alternative option for year-round Household Hazardous Waste disposal.**

Logistics Recycling in Somerset, WI is certified to manage and dispose of hazardous waste, along with electronics, lamps/ballast, batteries, medical/dental waste, PFAS related waste and document destruction.

These services are available to residents and VSQG (businesses that are very small quantity generators).

Call to make an appointment and for disposal fees.

**Logistics Recycling Inc. | 612.716.1941**

The products below are not hazardous waste and can be recycled or disposed of through ALTERNATE METHODS.

PRODUCT	SAFE DISPOSAL METHOD
<b>CAR and AUTOMOTIVE CARE PRODUCTS</b>	
Used Motor Oil and Antifreeze	Bring to participating auto service centers (check county website)
Tires and Batteries (automotive)	Bring to participating battery retailer (check county website) Bring to county <b>TIRE</b> and <b>APPLIANCE</b> collections event <b>May 22</b>
<b>HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS</b> <i>* Never mix products containing ammonia with those containing bleach.</i>	
Cleaners with Bleach or Ammonia * Disinfectants	Flush with lots of water and pour in a city/village sanitary sewer (do NOT pour in rural septic system or storm drain, bring to Clean Sweep)
<b>HOME IMPROVEMENT PRODUCTS</b>	
Adhesives and Glues - WATER-BASED Caulk, Grout, Putty, Spackle	Air-dry or mix with cat litter, sawdust or paint hardner until solid, then place in regular trash
<b>PESTICIDES, WEED KILLERS and POISONS</b>	
Fertilizer WITHOUT Weed Killer	Use on other plants and planted areas. If disposing, air-dry or mix with cat litter, sawdust or paint hardener until solid, then place in regular trash
<b>PRESSURIZED CONTAINERS</b>	
<i>Can explode under heat or pressure and should be kept out of regular waste collection.</i>	
Propane Tanks (refillable, small, single-use, non-refillable)	Use entire contents of tank so that it is EMPTY (or it could explode) Bring to county <b>APPLIANCE</b> collection event <b>May 22</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>	
Appliances and Electronics	Bring to local retailer for recycling (check county website) Bring to county <b>APPLIANCE</b> and <b>ELECTRONIC</b> collection event <b>May 22</b>
Medical, Biological Waste, Sharps	Check with your local hospitals or medical clinics for disposal options
Explosives	Gunpowder, ammunition & fire-works (bring to local police/sheriff)
<b>ACCEPTED at Clean Sweep, but have year-round disposal options</b>	
Latex Paint - WATER-BASED (not oil paint)	Air-dry or mix with cat litter, sawdust or paint hardner until solid, then place in regular trash. \$5/gallon fee is charged at Clean Sweep
Compact & Fluorescent Tubes	Bring to local retailer for recycling (check county website) Bring to county <b>APPLIANCE</b> collection event <b>May 22</b>

# Recycling Presentations

Our Recycling Specialist is available to present virtually to your community group, business or school at no charge. Contact Kris Poston at:

715-531-1907 | [kris.poston@sccwi.gov](mailto:kris.poston@sccwi.gov)

## St. Croix County Recycling Resources

- Visit the St. Croix County Recycling website [www.sccwi.gov/Recycling](http://www.sccwi.gov/Recycling)  
**Check out the A-Z Disposal Guide**
- LIKE our page on [facebook.com/sccwirecycling](https://www.facebook.com/sccwirecycling)
- Watch our Recycling video on YouTube "Western WI Journal: Recycling in St. Croix Cty."

# RECYCLE RIGHT

We can make a difference by supporting a closed-loop recycling system. This includes reuse, repair, recycling and re-manufacturing. A circular system minimizes the use of virgin resources and the creation of waste, pollution and carbon emissions.

## When done right, the recycling process is one big circle

- Households and businesses buy products (with packaging) made with material that can be recycled. They properly prepare the recycling.
- Haulers pick up the recyclable materials, sort them appropriately, then prepare them as feedstock for manufacturers.
- Companies buy recycled and virgin feedstock, manufacture products that can be recycled, package the products and ship to stores.

## Problems may occur when...

- Households fail to recycle properly. They may put dirty materials in the bin, contaminating the entire load. They Wish-Cycle and put inappropriate items in with recycling. They don't consider reducing and re-using before purchasing.
- Haulers gather more of a specific type of recyclable material than there is demand. They store the excess material if possible. If manufacturers don't buy the recycled feedstock, then the excess goes to the landfill.
- Companies make products that are recyclable but don't buy back enough of the material they generate.



## As consumers we can ...

- choose which manufactures to support
- reduce the amount of recycling and trash we generate
- consider product lifespan and disposal before purchasing

We need to stay focused on RECYCLING RIGHT. This means keeping the single-stream recycling materials clean and properly sorted — understanding when to put it in your curbside container; when to bring it to a collection event; when to return it to a retailer; or when you can mail it back to a manufacturer.

Learn how to Recycle Right: [sccwi.gov/532/What-to-Recycle](http://sccwi.gov/532/What-to-Recycle)

