

What **YOU** can do

-Community Wide-

(Outagamie County)

* See Community Recycling Guide for recycling locations and details *

Appliances :

- Recycling your unwanted appliances keeps harmful chemicals out of our landfill and atmosphere.
- Recycling recovers valuable materials for reuse, like steel, plastic, glass, and oil.
- Recycling saves energy by using existing materials to make new products vs. using virgin materials, which require a lot more energy to manufacture into new products.

+ refrigerator + freezer + air conditioner + humidifier/dehumidifier + washer + dryer + dishwasher + stove + oven + microwave + cooktop +

Batteries :

- Whenever possible choose rechargeable batteries.
- All batteries have toxic metals that need to be properly recycled. Recycling will keep these harmful metals out of our waste stream.
- Batteries are identified as either *Single-Use* or *Rechargeable* and then further separated by their technical name. i.e. Alkaline, Nickel-Cadmium, Lithium-Ion, etc.

+ Alkaline + Nickel-Cadmium (NiCd) + Nickel metal Hydride (NiMH) + Lithium + Lithium Ion (Li-ion) + Lead-Acid (Pb) + Silver Oxide +

Electronics :

Starting September 1, 2010 it will be illegal to landfill the following electronics (* see E-Cycle poster on where to recycle) :

- Desktop Computers
- Desktop Printers, including printers w/ fax machines, scanners and copiers
- Video display devices larger than 7" long in the longest diagonal direction. Ex: TV's laptops, and computer monitors
- Computer peripherals. Ex: keyboards, mice, hard drives, scanners, speakers, flash drives, external modems and other devices
- Fax Machines
- DVD players, VCR's, DVR's and other video players
- Cell Phones

Hazardous :

- Some items are too **hazardous** for landfills and require special disposal or recycling.
- Outagamie Co. offers free a Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep Program April - October.
- If the Clean Sweep doesn't fit into your schedule or it is off season, Outagamie Co. residents are able to drop off Hazardous Materials to the Brown Co. Hazardous Waste facility or Waupaca Processing and Transfer Facility for FREE.

+ pesticides + herbicides + rodent baits + acids and alkalies + oil & lead-based paints + batteries + some cleaning materials + chemicals + antifreeze + gasoline + oil + fluorescent bulbs +

Ink Cartridges :

- Instead of buying a new cartridge, try refilling it at your local Walgreens.
- If you buy a new cartridge many companies now include a postage paid mail back envelope to recycle your old cartridge.
- Don't want to mail it? Drop it off at our recycling kiosk at the ReStore! * see Recycling Guide for more drop off options.

+ Inkjet Cartridges + Toner/Laser Cartridges +

Light Bulbs :

- Incandescent bulbs DO NOT need to be recycled. Place in regular curbside trash.
- Replace non-recyclable incandescent bulbs with recyclable Compact Fluorescent bulbs or LED lights to save \$ on your energy bill.
- Compact Fluorescent bulbs can be recycled for Free at many local Outagamie Co. businesses. * see Recycling Guide for details
- Broken Compact Fluorescent bulbs should be placed in a Ziploc bag and brought to the Brown Co. Hazardous Waste Facility.

+ Compact Fluorescent + Fluorescent Tubes +

Paint :

- Latex paint can be disposed of in curbside trash, but must be completely hardened.
- Remove cover and let paint harden. Add kitty litter, sawdust or shredded paper to assist in drying.
- Left over latex paint can be donated to the ReStore; someone else can use the rest and it can avoid the landfill all together.
- Oil and Lead paint are considered **Hazardous Waste**, and must be disposed of in the Clean Sweep Program or at the Brown Co. Hazardous Waste Facility.

+ Latex + Oil + Lead +

Plastic Bags :

- Plastic Bags CANNOT be recycled in the Outagamie Single-Stream Recycling Facility, they will damage the recycling equipment.
- Can be recycled at many Outagamie businesses. * see Recycling Guide for details
- Bags must be clean and dry, remove receipts.
- Eliminate plastic bags in your life by using reusable bags whenever possible or purchase items with limited plastic wrapping.

+ Grocery Bag + Retail + Newspaper + Bread + Furniture + Ziplock w/ zipper removed + Dry cleaning bags + Packaging for napkins, paper towels, toilet paper + Plastic liner from cereal bags + Case wrapping + Clear bags #2 & #4 +

Plastic Bottle Caps :

- Rigid Plastic Bottle Caps are made from a different type of plastic than their bottles and can be recycled in a special program with AVEDA salons.
- Bring any #5 rigid plastic bottle caps to AVEDA on College Ave and be part of Recycle Caps with AVEDA
- If you cannot recycle bottle caps, make sure they make it in the garbage and don't end up as litter.

#5 Plastic Bottle Caps including: + water, soda, milk, beverage bottle caps + shampoo + flip top caps on food bottles + laundry detergent + some jar lids +

5 Plastic :

- Clean, stamped #5 plastic containers and lids are not accepted in the Outagamie Curbside Recycling program, but they can be collected and recycled locally at Just Act Natural on College Ave.
- Please consider making a donation to Just Act Natural to help them pay to properly recycle #5 plastic.
- Another option: Mail in #5 plastic to the Gimme 5 program or drop off #5's at Whole Foods in Milwaukee or Madison.

+ #5 Plastic containers and lids including: + yogurt, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, etc, containers + prescription medicine containers +

Packing Peanuts :

- Packing Peanuts, along with other #6 plastics, are the second leading contributor to energy consumption and the greenhouse gas effect. (Aluminum production is #1)
- The ReStore, UPS Stores, Post Net, Packaging Store, and Biz Net all recycle packing peanuts in Appleton.
- Consider ways to reuse peanuts, like using them in a planter to increase drainage and lighten the dirt load.

+ #6 Polystyrene Foam Packing Peanuts +

Solvents :

- If cleaning products end up in the landfill or go down your house drain, the toxic chemicals can end up in the groundwater or in our water system.
- Safely dispose of **hazardous** cleaning products through the Clean Sweep Program or at the Brown Co. Hazardous Waste Facility.
- Instead of using hazardous chemicals to clean, shop for products that are biodegradable, highly concentrated, and made from plants or renewable resources.

+ antibacterial cleaners + air fresheners + dishwasher detergents + oven cleaners + carpet and upholstery shampoo + toilet, tub and tile cleaners + window cleaner + laundry detergent +

Tires :

- The 3 main uses for recycled tire scraps are: tire-derived fuel (TDF), civil engineering ex: stabilize weak soil, subgrade insulation for roads, walls and bridge, erosion control, crash barriers, etc., and ground rubber, used in rubberized asphalt.
- If tires are ignited they can burn for months, release toxins into the air and water, and be difficult to extinguish.
- Outagamie Co. offers Free Tire Weeks every year and always accepts them at the Outagamie Dept. of Solid Waste for a fee. * see Recycling Guide for details

+ Tires+