

# Your Wasteline Recycling Newsletter Celebrates 21 Years!

The St. Croix County Recycling Program has made changes to the Your Wasteline recycling newsletter's look and frequency of distribution. These changes were in response to a decrease in recycling grant funds from the state. The newsletter's size has been reduced and the layout updated. The new size allows us to maximize the paper used for printing the newsletter and save money in the process. **This will be the only newsletter printed in 2013, so hang on to this newsletter for all 2013 program information.** Historically there has been both a spring and fall newsletter sent to all residents, but due to decreases in funding and the increasing use of the internet and social media to share program information the county has cut back to only one spring edition.

The Municipal Recycling Table, which lists municipalities, the materials they collect and specific dates and times for collection programs has been removed from the newsletter and placed on the web at [www.sccwi.us/recycling](http://www.sccwi.us/recycling). This allows immediate access to the most up-to-date program information. ♻️



## Single CLEAN SWEEP Event in 2013

St. Croix County will host a single 2-day Clean Sweep event on May 17th and May 18th. Many residents like the option of having a Friday collection. This is evident in the total materials collected at that site each year. We anticipate similar totals for 2013.

The event will take place at the St. Croix County Highway Shop at 666 US Hwy 12 just east of Hudson. Residents can bring their household hazardous waste on Friday, May 17th 1-4PM and Saturday, May 18th 9AM to noon. Latex paint, motor oil, medication, automotive batteries, and electronics will not be accepted. Fluorescent bulbs and oil filters will be accepted for a fee – small automotive oil filters \$0.50, large truck/tractor oil filter \$1.00, fluorescent bulbs 4' and under \$0.50, and fluorescent bulbs over 4' \$0.75. Most other household hazardous waste items are accepted for free including oil-based paints, automotive chemicals (other than motor oil), yard and garden chemicals, and cleaning products. A complete list of acceptable items can be found on the Clean Sweep page on the website, [www.sccwi.us/recycling](http://www.sccwi.us/recycling). ♻️



## Farmers Get Rid of Your Agricultural Chemicals for FREE!

All St. Croix County farmers are invited to dispose of hazardous chemicals like pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides at the Clean Sweep event in May. **Farms must pre-register** to participate in the program free of charge and can bring up to 500 pounds of waste. The County will host agriculture and businesses hazardous waste collections on Friday, May 17th, prior to the residential collection. A pre-registration form and map to the collection location can be downloaded on the Clean Sweep page at: [www.sccwi.us/recycling](http://www.sccwi.us/recycling). Please contact St. Croix County Recycling at 715-531-1907 for additional event information. ♻️

## Small Business Clean Sweep

Small businesses (defined as those generating no more than 200 pounds of waste per month) are invited to participate in the Clean Sweep hazardous waste collection, but **WILL BE CHARGED**. **Businesses must pre-register.** The County will host agriculture and businesses hazardous waste collections on Friday, May 17th, prior to the residential collection. A pre-registration form and map to the collection location can be downloaded on the Clean Sweep Page at [www.sccwi.us/recycling](http://www.sccwi.us/recycling). Please contact St. Croix County Recycling at 715-531-1907 for additional event information. ♻️



"We have not inherited the earth from our ancestors... we have only borrowed it from our children." – Ancient Proverb

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# Your Wasteline

This will be the **only** Your Wasteline newsletter for 2013!

save me!



# EARTH DAY 2013

On April 21st the St. Croix Community Development Department, in coordination with YMCA Camp St. Croix will host the 9th Annual Earth Day event, "Soils: Dig It!"

Join us at YMCA Camp St. Croix to participate in earth-friendly activities for the whole family. A few of the highlights of the day will include getting dirty with plenty of hands on soils activities, a Water Walk for Project H2O for Life, and a viewing of PBS's "Dust Bowl". Spend time as a worm crawling through tunnels; dig and get dirty in our soils pit, archeological dig and sand castles area; get hands on in the soil exploration stations. Other exhibitors include booths of local businesses and organizations. Lunch and items are available for purchase.

**YMCA Camp St. Croix**  
532 Cty Rd F, Hudson, WI 54016  
**Sunday, April 21st**  
**Noon – 4 p.m.**



## St. Croix County Recycling Ordinance

The County, as the Responsible Unit (RU), is required to have an ordinance in place to meet the state's Effective Recycling Program requirements and receive grant funding from the state. St. Croix County has been the RU since 1994 for 26 of the 35 municipalities in the county, including: Cities of Hudson & New Richmond; Villages of Baldwin, Deer Park, Hammond, North Hudson, Somerset, Star Prairie & Woodville; and Towns of Baldwin, Eau Galle, Emerald, Erin Prairie, Glenwood, Hammond, Hudson, Kinnickinnic, Pleasant Valley, Richmond, Rush River, St. Joseph, Somerset, Springfield, Stanton, Star Prairie & Troy.

This ordinance is intended to help clearly define separation of trash from recyclable and banned items; establish standards for burning, burying and composting; prohibit littering; define owner/occupant obligations for managing recyclable materials; and streamline notification and reporting requirements for waste haulers. 

# Common Recycling Questions

## Automotive Chemicals –

### What do I do with transmission fluid and antifreeze?

In St. Croix County you have several options for automotive chemicals including businesses that accept automotive chemicals for recovery and the County's Clean Sweep event on May 17th and May 18th. More information on the event is on page 4 of this newsletter. There are also over twenty businesses that accept a variety of automotive chemicals and other automotive wastes like batteries, oil, oil filters and tires throughout the county. The list of businesses that accept Automotive Chemicals can be found at [www.sccwi.us/recycling](http://www.sccwi.us/recycling) on the A-Z Disposal and Recycling Guide.



## Carpet –

### Is there a place in the County that accepts carpet for recycling?

Carpeting by Mike, Inc. in Somerset accepts most carpeting and pads for recycling for a small fee. This program is in partnership with the Carpet Landfill Elimination & Recovery (CLEAR) program, which keeps millions of pounds of carpet out of landfills. Contact Carpeting by Mike at 715-247-3244 or [www.carpetingbymike.com](http://www.carpetingbymike.com) for more information.

## Cell Phones –

### Does St. Croix County accept cell phones for recycling?

St. Croix County's Recycling Program accepts cell phones in an effort to assist in preserving the environment, bring communications to people who could not otherwise afford it and raise funds for recycling education and programming. All cell phones, batteries and chargers are accepted. Please recycle books and boxes with your household recycling and dispose of accessories and plastics wrappers with your household trash. Make certain to deactivate your phone before turning them in. Phones can be dropped off at Community Development in the St. Croix County Government Center in Hudson, or at Resource Management Ag Center in Baldwin. Also, many schools and cell phone retailers are collecting and recycling old cell phones.



## Medications –

### How do I properly dispose of old medications?

St. Croix County residents now have a safe and secure disposal option for old or unneeded prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications. These items can be dropped off in secure bins located at ten local police departments and at the County Sheriff's Department. Residents should place unwanted medications into plastic zip-top bags. Accepted items include prescription and over-the-counter medications, vitamins, medicated liquids, inhalers, sprays and pet medications. Liquids, creams, gels, etc. can remain in their original container; remove name or label and place in a zip-top plastic bag. The program will not accept sharps, oxygen tanks, nebulizers, radioactive cancer medications, or mercury thermometers. This program is anonymous and there is no cost to drop off medications. For additional information, contact the St. Croix County Sheriff's Department at: 715-381-4320 or go to: [www.sccwi.us/safemedsdrop](http://www.sccwi.us/safemedsdrop) for program information. 





# Special Event Recycling

Event recycling bins are to be used during special occasions, such as family reunions, community events, sporting events, etc. The event recycling bins are available free-of-charge, on a first come-first serve basis through the Resource Management Division at the Baldwin Ag Center. These bins are designed for outdoor events, but when paired with a drip-tray base, they also work well in an indoor setting.

It is common for people to carry a plastic water bottle with them wherever they go, especially when outdoors during the summer months. These bins work to keep plastic bottles and aluminum cans out of landfills, especially at events that sell plastic bottled water and aluminum canned beverages.

Having recycling bins available to the public is not only environmentally responsible but is also required by law. Users will need to work with the event's waste hauler to contract for recycling pick-up as well as other trash services.

Bins can be reserved for pick-up upon signing a loan form and leaving a security deposit that will be returned when the bins are brought back in good order. Bags are also available at the Resource Management office in Baldwin. Two bags are furnished, additional bags require a small fee.

The Baldwin Ag Center is located at: 1960 8th Ave., Ste 140, Baldwin, WI 54002.

For more information or to reserve your bins please check out our website at:

[www.sccwi.us/recycling](http://www.sccwi.us/recycling) or contact Recycling at 715-531-1907. ♻️

## Sharps Collection Popular Program in St. Croix County

Residents of St. Croix County, who use syringes, lancets and other sharp medical items at home, such as people with diabetes and other medical conditions, are able to properly dispose of these items separately from their household trash for free. This is made possible by a unique partnership between local Lions Clubs, the St. Croix County Public Health Department, the St. Croix County Recycling Program, and many local hospitals and care centers.

Under Wisconsin law, all infectious waste, including sharp medical items – usually referred to as “sharps” – must be incinerated or otherwise treated before being disposed of in a landfill. Needles that are improperly disposed of could expose people who collect and handle garbage to infectious diseases such as hepatitis and HIV. Such workers who receive a puncture wound from an improperly disposed of needle must undergo expensive testing and are placed under long-term emotional stress.

To encourage people who generate sharps at home to properly dispose of them, the Lions Club provides funding for the sharps containers, and local hospitals and care centers provide free disposal. Empty containers can be picked up and full containers can be dropped off at the following locations in St. Croix County: Baldwin Area Medical Center, Baldwin; Glenhaven Care

Center, Glenwood City; American Heritage Care Center, Hammond; Hudson Hospital, Hudson; Westfields Hospital, New Richmond; Parkview Care Center, Woodville; and River Falls Area Hospital, River Falls.

For more information on this program contact Sue Lindberg, St. Croix County Public Health at 715-246-8360 or [sue.lindberg@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:sue.lindberg@co.saint-croix.wi.us), or the recycling program at 715-531-1907, or [recycling@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:recycling@co.saint-croix.wi.us). ♻️

*Sharps containers like this are free to residents for sharps disposal*



## Recycling Webpage

Has What You Are Looking For

**Bookmark This:**

[www.sccwi.us/recycling](http://www.sccwi.us/recycling)

The St. Croix County website is improving the way we interact with our citizens online. The recycling webpage has greater accessibility to information including the complete A-Z Recycling and Disposal Guide, Municipal Recycling Table, and the Acceptable/Unacceptable List for the County Clean Sweep events. In an effort to provide the most up-to-date information these items are on the website

[www.sccwi.us/recycling](http://www.sccwi.us/recycling). One of the highlights of the webpage is a 'Quick Links' toolbar that displays links to the most commonly accessed recycling information. ♻️

## St. Croix County Recycling is Now on Facebook

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# ST. CROIX COUNTY RECYCLING 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"Know Where to Go"

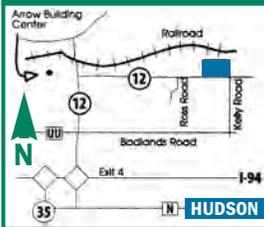
## ST. CROIX COUNTY EARTH DAY CELEBRATION:

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> · Noon – 4PM

YMCA Camp St Croix, 532 County Rd F, Hudson

The St. Croix County Earth Day Celebration is a free family-friendly event. The day is full of environmentally related activities, presentations, booths and crafts. Contact Aleisha Miller at 715-531-1915 for more information.

### CLEAN SWEEP LOCATION



## CLEAN SWEEP HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION:

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
1 – 4PM (Business 9AM – Noon)  
Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
9AM – Noon

County Highway Shop, just east of Hudson at 666 E Hwy 12

Households and farms with up to 500 pounds of waste, are fee exempt. Small businesses (defined as those generating no more than 200 pounds of waste per month) may participate but WILL BE CHARGED. Farms and businesses must pre-register by Tuesday, May 14th for a Friday, May 17th morning appointment by calling 715-531-1907.

June 1<sup>st</sup>

## TIRE COLLECTION (FOUR SITES)

City of Hudson (Krattley Lane, North Hudson) 8 AM – 1 PM

Town of Hammond (Town Hall/Recycling Center, 1816 Cty Rd E, Hammond) 8 AM – 1 PM

Town of Richmond (Town Hall/Recycling Center, north edge of Boardman) 9 AM – 2 PM

Town of Troy (Recycling Center, 277 Townsvalley Rd) 8 AM – 1 PM

Prices: Car (up to 16") \$2 w/o rim or \$4 with rim;  
truck (17" to 22") \$4 w/o rim or \$8 with rim;  
tractor \$15; heavy equipment tire \$20; and bicycle tire 50 cents.

June 1<sup>st</sup>

## APPLIANCE COLLECTION (THREE SITES)

City of Hudson (Krattley Lane, North Hudson) 8 AM – 1 PM

Village of Woodville (behind the United Fire Hall, 216 River Street) 8 AM – 1 PM

Town of Troy (Recycling Center, 277 Townsvalley Rd) 8 AM – 1 PM

New Prices for 2013: \$5 for most appliances

Commercial units, gas air conditioners and gas refrigerators call 715-531-1907 for quote.

September 21<sup>st</sup>

## APPLIANCE COLLECTION (TWO SITES)

Glenwood City (Recycling Center adjacent to fairgrounds) 8AM – 1PM

Town of Richmond (Town Hall/Recycling Center, north edge of Boardman) 9 AM – 2 PM

Prices same as June 1st collection.

## ELECTRONICS COLLECTIONS

For a complete list go to Electronics under the A-Z Recycling and Disposal Guide at [www.sccwi.us/recycling](http://www.sccwi.us/recycling).

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).

**\*\*Note:** Cash and checks are acceptable forms of payment at all the programs with associated fees. Credit cards will not be accepted.



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## Your Wasteline

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## TREND REPORT: Composting at the Curb

Curbside recycling programs have become so common, that most of us take them for granted. Simply toss your soda cans, beer bottles and newspapers in the right bins and your hauler will make sure they get recycled.

But will the day ever come when we can compost our yard trimming and leaves just as easily? There is a growing movement to make curbside composting as easy and common as recycling has become. That's good news, considering yard waste is banned from landfills in Wisconsin.

By sending your yard waste, like grass clippings and leaves, to be composted, you ensure their valuable nutrients are not lost. Given the right conditions, much of what we throw away could readily be converted into nitrogen-rich compost, which can be used to increase soil quality for gardening and farming. In fact, there has been a dramatic increase in the amount of organic matter that's composted instead of landfilled. Nationally, the rate is now 20 percent, up from only 2 percent in 1990, according to the U.S. EPA.

Locally, some haulers offer a curbside composting cart for an annual or seasonal subscription fee. Others offer bag pricing for curbside collection. Check with your hauler on options for curbside collection of your yard waste. ♻️