

2015 OCONTO COUNTY RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTERS

To find recycling locations visit the Oconto County Website: www.co.oconto.wi.us or scan code to view County Quick Link to an Interactive Recycling Map.

MUNICIPALITY	HOURS OF OPERATION	MUNICIPALITY	HOURS OF OPERATION
Abrams 3394 Nikodem Ln.	Sat. 8:00am – 12pm	Oconto 6608 Elm Grove School Rd.	Fri. 2pm – 4:15pm Sat. 9am – 1:45pm
Bagley 10915 Ucil Lake Rd	Sun. 1pm – 3pm (4/1 – 8/31) & Wed. 5 – 7pm (4/1-10/31); Sat. 1pm – 3pm only (9/1 – 3/31)	Pensaukee 4720 Brookside Rd.	Sat. 9am – 12pm Wed. 5pm – 8pm
Brazeau 10892 Parkway Rd	Sat. 9am – 4pm & Wed. 9am – 12pm Sun. 1pm – 4pm (6/1 – 9/1)	Riverview 14319 Tar Dam Rd	Wed/Sat/Sun 1pm – 5pm (5/26 – 9/7) Wed/Sat/Sun 1pm – 4pm (9/8 – 5/25)
Breed 13457 Dump Rd.	Sat. 9am – 2pm; Mon. 9am – 12pm Wed. 4pm – 6pm (4/1 – 10/1)	Riverview (Crooked Lake) Corner of CTY W & Sunset Rd	Wed/Sat/Sun 1pm – 5pm (5/26 – 9/7) Wed/Sat/Sun 1pm – 4pm (9/8 – 5/25)
Chase 8495 CTY S	Wed. 2pm – 6pm, Sat. 8 am – 12pm (5/1 – 9/30) Wed. 12pm – 4pm, Sat 10 am – 2 pm (10/1 – 4/30)	Spruce 8407 CTY M	Sat. 9am – 3pm
Doty 16894 Star Lake Rd	Sun. 1pm – 4pm, Sat. Mon. & Thur. 9am – 12pm Closed on Mondays (9/1/14 to 5/30/15)	Stiles 5718 Watercrest Rd	Tues. 1pm – 4pm Sat. 8am – 12pm
Lakewood 17372 North Rd	Sat. 9am – 3pm; Sun. 1pm – 4pm Mon. 9am – 12pm Wed. 2pm – 7pm	Townsend 16230 Village View Dr.	Mon/Wed./Sat/ Sun. 9am – 3pm
Lena/Village of Lena 301 West Railroad St.	Mon. 10am – 1pm (Tues. if holiday) Wed. 6pm – 8pm Sat. 8am – 12pm	Underhill 5350 CTY V	Wed. 1pm – 3pm (5/1 – 10/1) Sat. 9am – 4:30pm
Little River 3627 CTY A	Sat. 9am – 2pm	City of Gillett/ Town of Gillett 310 West Park St.	Sat. 8am – 1pm Wed. 1pm – 5pm
Little Suamico 6297 Allen Rd	Sat 8am – 12pm Mon. 4pm – 7pm	City of Oconto 1616 Main St.	Wed. 9am – 3pm Sat. 8am – 12pm
Maple Valley 8362 Brock Rd	Sat. 9am – 1pm & Tues 5pm-7pm (May – Oct 31); Sat. 9am – 1pm (Nov. – April 30)	City of Oconto Falls & Town of Oconto Falls 325 Pioneer Dr	Tues. & Sat. 7am – 3pm Thurs. 7am – 11 am
Morgan 3276 CTY C	Sat. 8:15am – 12:15pm	Village of Suring/Town of How 364 S. Knapp St.	Wed 12pm – 4pm (Nov-March) Wed 12pm – 5pm (April – Oct) Sat. 9am – 1pm (Nov – March) Sat. 8am – 1pm (April – Oct)
Mountain 14375 Old 32 Rd.	Mon/Wed/ Fri. 10am – 12 (Oct. 1 – March 31) Mon/Fri. 9am – 12, Wed. 4pm – 7pm (Apr. 1 – Sept 30) Sat. & Sun. 1pm – 4pm (year round)		For donated or reusable items (see below)

Scan this code to view Drop Off Center locations.



Where can I recycle plastic bags & wrap?



Most grocers and large retailers such as Target & Walmart now accept plastic bags, wrap and film for recycling. Look for a bin near the front of the stores. Oconto County MRF & Drop Off Centers **do not** accept plastic bags, film packaging or wrap.

- You can recycle film packaging with labels if you first remove the label, the tape and adhesive strips
- Do not include frozen food or prewashed salad bags because the barrier polymers or other additives they contain to help protect the food and extend its life are contaminants for film recycling.
- Do not include candy wrappers or pet food bags because they are made from plastic that is incompatible with other recyclable film packaging.
- See additional information below.

Please be aware that the drop-off centers are provided for the servicing of the residential waste stream. Businesses are to provide for these services as part of their business operations. Consult with your local waste hauler for proper business recycling options.

Recycling Oil Filters, Absorbents & Antifreeze: A state mandated ban prohibits all landfilling of used engine oil filters and all oil absorbent materials, except absorbent materials with no free flowing oils or hazardous materials within can be landfilled. All types of materials used to absorb or contain waste oil are subject to the ban, including granular kitty-litter type absorbents, oil-dry cloth, rags, wipes, paper toweling and absorbent pillows, pads, socks, etc. **Antifreeze or Ethylene Glycol** is a poisonous substance that can be harmful to humans, animals and the environment. The best alternative to manage antifreeze is to recycle the material. Each drop off center is provided with a container for recycling used oil filters and antifreeze, although not all sites may have a container for absorbent disposal. Check with the site attendant for the proper disposal of these materials.

Accepted at the MRF and most drop-off centers: Electronics, Fluorescent Bulbs, Rechargeable Batteries
Materials Recovery Facility Location: 153 Evergreen Rd, Oconto, WI (located in the City of Oconto Industrial Park)
Hours: Monday-Wednesday 6:30 am – 4:30 pm, Thursday 6:30 am – 4:00 pm MRF Phone # 920-834-6876

Electronics (TV's, PC's, Printers, Fax machines, DVD, VCR)



Many electronics can no longer be put in the trash in Wisconsin and must be reused, recycled or managed as hazardous. Proper recycling is in place to protect citizens and the environment. Businesses, agencies and institutions are not included in the recycling program and are to manage their own waste. Prices are subject to change pending future opportunities with the WI E-Recycling Law.

Current Price (subject to change) **Effective 9-1-15**

Televisions	\$15
PC monitors	\$12
Other electronic items	No Charge

Fluorescent Bulbs/CFL's (Prices subject to change)

(Package carefully to prevent breakage)

Tubular Bulbs	\$0.50
Compacts (CFL's):	\$0.50
Shatterproof/Shielded Lamps: (plastic coated)	\$1.50
UV/Ultraviolet Bulbs	\$1.50
High Intensity Discharge: (mercury vapor, metal halide, high pressure sodium)	\$1.50
Ballast:	\$5.00/item

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFL's) can be recycled for free at locations found on the Focus on Energy website:

www.focusonenergy.com



RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES CAN BE RECYCLED FOR FREE!!!



-Bring to the MRF for recycling.
 -Any other household batteries: \$0.50/lb (Tape ends or place in separate plastic bags)
 -Alkaline, Manganese and Carbon Zinc batteries can be placed in the trash. (AAA, AA, C, D, 6V & 9V)

DONATED OR REUSABLE ITEMS

Reusable clothes, toys, cookware, books, or any computer related items (monitors, keyboards, hard drives, etc). View www.reconnectpartnership.com for further details on recycling computer related items. **Donate items to local nonprofit organizations in Northeast WI such as Goodwill Industries, St. Vincent DePaul, or New Beginnings Store.**

New Beginnings Store, 230 Van Buren Street, Oconto Falls



Contact the store to confirm your items are acceptable. 920-846-0349

Purchase a Compost Bin for \$40 and create your own garden compost.

Composting is the natural decomposition of organic matter. Over one half of your household garbage is organic!



Mercury Thermometers and Mercury Thermostats are accepted free of charge at the Oconto County MRF. You can also receive a free digital thermometer in exchange for a mercury thermometer. Broken thermometers or thermostats are not accepted. Only wall mount thermostats with glass tube mercury switches are accepted. Please recycle the entire thermostat. For information on handling spills and cleanup search the EPA website www.epa.gov/hq/



Recycle clean, dry plastic bags and film packaging

Look for this label on film products like these:



plasticfilmrecycling.org

Recycle plastic bags, film & wrap at participating locations such as grocery, retail & hardware stores. Oconto Co. MRF & drop off centers do not accept plastic bags, film or wrap. Loose plastic bags, film & wrap clogs up processing machinery causing unnecessary expenses at recycling facilities and at local landfill sites.

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WHAT MATERIALS ARE ACCEPTED AND HOW TO PREPARE MATERIALS FOR RECYCLING.



PAPER: Includes newspaper, catalogs, magazines, paper bags, junk mail, dry food boxes, computer paper, construction paper, books (hard & soft cover). Paper must be dry and free of residue, place loose in appropriate dumpster (no ties). Remove plastic liners, flatten boxes to conserve space. Separate newspaper and magazines from other products and place in appropriate dumpster. Personal papers should be shredded. All office (white) paper can be placed in separate dumpster, if available. No cellophane or foil coated wrapping paper. **It takes 24 trees to make one ton of uncoated virgin (non-recycled) printing and office paper.**

CARDBOARD: Must be corrugated materials only. No food stained boxes. Tops of pizza boxes may be recycled if not stained. Cardboard must be dry and free of residue. Flatten all boxes to conserve space. **Over 90% of all products shipped in the US are shipped in corrugated boxes, which totals more than 400 billion square feet of cardboard. Nearly 80% of all retailers & grocers recycle their cardboard.**

PLASTICS #1 & #2: Type 1 & 2 food, beverage, laundry & lotion bottle shaped containers are accepted.



Remove caps, rinse & flatten. No motor oil, cooking oil or containers containing toxic materials, plastic bags, food tubs, toys or garden containers. **About 90% of the price of a bottle of water is for things other than the water, like bottling, packaging, shipping and marketing.**

GLASS: Clear, brown & amber, green & blue glass can be recycled. No lids, caps or rings. Clean and separate by color. No safety or window glass, mirrors, china, ceramics, light bulbs or mercury containing bulbs, drinking or oven glass. See "Special Waste Items" for recycling of bulbs, mercury related items. **Glass can be recycled and re-manufactured an infinite amount of times and never wear out.**

CANS: Steel, tin, aluminum cans and tin foil & aerosol cans can be recycled. Rinse clean, remove labels and flatten. No sheet metal, pots or pans, nails or screws. Clean, empty paint cans 1 gallon or less. Empty aerosol cans with plastic caps removed. **When steel cans were introduced in 1935, they weighed 172 lbs. per thousand; today, they weigh 70 lbs. per thousand**

USED MOTOR OIL, FILTERS, ABSORBENTS & ANTIFREEZE: Store in leak proof container. Drop off at designated drop site. No industrial oil or oil mixed with antifreeze, gas, grease or water. Place used engine filters, absorbents (oil rags, floor dry, etc), antifreeze or glycol in designated drums where available. **Used oil filters can contain more than 45 percent used motor oil in weight when removed from the vehicle.**



Oconto County
Solid Waste Department
301 Washington Street
Oconto, WI 54153



BATTERIES: Vehicular batteries (lead acid batteries only). Batteries shall have caps on. **A car battery contains 18 pounds of lead and one pound of sulfuric acid.**



SCRAP METALS: All scrap metal accepted such as appliances, copper tubing, sheet metal, etc. Air conditioners, refrigerators or any other freon contained appliance are charged a \$6 fee (price subject to change). Ask attendant upon disposal. No TV's, microwaves, chemical aerosols, insecticides etc. **The United States annually recycles enough copper to provide the copper content for 25,000 Statues of Liberty**

TIRES: All tires are acceptable. Charges for disposal are based on size and/or weight. Tires with rims will be charged an additional fee. Ask attendant for disposal charge. **The natural color of rubber is white, not black, as many people think. Why rubber is made black isn't just for cosmetic reasons, but because adding carbon black to the rubber drastically increases various desirable qualities of the rubber for tires.**

CARTONS: We now recycle food and beverage cartons!! Cartons used for juice, milk, cream, wine, soups, broth, etc. are all recyclable! Cartons are mainly made from paper, plastic and aluminum. Paper fiber contained in cartons is extremely valuable and useful to make new products. To recycle, remove caps or straws, rinse thoroughly and drain. No need to flatten as they are easier to sort if they are not flattened. If flattened, bundle inside one larger carton to contain product. Place in the plastics recycle bin with the plastic bottles. No drink pouches. **Cartons are light-weight and have a great product to package ratio. If you choose a product in a carton, you are taking home an average of 94% product and only 6% package.**

ELECTRONICS, CFL'S, RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES & MERCURY RELATED ITEMS: See special waste items on brochure for recycling of these items.



REUSABLE ITEMS, DONATIONS: Goodwill no longer provides a place at the drop off centers for reusable items. Opportunities to recycle reusable items are shown on the opposite page.

THE BURNING OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLES IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. ONLY BRUSH, LEAVES, PERSONAL PAPERS, AND CLEAN, UNPAINTED OR UNTREATED WOOD MAY BE BURNED. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT RECYCLING IS MANDATORY IN OCONTO COUNTY AND THE STATE OF WISCONSIN. BUSINESSES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (920) 834-6827 OR VISIT www.co.oconto.wi.us