



THE 2026

# Recycler

La Crosse County

Solid Waste System

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## SERVING

La Crosse County WI,  
Houston County MN, and  
Surrounding Counties

**Please Keep  
For Future  
Reference!**



for more  
information  
scan QR code

**NEW:**

**In 2026,  
the minimum  
fee on  
transactions  
is \$10**



The Reuse room has  
moved, please check  
map for relocation.

## Styrofoam Recycling



The Department, in partnership  
with Hilltopper Refuse and  
Recycling, will be accepting  
Polystyrene (Styrofoam) foam for  
recycling. Standard disposal fees  
apply if dropped off at the landfill  
drop-off site.

**FREE** drop off available at  
Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling &  
7 Rivers Recycling. Please call  
**608-783-6727**.

**For missed pick ups of trash  
or recycling, please call your  
waste hauler  
or municipality.**

## Landfill Hours of Operation:

### Summer Hours:

#### April - October

Monday – Friday:  
6:30 AM – 4:30 PM  
1st and 3rd Saturdays:  
9:00 AM – Noon

### Winter Hours:

#### November - March

Monday – Friday:  
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

### Office Hours and Reuse

#### Room Hours:

Monday – Friday:  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM



## Landfill Fees: All items have a \$10 minimum fee

### Residential Drop-off Area: \$10 minimum or \$120 per ton

- **Garbage** (normal household waste)
- **Large Items** (furniture, toys, bikes, stoves, grills, washers, dryers)
- **Demolition/Constuction** (wood, drywall, flooring, roofing, doors, windows, etc.)
- **Any small engine** must be drained of all fluids before drop off.

### Processing Pad: \$10 minimum or a per ton fee

For pricing visit: [www.lacrossecounty.org/solidwaste](http://www.lacrossecounty.org/solidwaste)

### Landfill: \$15 fee and \$65 per ton

### Mattresses: \$13+ weight

### Freon Items: \$10 + weight

(refrigerator, freezer,  
air conditioner, de-humidifier)

### Brush/Clean Wood: \$36/ton

(wood that has not been painted,  
stained, or treated).

**We accept cash, check, and  
credit/debit cards.  
A fee will be added to use  
credit/debit cards:**

- **\$1.95 on \$66.12 or less**
- **2.95% on \$66.13 or more**

**WE ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH ISLE LA PLUME**

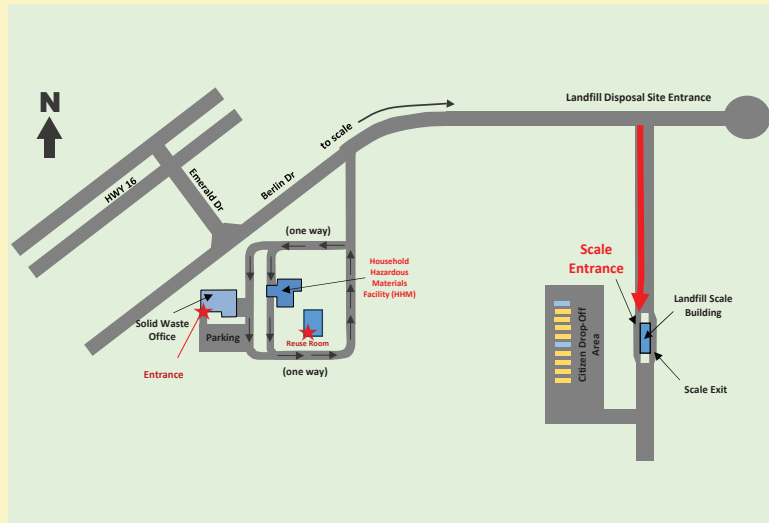
**Only people authorized by site attendants may utilize the landfill facility. You must  
provide your own labor for unloading materials. Due to safety concerns, we do not permit  
salvaging once waste is placed into containers.**

## Information and Directions

### PLEASE READ SIGNAGE

The Landfill's address is 3240 Berlin Drive.  
The diagram to the right illustrates the  
entrance to our facility (the landfill is the  
second right on Berlin Drive). The landfill  
entrance is equipped with inbound and  
outbound scales – **all landfill customers  
must scale in and out**. Department staff  
are available at the scale to direct you  
on disposal options and collection of  
payment.

For mailing, billing, and other departmental  
questions our office is located at 3200  
Berlin Drive (first right on Berlin Drive)  
and parking is available on the south side  
of the building. We can also be reached  
at (608) 785-9572.



**Landfill Disposal Site: 3240 Berlin Dr. La Crosse, WI 54601**  
**HHM Disposal Site: 3202 Berlin Dr. La Crosse, WI 54601**  
**Office: 3200 Berlin Dr. La Crosse, WI 54601**  
**For questions please call 608-785-9572**

### Municipality Contacts:

**La Crosse County**  
608-785-9572 [www.lacrossecounty.org](http://www.lacrossecounty.org)  
**Houston County**  
507-725-5800 [www.co.houston.mn.us](http://www.co.houston.mn.us)  
**City of La Crosse**  
608-789-7508 [www.cityoflacrosse.org](http://www.cityoflacrosse.org)  
**City of Onalaska**  
608-781-9500 [www.onalaskawi.gov](http://www.onalaskawi.gov)  
**Town of Bangor**  
608-461-0554 [www.townofbangor.com](http://www.townofbangor.com)  
**Village of Bangor**  
608-486-4084 [www.villageofbangorwi.gov](http://www.villageofbangorwi.gov)  
**Town of Burns**  
608-486-4272 [www.townofburnswi.com](http://www.townofburnswi.com)  
**Town of Campbell**  
608-783-0050 [www.townofcampbellwi.gov](http://www.townofcampbellwi.gov)

**Town of Farmington**  
608-792-7034 [www.townoffarmingtonlax.org](http://www.townoffarmingtonlax.org)  
**Town of Greenfield**  
608-452-4700 [www.greenfieldlaxwi.gov](http://www.greenfieldlaxwi.gov)  
**Town of Hamilton**  
608-786-4489 [www.townofhamiltonwi.org](http://www.townofhamiltonwi.org)  
**Town of Holland**  
608-526-3354 [www.townofhollandwi.gov](http://www.townofhollandwi.gov)  
**Village of Holmen**  
608-526-4336 [www.holmenwi.gov](http://www.holmenwi.gov)  
**Town of Medary**  
608-781-2275 [www.townofmedary.wi.gov](http://www.townofmedary.wi.gov)  
**Town of Onalaska**  
608-783-4958 [www.townofonalaska.org](http://www.townofonalaska.org)  
**Town of Shelby**  
608-788-1032 [www.townofshelbywi.gov](http://www.townofshelbywi.gov)  
**Village of West Salem**  
608-786-1858 [www.westsalemwi.gov](http://www.westsalemwi.gov)



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2026 Village of West Salem Guidelines for Yard Waste/Twigs, Branches, Leaves, Christmas Trees, Large Items, Tires, TVs & E-Waste

Refuse will be picked up weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays. Recyclables are picked up bi-weekly. Please refer to the map on page 3 to see your day of collection. **Refuse and Recyclables must be placed in the carts from Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling Service Inc.** These are the **ONLY** containers that are picked up. Carts have a 10-year warranty from the manufacturer. If they lose a wheel, if the lid comes off, or other “normal” repairs, the cart will be repaired or exchanged by Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling Service. There is no cost to the resident for these types of “normal” repairs. **The carts have an identification number and are to remain at the address assigned.**

Additional Refuse

Refuse set beside the cart, put out in bags or a can, **will not be collected.** You can wait and put the extra refuse in the cart for the next collection, or haul it yourself to the La Crosse County Landfill or Hilltopper. Both charge a small fee for disposal. If you intermittently have additional refuse, you may purchase stickers from Hilltopper for additional bags of refuse. These stickers must be paid for in advance, placed on the bag, and set next to your cart for pickup. If you find you need more than one cart, contact Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling at 783-6727 and make arrangements to have an additional cart delivered. There is an additional annual charge for the second cart. You will be billed directly by Hilltopper.



Refuse Unacceptable To Place In Cart

Refuse must be in refuse cart

Loose refuse will not be collected. Please read additional refuse section for more information.

Remodeling/demolition materials

Items include, but are not limited to, roofing, plumbing, multiple windows, sheetrock, brick, concrete, asphalt, bathtubs, shower enclosures, and lumber. Please make arrangements with a private rubbish hauler for disposal of such material. For disposal of glass doors or windows, contact Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling at 608-783-6727.

Hazardous materials

Cleaners, solvents, gasoline, oil, or other toxic, corrosive, explosive, or highly combustible

materials may not be placed in the regular refuse. Refer to the reverse side for which hazardous materials are accepted at the La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials Facility. If in question, call the facility for a recommendation at 608-785-9999.

Vehicle oil and batteries

Return to service stations or authorized dealers. Hilltopper also accepts batteries. A fee may be charged. Also accepted at La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials Facility.

Vehicle parts

Vehicle parts and other metal weighing 10 pounds or more will not be collected. Take such items to a salvage yard.

Large Articles, TV’s, Appliances, and Electronic Waste

Pickup services are not provided by the Village. Residents must contract on their own for collection or disposal. Please search local internet listings or yellow pages for large article refuse collectors and/or recycling centers. If your large article is something that someone else could benefit from, please consider Habitat for Humanity Restore located near the Landfill. The La Crosse county Landfill has a citizen drop-off site at 6500 Hwy. 16 also. (See front cover for additional information.) There is a small fee for large articles.

- La Crosse County Landfill - (608) 785-9572
- La Crosse County Household Hazardous Waste Facility - (608) 785-9999
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore - (608) 786-2375

Fire Hydrant Flushing (-----) On Calendar

Hydrant flushing is scheduled for the weeks of April 13-17 and September 14-18. During routine hydrant flushing, you may notice temporarily discolored or rusty water. This is caused by harmless mineral deposits being stirred up inside the water mains. The water is safe, but we recommend avoiding laundry during this time to prevent staining.

Christmas Tree Pick Up

Curbside collection of Christmas trees takes place **only during the month of January**. To ensure proper recycling, **trees must be free of tinsel, ornaments, lights, and plastic bags**. Trees that are decorated or bagged will not be collected..

SIDEWALK SAFTY NOTICE REMINDER: Vegetation, Snow & Ice Removal

To help keep our Village walkable and safe for everyone, residents are reminded that sidewalks must be kept clear of overgrown vegetation, weeds, snow, and ice.

- **Weeds and Vegetation** growing in sidewalk cracks or along the edges can obstruct pedestrian access and pose tripping hazards. Please ensure these are regularly trimmed or removed.
- **Snow and ice** must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours after snowfall ends or ice forms. If snow continues to fall, it should be removed as soon as reasonably possible once it stops. **If ice cannot be removed immediately, it must be treated with salt, ice melt, or sand to reduce hazards. WHEN CLEARING SNOW OR ICE FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY, DO NOT PLACE IT ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS OR ROADWAYS.**

**No other notices will be sent.** If the Village finds that a sidewalk is not in compliance, the owner will be charged for removal each time snow or ice is removed from the sidewalk by Village employees. (Ordinances 5.04(J), (K), and (L))

**ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING: November 1 to April 1:** To help our Public Works Department safely and efficiently plow streets after snowfall, **alternate side parking rules are in effect from November 1 through April 1**. Alternate side parking requires vehicles to be parked **on one side of the street on certain days**, and the **opposite side on other days**, based on the calendar date.

- On **even-numbered dates**, park on the **even-numbered address side** of the street.
- On **odd-numbered dates**, park on the **odd-numbered address side**.

As snow accumulates along curbs, streets become narrower—making it difficult for vehicles to pass and for plows to clear both lanes. **Alternate side parking ensures that streets remain open for two-way traffic and emergency access**, even during heavy snow conditions. (Ordinances 6.05(D) and (E))

Yard & Garden Waste VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY

The Yard and Garden Waste Disposal site is located on West Avenue North, just north of the Village Garage. Bags, containers and pots must be emptied and removed from the site.

The following materials may be left at the yard waste disposal site, **in the designated areas listed below only**, at any time during daylight hours. This area is for your convenience. Please do not abuse it by not following the regulations, leaving household refuse or other unacceptable items. **This site is monitored by security cameras and violators will be ticketed.**

Yard Waste Site		Tree Limbs/ Brush Site		Wood Chips
Acceptable	Not Acceptable			FREE chips for Village residents
Grass/leaves	Ashes	Acceptable up to 6”	Not Acceptable	DO NOT place anything in this pile
Garden Waste	Nails	Limbs	Stumps	Compost
Sod/dirt	Wood/lumber	Branches	Roots	
Wood Chips	Rocks/bricks	Brush	Root balls	
Stump grindings	Refuse bags			FREE compost for Village residents
				DO NOT place anything in this pile

**Grass clippings must not be left on sidewalks, street pavements, public gutters, or neighboring properties.** This includes clippings from mower swaths that scatter during lawn maintenance. **Grass and leaves in the gutter can clog storm drains and lead to street flooding.** Residents are responsible for sweeping up and properly disposing of all grass and yard waste. **VIOLATORS WILL BE TICKETED.**

Tree Limbs & Brush (🗓 on calendar) VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY

Brush chipping is a service to Village residents and is to be used on an occasional basis such as spring cleanup and/or storm damage. The service is not to clear woods, remove large trees or clear building sites. It is not for larger properties with many trees to use on a constant basis. Properties repeatedly using this service will be notified that their brush will not be chipped.

The Village collects tree limbs and brush curbside on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from April through October. Tree limbs and brush may not be placed on any boulevard for regular Village pickup more than 5 days prior to the scheduled pickup date. Violators will be ticketed for littering on public right-of-way. (see calendar opposite). Please follow these guidelines:

- Brush must be cut less than 12 feet long and cannot be thicker than 6 inches in diameter. **Disposal of brush in excess of 6 inches diameter is the homeowner’s responsibility.** Branches shorter that 24 inches and less than ¾ inch in diameter should be taken to the yard waste disposal site.
- Brush and tree limbs should be placed curbside no later than **7:00 am on collection days**, and must be neatly stacked with stems pointing in one direction. Tree limbs and brush may also be bundled tightly.
- **Residents are allowed to place 2 piles no more than 12 feet long by 4 feet high for scheduled pickups. Disposing of tree limbs and brush in excess of this amount is the resident’s responsibility. If a resident hires a private tree service to assist with brush clearing, the tree service is responsible for disposing of the material. The Village of West Salem DOES NOT allow private tree services to use the Village disposal site.**
- Tree stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls will not be collected and disposal of such is the responsibility of the resident.

Contact Information

Village of West Salem  
175 Leonard St. S  
West Salem, WI 54669  
Phone: 608-786-1858

Please visit our website  
[www.westsalemwi.gov](http://www.westsalemwi.gov)  
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Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling  
W6833 Industrial Blvd., Onalaska  
Phone: 608-783-6727  
[www.hilltopperrefuse.com](http://www.hilltopperrefuse.com)

La Crosse County Landfill and Household Hazardous Materials Facility (HHM)  
3200 Berlin Dr., La Crosse  
Phone: 608-785-9572

You will receive one brochure at the beginning of each year, so please review for updates! To obtain a replacement brochure or if you did not receive one, download digital version from our website, visit Village Hall in person or call 608-786-1858 and we can mail.

Important Village Phone Numbers

Village Hall .....608-786-1858  
Public Works  
Dept. ....608-786-2850  
Public Works  
Emergency .....608-792-3395  
Recreation Dept. ..608-786-0222  
Police Dept. ....608-786-0407  
(non emergency)  
Fire Dept. ....608-786-0111  
(non emergency)  
Emergency .....911  
US Post Office .....608-430-3070  
Public Library .....608-786-1505  
Swimming Pool ....608-786-5309  
West Salem Schools:  
District Office ....608-786-0700  
High School .....608-786-1220  
Middle School ....608-786-2090  
Elementary  
School .....608-786-1622  
West Salem Parochial Schools:  
Christ Lutheran ..608-786-1250  
Coulee Christain .608-786-3004  
Meals On  
Wheels .....608-785-5775



### Curbside Refuse Guidelines

Refuse is collected **every Monday and Tuesday** and Recycling is picked up **every other Monday and Tuesday**. (Refer to map & calendar) **Your pickup day may be delayed one day in the event of a holiday.**

**If your refuse or recycling was NOT picked up, please contact Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling IMMEDIATELY at 608-783-6727. Trucks are equipped to record these calls to verify.**

**Refuse (Brown Cart)**

Refuse is picked up weekly Monday and Tuesday. Please refer to the map to the right to find out which day is your collection day. Refuse should be placed in clear or semi-transparent plastic bags or placed loosely in your cart and placed out by 5:00 AM on your pickup day or the evening before.

### Recycling (Blue Cart)

Recycling is picked up bi-weekly Monday and Tuesday. Please refer to the map to the right to find out which day is your collection day. Do not place recyclables in bags; recyclables must be placed loosely in your cart and placed out by 5:00 AM on your pickup day or the evening before. The Village of West Salem utilizes a Single-Stream recycling system, which means all recyclable items can be placed in the cart together.

#### PLASTICS

- Plastics #1, #2 (bottle form) & #5 (container form)

#### PAPER

- Newspapers, shiny inserts
- Magazines
- Pressed paper, office paper, cardboard
- Toilet paper & paper towel cardboard rolls
- Cereal, cracker, snack boxes (not the plastic inserts)
- Soda, beer boxes
- Toothpaste, soap, detergent boxes
- Paper egg cartons
- Mail, junk mail, etc.
- Shredded paper (place in clear plastic bag)
- Cards, gift wrap (no tissue or foil paper)
- Corrugated cardboard (cut into pieces if it won't fit)
- Books; soft and hardcover
- Soup and drink cartons

#### METAL

- Aluminum, tin, steel cans
- Empty aerosol cans (throw away cap), empty paint cans/lids
- Aluminum foil, plates, containers
- Christmas lights, extension cords, electrical wiring (no coaxial cable)
- Pots and pans

**NOTE: If paint cans are not empty, but paint is hardened, they can go in regular refuse.**

#### GLASS

- Glass jars and bottles (any color)

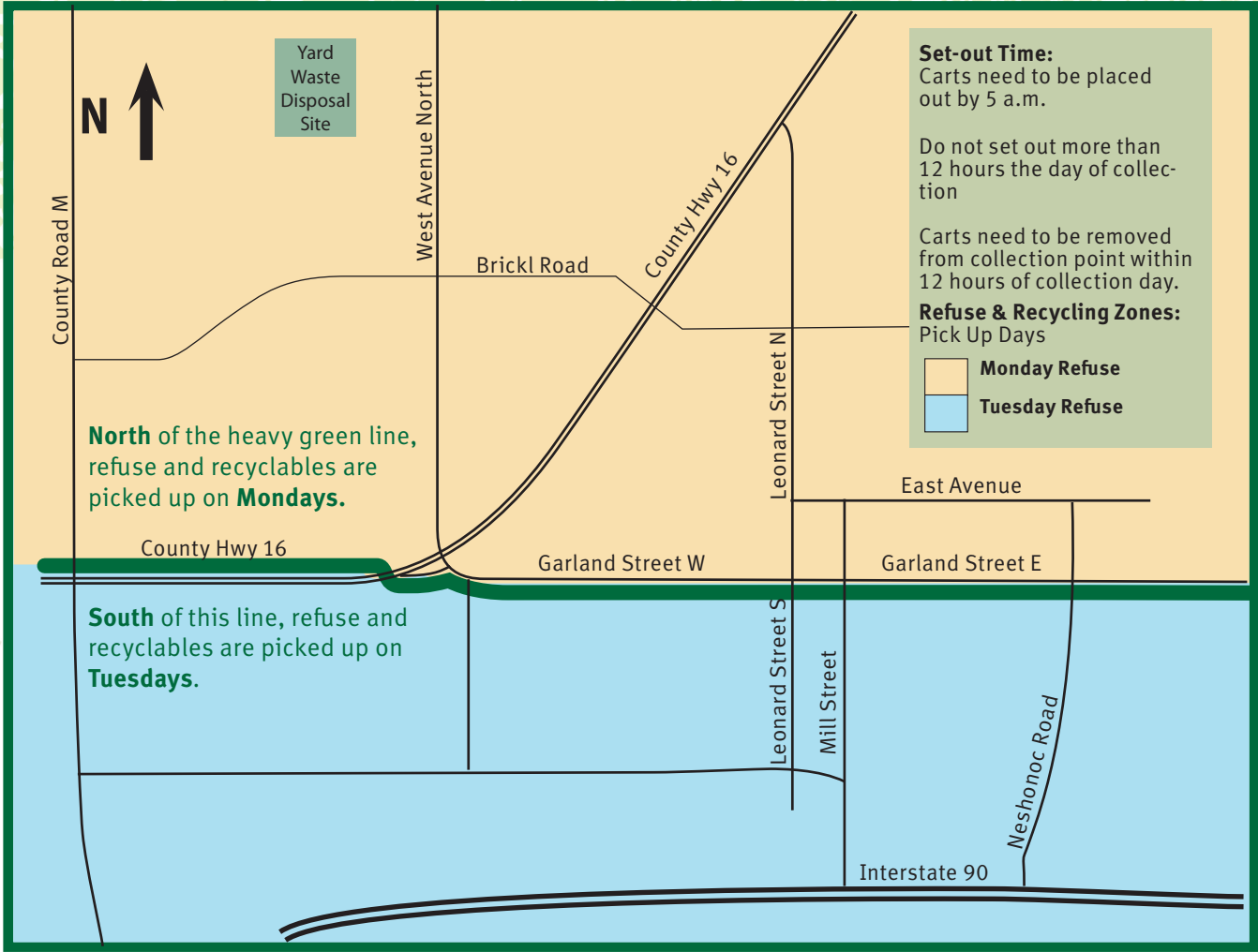
#### DO NOT PLACE THESE ITEMS IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING

- Styrofoam and packing peanuts (see front)
- Soiled paper plates
- Ceramics and dishware
- Windows and Mirrors
- Plastic wrap and plastic bags
- Photographs
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Medical Waste
- Plastic Baskets
- Plastics #3, #4, #6 and #7
- Clam shell to-go food containers
- Beverage paper cups (no lids or straws)

- #### RECYCLING TIPS

  - All containers should be rinsed
  - Remove all lids
  - Paper bags, newspapers and office paper should be thrown loosely into the recycling cart; do not bundle
  - Break down the cardboard and pressed paper materials to make more room in your recycling cart

Disposable plastic bags (those typically given out at grocery stores or other retail outlets) are **NOT** to be placed with recyclables in the Village of West Salem recycling system. These bags should be returned to a retail outlet that has a plastic bag recycling container.



### PLACEMENT GUIDELINES:

**DO NOT PLACE CARTS IN STREET**

- Make sure the arrows on the lid are pointing out toward the alley/curb line
- Cart needs to be at least 3 feet from any fixed objects, such as mailboxes, trees, streetlights, or parked cars and must have a 3 foot gap between the carts.
- Place them at the end of your driveway if possible or in the boulevard area, within 1 foot from the curb line.
- Position the cart on as level of a surface as possible, away from overhanging tree branches.
- The cart lid needs to be closed

Place 3 feet away from any obstacles and other carts

- ### REASONS FOR MISSED COLLECTION

  - Cart is not placed out correctly
  - Recycling is placed outside the cart or in a different container
  - Cart is overflowing, lid does not close
  - Cart was placed on a snow bank; they must be placed on a level spot on the boulevard or on your driveway
  - Unacceptable items are in the cart (refuse items, appliances, electronics, hazardous waste, etc.)

- ### WINTER TIPS

  - Clearing snow after each snowfall will make it easier to move your cart to its collection point
  - Clear a path from your storage location to your collection point
  - Clear a path at your collection point so carts sit flat
  - Carts will NOT be collected if placed on a snow bank
  - Do not place in gutter/street

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Tree limb & brush pickup (April–Oct., 1st & 3rd Tuesday)

Monday Refuse

Tuesday Refuse

Recycling & Refuse

Fire Hydrant Flushing (April 13–17 Sept. 14-18)

Holiday - No Collection

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For answers to questions, call  
**La Crosse County HHM program, 608-785-9999**  
or visit our Website: [www.lacrossecounty.org/solidwaste/hhm](http://www.lacrossecounty.org/solidwaste/hhm)

## Household Hazardous Materials Facility (HHM)

**Free for La Crosse County, WI residential users (unless otherwise noted below)**  
**Fees apply to Houston County, MN and surrounding counties**

### Acceptable Materials

- Automotive fluids
- Batteries (rechargeable, lead acid, lithium)
- Cell phones and digital cameras
- Cleaning products
- Computers (desktops, laptops, tablets)
- Computer peripherals (fax machines, hard drives, keyboards, mice, printers, scanners, speakers)
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Medications (non-controlled only)
- Mercury-containing devices (barometers, thermometers, thermostats, etc.)
- Microwaves and small Freon appliances **Fees Apply**
- Paints, stains, varnish and solvents
- Pool chemicals
- Propane cylinders (20lbs and under)
- Sharps and needles
- Smoke detectors
- Solar Panels (A, B and C)
- TVs and computer monitors **Fees Apply**
- Vape pens/E-cigarettes
- Video devices (cable and satellite receivers, DVD players, gaming consoles, VCRs, etc.)
- Water filters (Point of Contact)

### Non-Acceptable Materials

- Compressed gas cylinders (other than propane)
- Controlled substance medications
- Drums (single containers over 30 gal.)
- Explosives (inc. black powder, fireworks, military munitions, and flares)
- Shock sensitive materials (picric acid, etc.)
- Radioactive materials

### SAVE YOURSELF A TRIP!

These items can and should go into your regular curbside trash or recycling:

- Alkaline batteries (trash)
- Dried out paint (trash)
- Empty paint and aerosol cans (recycle)
- Fertilizer without pesticide (trash)
- Ice melt and rock salt (trash)
- Incandescent light bulbs (trash)



## Preparation & Transportation

### Residential Drop-Off Hours

**Monday – Friday (year-round): 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**1st and 3rd Saturdays (April – October): 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

*Businesses and organizations by appointment only.*

*Fees apply by weight to all items for residents who live outside of La Crosse County. There is a \$10 minimum for each transaction.*

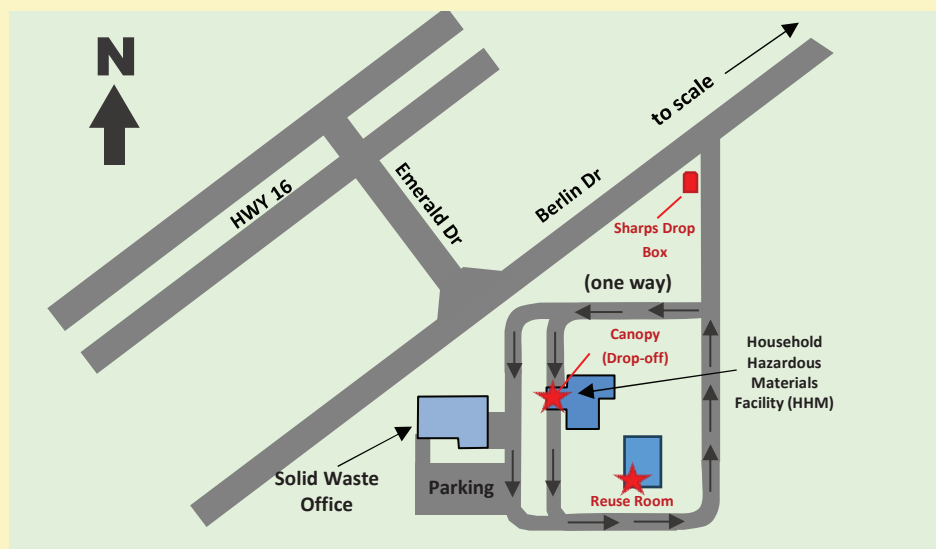
### FREE PRODUCT REUSE ROOM!

**WE'VE MOVED!**

Over 80,000 pounds of useable household products are sorted and made available to the public in our Reuse Room annually. All items are free, but donations are appreciated. The Reuse Room is open Monday – Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM. The reuse room is located on the south side of the building directly adjacent to the HHM Facility. Parking available at the entrance.

### Safe Transportation of Hazardous Materials

1. Never mix chemicals.
2. Bring items in original containers or clearly mark contents. Tell facility technician if you are unsure what is in a container.
3. Tighten all covers and lids.
4. If a container is leaking, pack it separately in a leak-proof pail or tub.
5. Avoid spills. Place waste containers upright and place securely in the trunk or back of a truck or van. Do not transport waste containers in vehicle passenger areas.
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.”
8. Tape the terminal ends of batteries with clear tape to prevent sparking. Do not co-mingle batteries with chemicals.
9. Transport fluorescent bulbs securely to avoid breakage. **Do not tape bulbs together.**
10. Upon arrival, pull under the HHM canopy.



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### Sharps & Needles



- Needles, syringes, auto-injectors (EpiPens) and lancets must be transported in sealed, puncture-resistant containers.
- Container options include a standard red sharps container or a thick plastic laundry detergent bottle with screw on cap. All containers must be labeled with the word **“SHARPS.”**
- Additional sharps collection sites can be found on the Alliance to HEAL website. [www.alliancetoheal.com](http://www.alliancetoheal.com)
- For after-hours service, a red sharps drop box is located on Berlin Drive at the La Crosse County Solid Waste Department entrance. This drop box accepts single-use needles as well as small sharps containers. (see map above)

## Use By Businesses & Organizations

*The La Crosse County HHM Program is available to assist small businesses and organizations with their hazardous material disposal needs. For more information, call us at (608) 785-9999 or visit our website to download a VSQG qualification packet. Our pricing for 2026 has changed. Please confirm pricing and acceptability before visiting us.*

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