

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY (HHW)

ADDRESS: 225 W 2nd St. Winona, MN 55987

PHONE: (507) 457-6462

\* Use is free for Winona County residents only. Out of county waste will not be accepted.

RESIDENTIAL DROP-OFF HOURS:  
Year Round Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm (excluding holidays)

## ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Automotive products (oil, gas, antifreeze, oil filters)
- Batteries (rechargeable)
- Cell phones
- Cleaning products
- Solvents
- Aerosol cans
- Fluorescent light bulbs (10 bulbs free per household per year)
- Lawn & garden chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, rodenticides)
- Mercury-containing devices (thermometers, thermostats, etc.)
- Used cooking oil
- Paint, stain, varnish
- Pool chemicals
- Propane cylinders (handheld or gas grill size only)



## UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Ammunition
- Black powder
- Explosives
- Fireworks
- Compressed gas cylinders (other than handheld propane)
- Radioactive materials
- Shock or heat-sensitive materials
- TVs, electronics & appliances
- Lead acid batteries
- Cardboard or other recyclables



## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRODUCT EXCHANGE!

Usable items such as paint/stain, cleaners & automotive products are available **free of charge** during regular business hours. Help yourself!

## SAVE YOURSELF A TRIP!

These items should go into your **regular trash**:

- Alkaline batteries
- Dried out paint cans
- Empty paint & aerosol cans
- Incandescent, halogen & LED light bulbs



## USE BY BUSINESSES (VSQG PROGRAM)

Many businesses & municipalities generate small amounts of hazardous waste and are looking for an efficient means to dispose of such materials. Qualifying businesses can utilize the HHW on a fee basis. Pre-qualification and appointment is required. Visit [www.co.winona.mn.us/302](http://www.co.winona.mn.us/302) for more information.

## SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1. Never mix chemicals.
2. Bring items in original containers or clearly mark contents. Tell staff if you are unsure what is in a container.
3. Tighten all covers and lids.
4. Avoid spills. Put waste containers upright in a sturdy container and place securely in the trunk or back of a truck or van (all boxes or totes can be returned).
5. If container is leaking, pack it separately in a leak proof pail or tub.
6. Gasoline should be transported in a designated red safety container.
7. Motor oil should be transported in a durable and leak-proof container labeled with the words "Used Oil."



## SPECIAL DROP-OFF INSTRUCTIONS

### PHARMACEUTICAL DROP-OFF

The HHW Facility can accept non-controlled & over-the-counter medications.

- Leave in the original bottle
- Blacken or remove personal names
- Drug name must be visible
- Do not mix pills – unidentified medications cannot be accepted



### CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

A drop box for controlled substances is located in the lobby of the LEC at 201 W. 3rd St. No sharps or inhalers should be placed in the box.

### RESIDENTIAL SHARPS

Residential sharps must be brought to the HHW Facility in puncture-resistant containers such as a red sharps container or other hard plastic containers with a sealable lid. No business sharps will be accepted.



# 2025 THE WINONA COUNTY RECYCLER

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## Recycling Collection Postponement Call-in Line!

**(507) 457-6569**

Wondering if your recycling will still get collected during an infamous Minnesota winter storm?

Call (507) 457-6569 to receive an automated response for any collection postponement notices. An announcement will also be posted on the county's home page at [www.co.winona.mn.us](http://www.co.winona.mn.us) under "News & Announcements" and on our social media pages.

## HOLIDAY DELAYS

The call-in line also works for holiday delays! If your collection day falls on 1 of the 6 major holidays, that pick up is moved to **the following Saturday**.

- Recognized holidays:
- New Year's Day
  - Memorial Day
  - 4th of July
  - Labor Day
  - Thanksgiving
  - Christmas Day

## DID YOU KNOW WINONA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IS ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM?



Follow us for recycling tips, tricks, and up-to-the-minute information! Scan the QR code for a direct link to our pages.

To report a missed pickup

contact:

Harter's Quick Clean Up

**608-782-2082**



## REMEMBER TO FOLLOW RECYCLING STEPS IN THIS ORDER

1. **REDUCE**  
Try to reduce the amount of waste generated by managing your purchases & refrigerator.
2. **REUSE**  
Re-purpose containers, materials & other items before throwing them away.
3. **RECYCLE**  
Use the information outlined in this guide to recycle items appropriately.

## SCAN THIS QR CODE!



### For Information On...

- Recycling Program
- Interactive Recycling Map
- Pick-up Schedule
- Facebook Link
- Household Hazardous Waste Facility
- Recycling Hauler Info
- Instagram Link



For any questions about the information in this pamphlet please call (507) 457-6462.

## PICK-UP INFORMATION & SCHEDULES

Forget when your next pick-up is? You can find your upcoming collection day and pick-up schedule at the bottom of the county homepage. You can also open the link by scanning the QR code.

1. Go to [www.co.winona.mn.us](http://www.co.winona.mn.us)
2. Scroll to the bottom of the homepage and under the *Quick Links* tab, click "Curbside Recycling Finder"

### Quick Links

- MNbenefits
- Child Abuse and Protection
- Curbside Recycling Finder
- LandShark Map
- Parcel Viewer
- Highway Maps
- Property Taxes

## WHAT IS RECYCLABLE?



### PLASTICS

- ONLY 1, 2, 5
- Containers, cups, lids, bottles & take-out clamshells
- Corrugated plastics (political or yard signs)

### PAPER, CARDBOARD & CARTONS

- Newspaper, shiny inserts, magazines & office paper
- Hardcover & paperback books
- Mail, receipts & envelopes (including those with windows)
- Cards & gift wrap (no tissue paper, foil paper or glitter)
- Corrugated cardboard (broken down & not preventing lid from closing)
- Egg, milk, juice, soup, broth & wine cartons

### ALUMINUM, TIN & STEEL

- Christmas lights, extension cords & electrical wire
- Aluminum, tin & steel cans
- Clean aluminum foil, plates & containers
- Pots and pans

### GLASS JARS & BOTTLES

- Jars and bottles of any color (leave lids on)

## WHAT IS NOT RECYCLABLE?

- PLASTIC BAGS & FILMS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE (even if they are labeled 2)
- Plastics labeled 3, 4, 6, 7 **Must go in the trash!**
- Plastic with no number? Trash it!
- Pet food & bird seed bags
- Food waste
- Yard Waste
- Bubble wrap
- Ceramics & dishware
- Coffee maker carafes
- Shredded paper
- Paper towels, napkins, plates, cups & tissues
- Polystyrene foam cups, containers & packing peanuts
- Window glass & mirrors
- Medical waste
- Plastic wrap
- Motor oil containers cannot go in your cart, even with a 2 on the bottom. Throw oil containers in the trash; oil residue creates a hazard at the sorting facility.



**PRO TIP:** If you use a plastic bag to collect your recycling, dump your recyclables loosely into the cart and throw away the bag or reuse it for your garbage collection.

### APPLIANCE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

These items can be taken to **Redbox; Matejka Recycling** or **Miller Scrap**. Dishwashers, stoves, washers & dryers can be recycled at no charge. Recycling appliances with Freon (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners & dehumidifiers) have associated costs. In the spring, Winona County sponsors a free appliance collection where appliances with Freon are accepted **for free** at these locations. These businesses will also recycle your electronics waste for a fee.



### MATTRESS RECYCLING

1. When you purchase a new mattress, ask your local mattress store where to recycle your old one; or
2. Drop off at La Crosse County Landfill to be recycled, or dispose of at Miller Scrap or Redbox; Matejka Recycling for a fee.



## PREPARING YOUR CART



**SET-OUT TIME IS 6:00 AM**

### WINTER REMINDERS

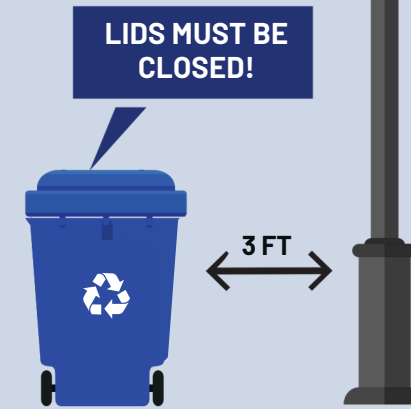
1. Cart must sit flat
2. Clear snow from cart area
3. Do not place cart on snow bank
4. Use the call-in line for updates



### PLACEMENT TIPS

- Place carts at the end of driveway or on the boulevard, within 1 foot of the curb.
- Lids must be **completely closed**.
- Place carts where they can be emptied with the automated arm. Drivers cannot get out to move carts, or pick up excess recycling outside of cart due to liability concerns and truck design.
- Carts must be at least 3 feet from fixed objects (mailboxes, trees, streetlights, parked cars) & with a 3-foot gap between carts, otherwise automated arm does not have enough room to empty the cart.
- If you do not have a driveway or boulevard, set cart in street just past the edge of the curb.

- Arrows on lid must point toward the alley/street.
- Position carts on as level a surface as possible.
- Rural areas: set cart on right side when exiting driveway.



## TWO TOUGHEST RECYCLING ISSUES: PLASTIC BAGS & CARDBOARD

### DO NOT PLACE ANY PLASTIC BAGS IN THE CART

**NO plastic shopping or garbage bags holding your recyclables.** The machines at the sorting facility cannot separate thin plastic bags from other recyclables, and the entire bag will end up as garbage. Worse, plastic bags get wrapped around the spinning axles of the sorting equipment, and shutdowns of the line are required in order to remove them. These shutdowns increase sorting costs, which in turn increases program costs. If you are collecting your recycling in a plastic bag, dump your recyclables loosely into the cart and throw away the bag or reuse it for your garbage collection.



### EXTRA CARDBOARD?

As we purchase more online, we generate more cardboard than can fit into our blue cart. It is very important that cardboard be broken down into smaller pieces. Large and bulky pieces of cardboard can block other recycling when the cart is turned upside down, leaving the cart not fully emptied. Tall pieces of cardboard that obstruct the lid from closing should not go in your cart. If the material is too high then the cart cannot be emptied. Self-haul extra cardboard to Miller Scrap or Redbox; Matejka Recycling at no cost.



### DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

**MILLER SCRAP**  
1 RECYCLING LANE  
(507) 452-2067

**MATEJKA RECYCLING**  
818 W 3RD ST.  
(507) 452-8242

### MOVING, DECLUTTERING OR LOOKING TO THRIFT?

Winona County has several thrift stores to consider donating your gently used items. Thrift and reuse stores are a great way to reduce the amount of waste that goes into a landfill, and enforce the motto of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!" It's also a great way to support local businesses! Make sure to call and verify that they can accept your items.



#### WINONA

Grace Place  
Restored Blessings  
Goodwill

Winona Volunteer Services  
Habitat for Humanity ReStore  
Riverland Auction & Thrift Store

#### ST. CHARLES

Hometown Resource  
Center

#### LEWISTON

Charlies Place