



# Upcoming 2015 St. Croix County Recycling Events

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## APPLIANCE COLLECTION-THREE SITES:

- Town of Troy Recycling Center, 277 Townsvalley Rd, River Falls, 8 AM – 1 PM.**
- Glenwood City Recycling Center, 221 Water St, Glenwood City, 8 AM – 1 PM.**
- Town of Richmond Recycling Center, 1428 100th St, New Richmond, 9 AM – 2 PM.**

Appliances include, but are not limited to: Air conditioners, washers & dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, dehumidifiers/humidifiers, microwaves, vacuum cleaners, water heaters and softeners and grills.

Price: \$5

For commercial units, gas air conditioners and gas refrigerators, please call 715-531-1907 for a quote.

Auto & truck batteries (lead acid) accepted at no charge. No household batteries, please.

**\*Electronics, such as computers and televisions, will not be accepted at this event.**



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## TIRE COLLECTION, TWO SITES:

- Town of Troy Recycling Center, 277 Townsvalley Rd, River Falls, 8 AM – 1 PM**
- Town of Hammond Recycling Center, 1816 County Rd E, Hammond, 8 AM – 1 PM**

- Prices: Car Tires (up to 16"): \$3 without rim, \$5 with rim
- Truck Tires (17-22"): \$4 without rim, \$8 with rim
- Tractor Tires: \$15
- Heavy Equipment Tires: \$20
- Bicycle Tires: \$0.50

**\*\*\*Both collection events accept cash only, no checks please\*\*\***



**For more information on these events and other recycling programs contact the St Croix County Recycling Specialist at 715-531-1907 or visit [www.sccwi.us/recycling](http://www.sccwi.us/recycling)**

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# COMMON RECYCLING QUESTIONS

## Where can I take an American Flag for proper disposal?

American flags that are worn, torn, frayed or otherwise unsuitable for public display should be properly retired. Most American flags are burned in a flag retirement ceremony, although some nylon flags are able to be recycled into new American flags. The following organizations in St. Croix County accept American flags:



- St. Croix County Veteran Service Office, 715-386-4759
- New Richmond VFW, 715-246-0226
- New Richmond American Legion, 715-246-4980
- Somerset American Legion, 715-247-9899
- Glenwood City American Legion, 715-565-1112
- Baldwin American Legion, 715-684-3640
- Emerald American Legion, 715-265-4136
- All United States Post Office locations

## What can I do with clothing and textiles that I no longer need or are unusable?

Unwanted or unusable clothing and textiles can be brought to Goodwill, Salvation Army, Savers or UsAgain drop boxes. Aside from clothing, many of these organizations accept other household textiles such as towels, sheets, blankets and tablecloths. Items that are not in good enough shape for re-sale are shipped to companies that manufacture industrial wiping cloths or are broken down into fibers used to make new clothes.



## Where can I dispose of materials from a home improvement project?

There are several options to dispose of construction and demolition waste depending on the size of the project and the amount of materials to be disposed. If the materials or items are suitable for reuse, bring them to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in New Richmond. If you have a lot of construction waste, the best option is likely to be a dumpster. Call a garbage hauler to order a dumpster and have it dropped off in your driveway. For smaller amounts of waste or those who own a trailer and are willing to haul their own waste there are several options in the region—please call ahead for more information on fees and materials accepted. Businesses in the area that accept construction waste include:



- ESW, E3902 State Rd 29, Menomonie, 715-231-9725
- Waste Management Transfer Station, 2312 Oak Dr, Osceola, 888-960-0008
- Twin City Refuse, 318 Water St, St. Paul, MN, 651-237-9516

## Solid Waste and Recycling Survey Results Are In

The St. Croix County Community Development department mailed out a survey to residents this spring to gain more information on solid waste and recycling practices in the county. The survey is one part of the county updating its solid waste management plan. The University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF) Survey Research Center prepared the survey and analyzed the results for the county. Some highlights of the survey include:

- 94% of respondents recycle most of the time from their homes
- 56% of respondents said they faced no barriers to increasing their recycling rate
- Over 80% of respondents are recycling items such as electronics, appliances and tires
- 35% of respondents have participated in the Clean Sweep hazardous waste collection in the past three years
- 84% of respondents would be more likely to participate in the Clean Sweep program if the number of days was increased
- 73% of respondents cited they receive their recycling information from the county newsletter compared to 52% for newspaper articles and 45% from the county recycling website

The full report written by the UWRF Survey Research Center can be viewed online at [www.sccwi.us/recycling](http://www.sccwi.us/recycling). The county thanks everyone who participated in the survey as it has evaluated recycling practices within the county and provides us with information on how to improve our program.

# Waste Reduction Tips: Composting Food and Yard Waste

Composting is an easy way to reduce the amount of food and yard waste from your home. Composting is a great way to use grass clippings, leaves and small twigs from your yard. St. Croix County does not operate a yard waste site so Composting is a great option for these materials.

Composting can be done in a bin like the one pictured, in a larger fenced in enclosure or just in a pile in your backyard. There are several “recipes” for compost but a simple recipe is 2 parts “browns” to one part “greens”. Mix the food waste down into the “browns” to help decomposition and deter animals. Compost should be kept as moist as a wrung out sponge. Add water as needed to retain moisture. Turning the compost with a pitchfork will increase the decomposition rate and compost will be finished faster. Depending on weather conditions and how often you turn your compost, it should be finished within 3 to 18 months. Finished compost can be used as a soil amendment or mulch in gardens, lawns and landscaping. For more information on how to start a compost pile, visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search “compost”.

## Browns

- Leaves
- Wood chips
- Twigs and branches
- Sawdust
- Shredded newspaper
- Hay or straw

## Greens

- Fruits and vegetables (including the core and rind)
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Grass clippings
- Egg shells
- Tea bags

## Do not compost

- Meat, fish or bones
- Dairy products
- Pet waste
- Diapers
- Treated or painted wood
- Invasive plants or weeds
- Plastic wrappers or packaging
- Styrofoam



## Missed this year's Clean Sweep event?

If you missed this year's Clean Sweep hazardous waste collection in St. Croix County, you still have a few options to dispose of hazardous materials. One option is to contact our vendor, Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) at 715-635-2197 to drop off hazardous waste at their facility in Spooner, WI. Please call ahead as an appointment is required to drop off hazardous waste.

A second option is bringing your hazardous waste to Dunn County's Clean Sweep collection on September 9-10. The information for the Dunn County collection is below.

Dunn County Clean Sweep Collection  
Wednesday, September 9-Colfax Fairgrounds  
831 E Railroad Ave, Colfax  
4-6 pm for Households

Thursday, September 10-Dunn County Transfer Station  
E3900 Hwy 29, Menomonie  
4-7 pm for Households

For more information on how to properly dispose of hazardous waste, please call the recycling specialist at 715-531-1907 or email [megen.hines@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:megen.hines@co.saint-croix.wi.us).

## Spring Compost Bin Sale

The St. Croix County Recycling program is planning to sell a limited number of compost bins on a pre-sale basis this spring. The bins will be similar to the bin pictured in the composting article in this newsletter and will likely cost around \$55-\$60. The bins would arrive sometime in mid to late April. If you are interested in purchasing a compost bin, please contact the recycling specialist, Megen Hines. Her contact information can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

# Electronics Recycling

Electronics include, but are not limited to televisions, computers, printers, DVD players, cell phones and tablets. Please do not throw electronics in the trash as many of them contain toxic materials such as lead, cadmium and mercury. State law bans electronics from being sent to the landfill.



Many local retailers accept electronics for recycling year round for a nominal fee. Please call ahead for details regarding recycling fees and hours. Recycle your electronics at the following local retailers:

- Best Buy, Oakdale, MN (651-739-1899)
- E-Cycling St. Croix Valley, Hudson (715-381-5900)
- Habitat for Humanity Restore, New Richmond (715-246-4441)
- Town of Richmond Recycling Center, New Richmond (715-338-2943)
- St. Croix Electric Co-op, Hammond (715-796-7000)

## Recycling Specialist Available for Speaking Events

The recycling specialist is available to talk to a variety of school, business and community groups regarding recycling, waste reduction, natural cleaners and other topics.

There is no charge to have the recycling specialist come speak to your group. For more information and to reserve the recycling specialist to speak, please call 715-531-1907.



Photo caption: St. Croix County recycling specialist, Megen Hines, helped a local Girl Scout troop earn their Household Elf badge for waste reduction and green cleaning.



### UW-Extension

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