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America Recycles Day



AMERICA RECYCLES DAY: NOVEMBER 15

Recycling is one of the easiest things that we can all do to improve our communities, conserve natural resources and create green jobs.

America Recycles Day is a nationally recognized day designed to build awareness of recycling and its benefits and to encourage people to buy recycled products. By recycling, you can help reduce emissions of greenhouse gas and water pollution, save energy, supply valuable manufacturing materials, create jobs, and reduce the need for new landfills. People can easily participate by making an effort to learn about the recycling programs in their community. Visit the Manitowoc County Recycling Center website at www.co.manitowoc.wi.us/recyclingcenter to learn more about local recycling and disposal options. Or try www.recyclemorewisconsin.org for information about recycling issues and guidelines throughout Wisconsin. If you want to do more, then make an effort to buy green products that contain recycled content or purchase products that can be easily recycled in your community. You could even take a recycling pledge on the America Recycles Day website at <http://americarecyclesday.org> to show your support for recycling.



Manitowoc County has demonstrated a very proactive approach towards recycling. In 1991 approximately 54,000 Tons of solid waste was landfilled from Manitowoc County. That number has been reduced to 26,000 Tons in 2016 because of the recycling and waste reduction efforts. In 2016 there was 6.2 million pounds of paper and cardboard and 617,000 pounds of plastic bottles recycled at the local recycling center. Despite these impressive numbers, there is still room to improve. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that Americans recycled 63% of their paper and cardboard in 2010. The National Association for PET Container Resources estimated that just 29% of the PET bottles were recycled in 2011.

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center would like to thank Manitowoc County residents and businesses for participating in recycling and special collection programs like Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep, Drug Disposal Program, Waste Tire Collection, Electronics Collection and the Composting Sites. By taking the time to learn about and use these programs and others, participants have helped improve our community, environment and economics. Visit the Recycling Center at www.co.manitowoc.wi.us/recyclingcenter or call 920-683-4333 to learn more about these programs and help improve recycling Manitowoc County.