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DRUG DROP BOX INSTALLED

The Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office has installed a drug drop box in the lobby located at 1025 South 9th Street. This new drug drop box was installed to help make drug disposal more convenient for residents and more efficient for law enforcement. The new drop box is available Monday through Friday between 8am and 4:30pm. When using this drop box or any other drop box or disposal event in Manitowoc County, make sure to follow the directions listed below.

There are two reasons for the collection and proper disposal of medications. First, removing these drugs from your house can reduce the likelihood of family or guests using the prescriptions in a way that leads to addiction, continued use of illicit drugs, and accidental poisoning or overdoses. Second, these drugs should not be placed in the trash or flushed down the toilet since they cannot be removed by landfills, sewage treatment plants, or septic systems and are released into our water supplies.

Since 2006, Manitowoc County has offered annual programs for medication disposal. What started out as a one-day collection event in 2006 has now grown into 3 permanent drug drop boxes and 3 annual take back events. Thanks to the efforts of the program supporters and participating residents, approximately 12,509 pounds of pills, patches, powders, and liquids have been collected since it started (not including the packaging).

When using this drug drop box, or any other drop box or drug collection event, it is very important to follow the guidelines. The guidelines are designed to keep the collections safe and efficient. Please check them before using since they are subject to change. The current guidelines are listed on page 2.

This program is supported through the Manitowoc County Drug Disposal Collaborative which includes: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office - Metro Drug Unit, Manitowoc County Public Works Department - Recycling Center, Manitowoc County Aging and Disability Resource Center, Manitowoc County Public Health Department, Northeastern Wisconsin Area Health Education Center, Manitowoc City Police Department, Two Rivers Police Department, and Kiel Police Department.

For questions or more info call 683-4333 or visit the Drug Disposal section at www.manitowocrecycles.org.



Mission Statement

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



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Earth Day & Healthy Kids Day

APRIL 29, 2017 10am—2pm
At the YMCA
205 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc



The 2017 Earth Day Event will be held in conjunction with Healthy Kids Day at the Manitowoc YMCA. Both events draw on the theme that a healthy lifestyle and healthy environment go hand in hand.

The events will feature a drug collection event coordinated by Manitowoc County Recycling Center, Metro Drug Unit and Health Department.

The Earth Day Event is an annual gathering of local and regional businesses, organizations, and individuals that promote sustainable, activities in our communities. The public is invited to attend, FREE of charge, and learn more about a wide range of topics including: local food, organic gardening, nature conservation, composting, recycling and waste reduction, healthy lifestyles and communities, and local businesses offering environmentally friendly products and services. The event has many activities geared toward children and will have food by local vendors.

Some activities at the event will include: educational booths, children's activities, seedling planting by Roorbach Flowers, Educational Animals by Wildlife of Wisconsin, Music performances and song with participation for all ages including song, drumming and movement, Nitrate Testing for well water by League of Women Voters (bring 1/2 Cup sample).

For information on Earth Day or the Drug Disposal Program visit www.manitowocrecycles.org or call 920-683-4333. For information on Healthy Kids Day or the YMCA visit www.mtrymca.org or call 920-682-0341.

Earth Day Beach Cleanup!

9:00 am April 22rd. Help keep our lakeshore clean and healthy! Call 920-242-1993 to sign up for a beach near you.



Door Prizes!

A chance to win great prizes! One ticket per attendee. Get two tickets if you ride a bike, walk, or take public transportation to the event! Prizes announced throughout the day by the music.

Earth Friendly Collections!

Medications (see below), Mercury Thermometers (see below for details), Cell Phones (donated to Cell Phones for Soldiers), Eye Glasses, and Hearing Aids (donated to Lions Club), and Printer Cartridges.

DRUG COLLECTION GUIDELINES Participants should remove pills from the original container and put them in a "ziplock" style bag that is quart size or smaller. Pills can be mixed in one bag. Bring the bag to a law enforcement drug drop box or drug disposal event. Recycle or dispose of the empty pill bottles and boxes at home. Liquids, creams, and powders stay in their original container with the caps tightened.

Guidelines:

- Accepted drugs include prescriptions, over the counter, pet medications, controlled substances, and supplements.
- Place pills in a "ziplock" style bag that is quart size or less. Liquids, cremes, and powders can stay in the original container with caps tightened.
- Pill bottles and boxes are NOT accepted. Cross out your personal information and dispose of them or recycle them at home.
- Needles, sharps, mercury devices, chemical waste, electronic glucose monitors, non-medical inhalers, and personal care products like shampoo and cosmetics will NOT be accepted.
- Do NOT bring medications to drug disposal events before or after the listed times.
- Households only. Businesses should call 683-4333 for disposal information.
- Practice safe storage by keeping medications in a secured location.
- Practice reduction by consulting with your physician about your medication needs.
- Never share your prescriptions with another person.

PERMANENT DROP BOX LOCATIONS:

- Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office: 1025 South 9th St, 8am-4:30pm M-F
- Manitowoc City Police Dept: 910 Jay St, Manitowoc, 7:30am-4:30pm M-F
- Two Rivers Police Dept: 1717 East Park St, Two Rivers, 8am-4:30pm M-F

NEXT DRUG DISPOSAL EVENT:

- Saturday, April 29th: 10am-2pm, Earth Day/Healthy Kids Day, YMCA 205 Maritime Dr Manitowoc

MERCURY THERMOMETER EXCHANGE

As part of the Earth Day Drug Collection you can bring your mercury fever thermometers and receive a digital thermometer. Only household thermometers are eligible for exchange. There is a limit of one digital thermometer per household while supplies last. Transport mercury devices in a sealed and cushioned container.

YES



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Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep



Bring your hazardous wastes to the 2017 Clean Sweep. Many common items like automotive products, household cleaners, pesticides and home improvement products are hazardous when used, stored or disposed of improperly. Look for items that contain the following warnings on their labels: **Danger, Warning, Caution, Poison, Combustible, Flammable, Corrosive, and Toxic.** Households and farms may participate for free, businesses receive discounted rates.

MAY 19 and 20, 2017

Manitowoc County Highway Shop
3500 HWY 310

Residents

Saturday, **May 20**, 9am - Noon

Farms and Businesses

Friday, **May 19**, 2pm - 4pm
Pre-registration is required by May 11
Call 920-683-4333

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 to safely dispose of these materials for free and for eligible businesses to save on their disposal costs.

The Manitowoc County Clean Sweep is part of a regional partnership with Sheboygan and Fond du Lac County. It is possible partly through grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, a donation from the Ridgeview Landfill and volunteer labor. If you are interested in contributing to the Clean Sweep program contact the Recycling Center at 920-683-4333.

REDUCTION IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE!

Before you buy:

- Read the labels
- Choose safer alternatives
- Buy the smallest amount needed for the job

After you buy:

- Follow directions for safe use
- Store properly in the original container
- Share what you can't use
- Dispose of leftovers properly

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Pesticides and poisons
- Oil and lead based paints
- Wood preservatives
- Solvents
- Aerosols
- Cleansers and polishes
- Contaminated oil
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline
- Mercury and mercury containing devices
- Pool chemicals

Disposal or recycling options exist for many unacceptable items. Contact the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 920-683-4333 or visit www.manitowocrecycles.org

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- **LATEX PAINT***
- Explosives such as ammunition
- Radioactive materials such as smoke detectors
- Compressed gas tanks such as fire extinguishers and propane tanks
- Unknown chemicals
- Tires
- Infectious and biological waste including sharps
- Light bulbs and batteries
- TVs and electronics
- Appliances
- Freon gases
- Pharmaceuticals



*Residents are encouraged to dispose of latex paint in their trash. Just take the lid off and let it dry or add paint hardener or cat litter. Once hard, latex paint can be disposed of in the trash.

GUIDELINES

- Household and farms may dispose of acceptable hazardous waste items at no cost.
- Participants must be residents of Manitowoc, Sheboygan, or Fond du Lac County.
- Wastes must be brought in the original containers. Keep materials separate. Do NOT mix chemicals.
- To prepare materials for transport, line a cardboard box with a plastic bag, place them in the box and separate with cardboard.
- When arriving at the Clean Sweep site, slow down and follow traffic directions.
- If unable to attend, then ask a friend or neighbor to take your materials. Do not come before or after the listed times.
- Farms and businesses must register by May 11, 2017. Call 920-683-4333.

Program Sponsors: Manitowoc County Solid Waste Dept., Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Waste Management Inc., Holiday House of Manitowoc Inc., and Manitowoc County UW Extension.



COMPOST SITE SPRING UPDATE

Beginning April 1st the Basswood Road and Woodland Drive Compost Sites will have new hours. The Basswood Site yard material drop off area will be open Monday-Friday, 7am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am until 6pm. The Basswood Site is located at 3000 Basswood Road in Manitowoc. The Woodland Site, located at 4191 Woodland Drive in Two Rivers, will be open Monday-Friday, 10am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am until 6pm. The Recycling Center Main Office will be open on Saturdays from 8am to Noon beginning April 1st.

When using the sites please follow the posted guidelines. Remove items from plastic bags. Take your empty plastic bags home with you to dispose of in your garbage or reuse. Acceptable items for the compost pile include leaves, grass, garden waste, fruits, vegetables, weeds, flowers, woodchips, sawdust from untreated wood, and sod that has had the soil removed. Acceptable items for the brush pile include brush, branches and trees cut less than 6 inches in diameter and 5 feet long.

Items that are NOT ACCEPTED include soil, sand, rock, ashes, animal waste and lumber. Leaving these items at either compost site is considered illegal dumping.

Wood Mulch and Screened Compost are available for a small fee at the Basswood Site during the Recycling Center Main Office hours. Deliveries can be arranged at the Main Office or by calling 920-683-4333. Loading is generally available for small loads with trailers or open truck beds Monday-Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm only. Compost and Wood Mulch are available while supplies last and as weather and site conditions permit.

SCREENED COMPOST PRICES

- 1 bushel: \$2.50
- 1 cubic yard: \$13.00
- 6 cubic yards including Delivery Charge: \$108.50

UNSCREENED COMPOST PRICES

- 1 bushel: \$0.50
- 1 cubic yard: \$1.50
- 6 cubic yards including Delivery Charge: \$39.50

WOOD MULCH PRICES

- 1 bushel: \$0.75
- 1 cubic yard: \$8.00
- 6 cubic yards including Delivery Charge: \$78.50



HOME COMPOSTING

Gardeners and homeowners, turn your household food scraps into rich compost for your garden or plants. Mix kitchen scraps and grass clipping with leaves and turn the pile occasionally until it breaks down. Not only does home composting provide excellent compost, but you can reduce the amount of materials going into your garbage. Large, 13-cubic foot compost bins with locking lids are available at the Recycling Center for only \$60.00 (tax included).

Stop by the Recycling Center at any time during normal business hours and take a look at our floor model. Educational resources for home composting are available as well.

CLEANING UP GLASS RECYCLING Recycling one glass bottle can save enough energy to keep a light bulb lit for several hours! Many people know that glass must be recycled in the state of Wisconsin. Glass items that can be recycled are clear, brown and colored bottles and jars. This includes beer and soda bottles, glass food containers, and wine bottles. The types of glass that **cannot** be recycled are window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex, drinking glasses, and dishes. Items that appear to be glass such as ceramics, porcelain, clay pottery, and ovenware cannot be recycled because they are made from, or contain additives, that are different materials than bottle glass. These types of items can contaminate a load of bottle glass and make recycling difficult or impossible. The Manitowoc County Recycling Center has recently had an increase in the amount of these types of contaminants in the drop off sites and urges residents to follow the recycling guidelines for acceptable items.

Recycled glass can be dropped off at the Manitowoc County Recycling Center drop off site, at your local municipal drop-off site or put out for curbside pickup by your local haulers (check with your hauler for guidelines). The proper way to prepare acceptable glass bottles for recycling is to make sure they are empty and rinsed. Rinsing them is important because it makes the process more efficient and sanitary. It is also necessary to remove the container caps, corks, and lids. Items such as corks, lids, and caps are considered contaminants that interfere with glass recycling and lowers the quality of the recycled glass. Removing container labels is not necessary. For questions or more information, call the Recycling Center at 683-4333 or visit www.manitowocrecycles.org.

Acceptable glass:

- ◆ Clear Bottles
- ◆ Brown Bottles
- ◆ Green Bottles
- ◆ Blue Bottles

Unacceptable glass:

- ◆ Window Glass
- ◆ Mirrors
- ◆ Light Bulbs
- ◆ Ceramics
- ◆ Porcelain
- ◆ Clay Pottery
- ◆ Drinking Glasses
- ◆ Ovenware
- ◆ Pyrex
- ◆ Dishes

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 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 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.

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center is operated by Holiday House of Manitowoc County Inc. Serving people with disabilities since 1957.



The Manitowoc County Recycling Center is a business unit of the Manitowoc County Department of Public Works and is operated in partnership with the Manitowoc County Expo Center.

