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## WASTE TIRE COLLECTION

Manitowoc County residents and businesses can drop off their waste tires at the Manitowoc County Recycling Center.

### Sept 12 through Sept 24

#### Fees & Guidelines

- ◆ \$3.50—per car tire or smaller (5 tires or less)
- ◆ \$4.75—per standard truck tire (5 tires or less)
- ◆ 12 cents per pound (\$240 per ton) for:
  - ◆ Quantities of 6 or more tires
  - ◆ Semi Tires
  - ◆ Tractor Tires
  - ◆ Tires on rims
- ◆ Register at Main Office before dropping off tires.
- ◆ Residents and businesses with large quantities of tires should call the Recycling Center.
- ◆ Collection employees reserve the right to judge, based on tire size and quantity, whether a customer is charged per tire or by weight.

#### Waste Tire Collection Location & Hours:

3000 Basswood Road  
Manitowoc  
**Monday—Friday**  
**7am—4pm**  
**Saturday**  
**8am—Noon**



For more information call **920-683-4333** or visit [www.manitowocrecycles.org](http://www.manitowocrecycles.org)

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center will be holding the annual tire collection Sept 12 through Sept 24. This annual event has collected an estimated 3.05 million pounds of waste tires since it began in 1998.

Proper disposal of tires can help protect the environment and benefit human health and safety. Tires have been banned from landfills since 1995 because they take up too much space and their bulky size makes them hard to keep buried. Unfortunately, tires are often illegally dumped along roadways or in illegal stockpiles. Aside from looking like a mess, this can cause environmental problems. Tires can pollute surface and groundwater and provide homes for rodents and breeding grounds for mosquitoes. If tires catch fire, they can also release large amounts of pollutants into the air, water and soil.

Waste tires can be reused in a number of ways. They can be shred into rubber chips and used as an artificial turf or groundcover in playgrounds. Tire rubber can be incorporated into asphalt roads, running tracks and used in other rubber products. Tires may also be used as an alternative fuel source. When burned in specially designed incinerators the release of noxious smoke is controlled.

Taking proper care of your tires can prolong the life of the tire. Following the scheduled rotation and maintaining proper air pressure can help you get more use out of them. Fixing alignment problems early can also save on tire wear.

#### Mission Statement

*To provide materials recycling and recovery services to the citizens of Manitowoc County and to keep the public informed about recycling issues.*



**Manitowoc County Recycling Center & Compost Sites**  
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**HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN SWEEP RESULTS**

The Manitowoc County Department of Public Works and Manitowoc County Recycling Center would like to thank all the participants of the 2016 Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep. This year the collection had 459 households, 9 farms and 13 businesses participate and collected a total of 38,649.1 pounds of hazardous waste. Households turned in 25,998 pounds of hazardous chemicals. Farms turned in 6,555 pounds. Most of the items turned in were old paints and pesticides, though a significant amount of solvents and corrosive substances were also dropped off.

The business portion of Clean Sweep served 13 local businesses who qualified as "Very Small Quantity Generators" under the program. These businesses brought in 6,096.1 pounds of hazardous waste. Businesses are offered a substantial discount when they bring their materials to the Clean Sweep event.

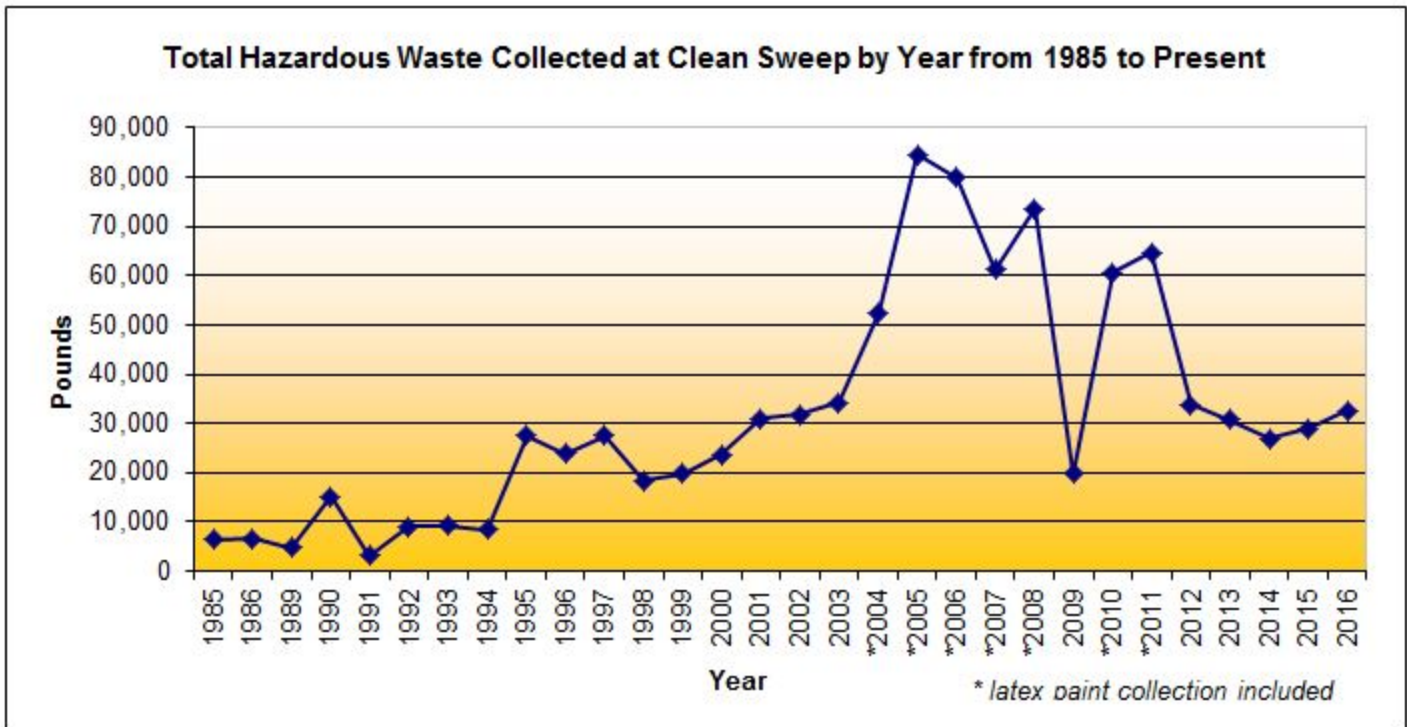
The Manitowoc County Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep started in 1985. Since it began, households and farms have turned in approximately 950,585 pounds of material. All of the collected items are properly recycled, neutralized or disposed of at special disposal sites or hazardous waste incinerators that render the materials harmless.

Many cleansers, home improvement products, automotive products and pesticides can be dangerous when stored or disposed of improperly. They can contaminate the soil, water, and air when spilt or illegally dumped. Improperly stored items could be involved in accidental poisonings of children and pets. The Clean Sweep Program provides an opportunity for households and farms to safely dispose of these materials for free and for eligible businesses save on their disposal costs.

Clean Sweep is an annual collection typically held in mid-May. It is made possible partly through grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, a donation from the Ridgeview Landfill and volunteer labor.

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center has a number of programs throughout the year that you can use to help our environment and clean up at home including Composting, Drug Disposal programs, an ongoing Electronics Collection, a Tire Collection as well as the Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep Program. To learn more about these and other programs log onto [www.manitowocrecycles.org](http://www.manitowocrecycles.org), call 920-683-4333, or visit the Recycling Center office at 3000 Basswood Road.

<b>2016 Household Hazardous Waste Weights</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Pounds</b>
Lead/Oil Based Paint	11,274
Waste Oil	3,000
Pesticides/Poisons	5,280
Solvents/Thinners	825
Aerosol Cans	1,562
Caustics/Corrosives	893
Reactives	58
PCBs	0
Dioxins	25
Mercury	0
Other	3,081
<b>TOTAL POUNDS</b>	<b>25,998</b>



### COMPOST SITES—DROP OFF AREA

Both the Basswood Road and Woodland Drive Compost Sites are available for drop off of acceptable yard materials during the posted hours. Be sure to remove any plastic bags and other unacceptable debris from the materials you drop off. Brush drop offs should be placed on the brush pile. Keeping your yard material drop offs clean and free of unacceptable items will help us create better compost products. When using the compost sites drive slow and watch for traffic. It is advisable to avoid using the compost sites during or after heavy rains since they can easily become rutted and slippery. Do not use the compost sites outside of the posted hours.

**Accepted Items:** Grass, leaves, flowers, plants, pumpkins, fruits, vegetables, garden waste, yard waste, brush, branches (not more than 6 inches in diameter or longer than 5 feet), clean woodchips, clean saw dust, and natural holiday trees.

**Unacceptable Items:** Stumps, ashes, animal waste, sod with soil, topsoil or dirt, rocks, gravel, lumber, garbage, large branches greater than 6 inches in diameter or longer than 5 feet.

Loads may be subject to inspection by Recycling Center staff. Illegal dumping is subject to fine per Manitowoc Code section 6.17. Placing unaccepted items in an otherwise designated recycling container or pile is considered illegal dumping and is subject to fine. If you have questions about a particular material, call 683-4333 and ask.

#### BASSWOOD COMPOST SITE

3000 Basswood Rd, Manitowoc  
 Mon-Fri 7am-6pm  
 Sat 8am-6pm

#### WOODLAND COMPOST SITE

4191 Woodland Dr, Two Rivers  
 Mon-Fri 10am-6pm  
 Sat 8am-6pm

### COMPOST PRODUCTS

Wood mulch and compost are available at the Recycling Center Main Office during the posted office hours. Purchases must be made before loading. Note that the office hours are different than the drop off site hours. Loading is generally available Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm. Deliveries can also be set up within Manitowoc County. Call 920-683-4333 for more info.



#### RECYCLING CENTER OFFICE

3000 Basswood Rd, Manitowoc  
 Mon-Fri 7am-4pm  
 Sat 8am-Noon

#### SCREENED COMPOST PRICES

- 1 Bushel: \$2.50
- 1 cubic yard: \$13.00
- 6 cubic yards including delivery: \$108.50

#### UNSCREENED COMPOST PRICES

- 1 Bushel: \$0.50
- 1 cubic yard: \$1.50
- 6 cubic yards including delivery: \$39.50

#### WOOD MULCH PRICES

- 1 Bushel: \$0.75
- 1 cubic yard: \$8.00
- 6 cubic yards including delivery: \$78.50

### MANITOWOC COUNTY FAIR

Mark your calendars, the 2016 Manitowoc County Fair is scheduled for August 23-28.

Visit [www.manitowocountyexpo.com](http://www.manitowocountyexpo.com) for details.



#### Exhibitor Deadline

Open Class Registration July 15

#### Fairbook

The fairbook is available now and includes all the forms and Market Animal Sale

#### One Day Passes

One day passes are available in the Expo Office and make great gift ideas for birthdays, anniversaries and other special events. One day passes are only \$10 and include admission, parking, FREE rides, FREE entertainment, and FREE grandstand shows.

### CARTON RECYCLING

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center accepts food and beverage cartons for recycling. These familiar cartons are used to contain a variety of products commonly found on your grocery lists. Some examples are containers for wine, milk, soy milk, juice, cream, soup, broth, and egg substitutes. Cartons are made from paper fibers, plastic, and aluminum so they are highly recyclable. When bringing your cartons to the Manitowoc County Recycling Center they can be placed in with the plastic bottles. Cartons should be emptied and flattened but there is no need to rinse them. Do not place any cartons with significant amount of product left in them in your recycling. If you have curbside pickup in the City of Manitowoc or City of Two Rivers you should place your cartons in with the plastic containers. Otherwise, check with your local hauler or drop off center for availability and guidelines.



Please call the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 683-4333 or visit [www.manitowocrecycles.org](http://www.manitowocrecycles.org) for questions about Carton Recycling.

**RECYCLING DEPOT**

The Manitowoc Recycling Center maintains a residential drop off area at the Recycling Center Main office located at 3000 Basswood Road. It is open Monday-Friday from 7am to 4pm, and Saturday from 8am to Noon. This site is intended for use by all county residents. There is no trash or garbage drop off at this location. Contact a local hauler or the Ridgeview Landfill for disposal of trash. Different municipal drop off sites may be more accessible to you depending on the city, township or village you are from.

General Drop Site Guidelines

- Place your recyclables in the bunker or receptacle labeled for that material.
- Remove any plastic bags or strings and take them home with you to place in your trash.
- Do not place nonacceptable items in the bunkers or receptacles.
- Do not place materials outside receptacles on the ground.
- Large loads of cardboard, paper or plastic can be placed on appropriate pile on the tipping floor.
- Use caution driving through the drop site and on the tipping floor.

<p><u>Paper</u> Includes newspapers, junk mail, magazines, computer paper, books with metal or plastic binding removed etc.. Paper should be clean and dry. No paper contaminated with food or oil. No paper coated with foil, plastic or heavy glue. No plastic/foil wrapping paper.</p> 	<p><u>Plastic</u> Check for a neck we only accept #1 and #2 bottles and jars. Remove the caps, rinse and flatten. No tub shaped containers or bottles that contained oil or pesticide (even if rinsed). No plastic wraps, films, bags, trays, pails, packaging peanuts, Styrofoam, or any other non bottle shaped item. Please do not tie milk jugs together or tie in plastic bags.</p> 
<p><u>Glass Bottles</u> Any color glass bottle or jar can be recycled. Put into designated bunker. Remove lids or caps and rinse. No window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, clay, ceramics, drinking glasses or ovenware.</p> 	<p><u>Cartons</u> Cartons include shelf stable and refrigerated containers for wine, milk, juice, cream, soy milk, soup, and egg substitutes. Drop off cartons with the with the plastic bottles. They should be emptied and flattened.</p> 
<p><u>Cardboard</u> Should be clean and flattened. No soiled cardboard or cardboard coated with wax, tin, or plastic.</p> 	<p><u>Cans</u> Tin, steel, and aluminum cans. Coated cans, foil, and pie tins are ok. Empty and rinse out food residue.</p> 

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER REQUEST**

Are you interested in receiving current updates recycling programs in Manitowoc County? Join our electronic mailing list to receive our quarterly newsletter. Either call us at 920-683-4333 or email [jonreisenbuechler@co.manitowoc.wi.us](mailto:jonreisenbuechler@co.manitowoc.wi.us) and request to be added to our email distribution list. The recycling center will not give away or sell your information. You will receive our quarterly newsletter detailing news and information about the recycling center and related events.

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