



# 2017 RECYCLOPEDIA

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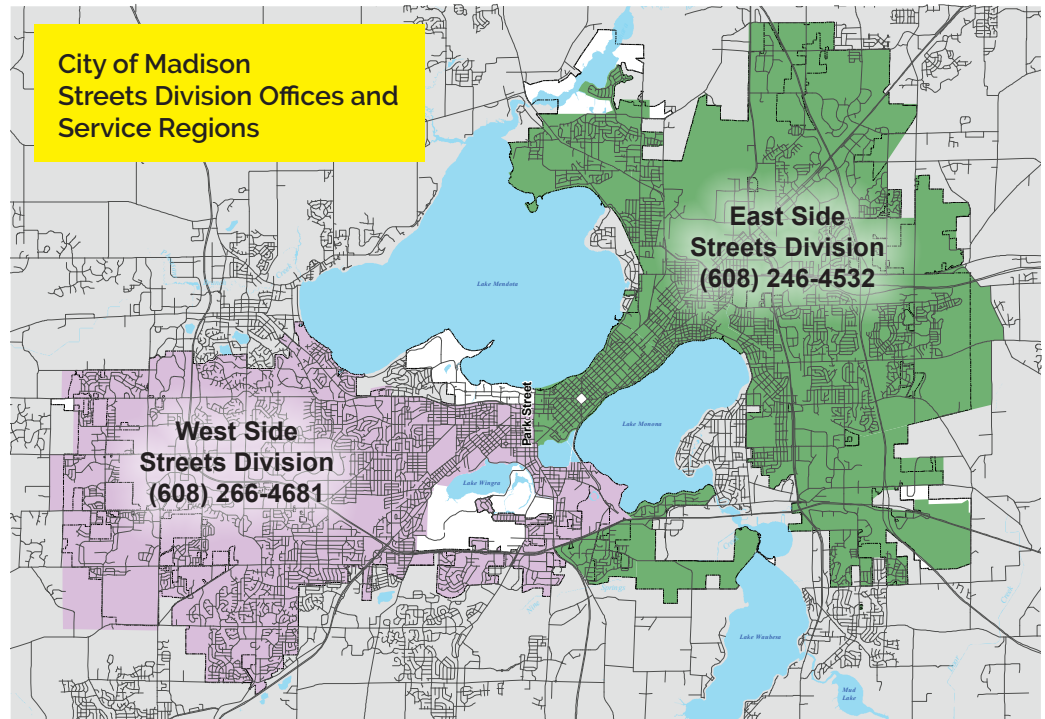
## WHAT DOES THE STREETS DIVISION DO FOR YOU?

The Streets Division provides a variety of services for the residents of the City of Madison. If you have questions about any of our services, feel free to contact us and we will help. Our crews do the following for you:

- » Recycling collection
- » Refuse collection
- » Large item collection
- » Brush collection
- » Leaf/yard waste collection
- » Street sweeping
- » Drop-off site services
- » Pothole and curb repair
- » Stump removal (for trees on City property)
- » Snow plowing City streets
- » Graffiti removal (from City property)
- » Mowing of certain City properties
- » Trimming alleyways
- » Removing general debris from the streets

## Have a question, comment, concern, or request about our services?

Use the map below and call the office that services your neighborhood.



- » The east side office and drop-off location is 4602 Sycamore Ave. The west side office and drop-off location is 1501 W. Badger Rd.
- » Streets Division offices are open 7:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday. Office hours are different from drop-off site hours. For more information on the drop-off sites, turn to ["Drop-Off Sites" on page 18.](#)
- » If you have a question for the Recycling Coordinator, they can be reached at 608-267-2626, 7:30am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday. Their office is located at the west side Streets Division location.

## NEW TO MADISON?

Streets Division services are covered by your property taxes and there is not a separate Streets Division bill.

## WHAT IF SOMEONE ILLEGALLY DUMPS AN ITEM ON YOUR PROPERTY?

### Step 1

Report the crime by contacting the Madison Police Department to file a report at 608-266-4275 or through their Self Reporting line at 608-245-3662.

### Step 2

Contact the Streets Division that services your neighborhood and provide the MPD case number provided to you after your report.

## Questions about services not performed by the Streets Division?

- » **City parks refuse, recycling, or lost items:**  
Contact the Parks Division at 608-266-4711.
- » **Beltline, and Beltline on/off ramp, and State Highway issues:**  
Contact Dane County Highway at 608-266-4261.
- » **Dead animal collection from City right of way:**  
Contact the Engineering Services Division at 608-266-4430.
- » **Ordinance violations such as not shoveling the sidewalk, inadequate lawn maintenance, or improper collection cart usage or storage:**  
Contact the Building Inspection Division at 608-266-4551.
- » **Paint or other hazardous chemical disposal:**  
Contact Dane County Clean Sweep at 608-838-3212.
- » **Parking regulations:**  
Contact Parking Enforcement at 608-266-4624.
- » **Sidewalk repair or replacement:**  
Contact the Engineering Services Division at 608-266-4430.
- » **State Street refuse, recycling, or lost items:**  
Contact Mall/Concourse at 608-266-6031.
- » **Storm drains blocked or repairing manhole covers:**  
Contact the Engineering Services Division at 608-266-4430.
- » **Street reconstruction projects:**  
Contact the Engineering Division at 608-266-4751.
- » **Traffic lights, traffic signs, curb or street markings/painting, or street lights:**  
Contact Traffic Engineering Division at 608-266-4761.
- » **Trees on City property, including the terrace:**  
Contact the Forestry Section at 608-266-4816.
- » **Water main breaks:**  
Contact the Water Utility at 608-266-4661.

## Want to report the problem online instead of calling?

Go to [www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem](http://www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem) and use the online form to share your question, comment, concern, or request with City staff.

## TRY THE MYWASTE APP

The Streets Division has a free mobile app. You can get your collection calendar, receive updates, and learn how to dispose of items all from the convenience of your phone. To download it, go to your app store and search for "My Waste" or visit [www.cityofmadison.com/streets](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets).

## HOW TO USE YOUR CURBSIDE COLLECTION CARTS

These guidelines are for all collection carts provided by the City for curbside collection.

- » The owner or occupant of each residence utilizing City of Madison services must use the tan cart to send material to the landfill and the green cart to recycle appropriate material.
- » Be sure you are placing the correct carts curbside on your scheduled collection day.
  - Obtain your collection schedule online: [www.cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule](http://www.cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule).
  - You can also contact the Streets Division office that services your neighborhood to have a calendar mailed to your home.
- » Cart lids should be closed when out for collection—especially the recycling carts so not to ruin the recyclables inside. Nothing should stick out more than 18 inches from the top of the cart.
- » Carts should not exceed 100 pounds of material inside in order to prevent the carts from tumbling into the collection trucks. Carts that are too heavy may not be collected.
- » Carts must be out for collection prior to 7:00am on the day of collection, and they should be out no earlier than 7:00pm the day before the scheduled collection day. (City ordinance: 10.18[1]) Carts set out late may not be collected.
- » After the carts have been emptied, residents have 24 hours to remove their carts from the curb. (City ordinance: 10.18[6])
- » When not in use, carts should be stored in your garage or at the rear of the building. (City ordinance: 7.36)
- » Missing or damaged carts can be replaced or repaired. Depending on the situation, residents may need to purchase the replacement cart. Contact Streets Division offices for more information.
- » Residents are responsible for cleaning their collection carts if they choose to do so. Carts will not be exchanged if they are dirty or have an odor. Carts will only be exchanged if they are damaged or if a new size is needed.
- » Additional carts can also be purchased if needed.

## HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

### Days Closed

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day (4th of July)
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving & the day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

Only residents with scheduled collections that fall on the day of the holiday are impacted. The regular scheduled collection will occur on the following day (except for Thanksgiving - turn to "Thanksgiving" on page 4.).

For example, if the holiday is on a Monday, residents with a Monday refuse & recycling collection day will instead be collected on Tuesday. Residents with a Tuesday collection day will not be impacted. Other services, such as large item collection, brush collection, and leaf collection, are typically slowed during holiday weeks due to shortages of available personnel. Necessary snow plow operations will not be impacted by holidays. Check your collection schedule to see if these holidays impact you.

### Half Days

The Streets Division works half-days on Christmas Eve (December 24) and New Year's Eve (December 31) when they fall on regular work days. Necessary snow and ice control operations will not be affected.

Streets Division collections are performed as normal on these days since they are not holidays. However, we aim to have work completed for the day prior to 11:00am. If your scheduled collection falls on one of these days, it is very important to have your cart out on time, or you may have to wait until your next scheduled day for your carts to be collected. The drop-off sites will also close at 11:00am.

## HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

### Thanksgiving

The Streets Division is closed both on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, and the following Friday. The double holiday requires the following changes to the collection schedule.

- On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving: Residents with Wednesday & Thursday scheduled collections will be collected.
- On the Monday after Thanksgiving: Residents with Friday & Monday scheduled collections will be collected.

## How to Place Your Curbside Cart for Collection

Improperly placed carts may not be collected.

- » Place your cart so that the white serial numbers on the body of the cart are facing the street.
- » Place your cart at least four (4) feet away from any obstruction—this includes parked cars, trees, street signs, fire hydrants, mailboxes, other collection carts, or any other item that would impede the lifting and dumping of the collection carts.
- » Place your carts side-by-side for collection with at least four (4) feet between each cart.
- » Place your carts in your driveway apron or driveway, immediately next to it, or on the terrace.
  - Do not place the carts in the gutter unless it is absolutely necessary to do so to ensure collection. Remember, you can put your carts in your driveway apron. However, if the need is absolute, you may place your cart in the gutter immediately next to your driveway. Note: Carts in the gutter interfere with traffic, street sweeping, and plowing operations. Also, during stormy weather, carts in the gutter will roll away.

If you live in the special Clean Streets/Clean Lakes street sweeping zones, do not place your carts in the gutter during scheduled sweeping times.

## How to Place your Curbside Cart in the Winter

- » Place your cart on your driveway apron or driveway after it has been cleared of snow.
- » Carts can also be placed on a cleared area of your terrace.
- » Do not place your carts on the sidewalk or on top of a snow bank.
- » If you need to place your carts in the gutter to ensure collection, wait until after your street has been plowed. Carts in the gutter during plowing operation means crews need to plow around carts, and this will cause delays in having your street plowed fully.

## How to Place your Curbside Cart for Alley Collection

Only a few areas of the city have alley collection. Note: the City does not provide collection services to carriage lanes. Carriage lanes are collected by private refuse haulers.

- » Carts placed in the alley must be placed at the alley edge.
- » Carts on private property or near a garage will not be collected so not to damage private property.

## Collection Carts are City Property

Your collection carts are the property of the City of Madison. The only carts that are your property would be any additional carts you purchased from the Streets Division. If you move, leave the City-supplied carts behind. If you moved to the city and your new home does not have carts, contact the Streets Division to have carts delivered.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

All material in the tan refuse cart is sent to the landfill and will not be recycled. If you believe the item you are disposing could be reused, recycled, or resold, please do so. Recycling is mandatory in the City of Madison, after all. If you are unsure of whether an item is recyclable or not, please refer to the City of Madison Streets website, [Recyclopedia.org](http://Recyclopedia.org), the Recycling section of this guide, or call the Streets Division for assistance. The less we put into the landfill, the longer we're able to use the one we have and your actions will prevent valuable Wisconsin farmland from being transformed into a place to bury our unwanted junk.

The tan refuse cart will be collected on your regularly scheduled refuse collection day. Consult your collection schedule to be sure of your collection day. Obtain your collection calendar by visiting [www.cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule](http://www.cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule) or by contacting the Streets Division office that serves your neighborhood. **Do not place more than 100 pounds of refuse into the cart.**

### Do Not Place the Following Materials into the Tan Refuse Cart

Carts containing these items will not be collected.

- » **Recyclable items**  
Recycling is mandatory in Madison. Recyclables belong in the recycling cart, or brought to a drop-off site. For more information on recycling, turn to "[Recycling Collection](#)" on page 7.
- » **Electronics banned from the landfill**  
Many electronics are banned from the landfill, including televisions, computers, laptops, and more. These items must be taken to a drop-off site for recycling. For more information, turn to "[Electronics Recycling](#)" on page 13.
- » **Leaves, yard waste, weeds, garden debris, etc.**  
Yard waste is banned from the landfill. For more information about yard waste disposal, turn to "[Leaf, Yard, and Garden Waste Collection](#)" on page 16.
- » **Brush**  
Brush is banned from the landfill. For more information about brush disposal, turn to "[Brush Collection Information](#)" on page 14.
- » **Explosives/ammunition**  
Contact the Non-Emergency Dane County Dispatch at 608-266-4275 to contact law enforcement for disposal.
- » **Fluorescent bulbs/tubes (including compact fluorescent tubes)**  
Take back fluorescent bulbs and tubes to any retailer that sells them to be recycled. Some may charge a small fee.
- » **Bricks, dirt, rock, concrete, or other fill material**  
This material is not accepted in the carts. Visit the Dane County Public Works website or contact the Streets Division offices for disposal options.
- » **Liquid paint, stains, varnishes, paint remover**  
Take to Dane County Clean Sweep for proper disposal. For more information about Clean Sweep, visit their website [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com) or call at 608-838-3212.
- » **Hazardous, flammable, or other chemical waste**  
Take to Dane County Clean Sweep for proper disposal.

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For additional information on how to set your collection cart to the curb, turn to "[How to Use your Curbside Collection Carts](#)" on page 3.

## BUILDING MATERIAL

- Curbside collection of building material is limited to minor home improvements performed by the resident. Work by contractors will not be collected.
- The maximum amount of building material—which includes drywall, lumber, tile, and other such debris generated from a resident-performed remodeling or construction project—is 240 pounds, or equivalent to the volume of six 30-gallon containers of material that do not weigh more than 40 pounds apiece.
- Building material may also be placed into the tan refuse cart. All cart guidelines must be followed.
- Building material may also be recycled by the resident if they haul it to the Dane County Construction and Demolition Recycling Center located at the Dane County landfill complex at 7102 US Highway 12.
- Remodeling projects performed by a resident, or contractor, with a value of \$20,000 or more requires recycling. For more information, contact the Recycling Coordinator at 608-267-2626.
- Building material generated by a contractor will not be collected by the Streets Division.
- Other major projects, such as new construction and demolitions, have recycling requirements. For more information visit the Construction and Demolition page at our website, [www.cityofmadison.com/recycling](http://www.cityofmadison.com/recycling) or contact the Recycling Coordinator at 608-267-2626.

## HAVE MORE REFUSE THAN WILL FIT INTO THE CART?

The Streets Division will collect excess bagged refuse outside of the collection cart if you meet the following guidelines. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in your excess refuse not being collected:

- You must have 6 or more bags of refuse outside the cart.
  - Refuse in boxes or other containers will not be collected.
  - Debris that is small enough to be bagged.
- The bags should be 30-gallon bags and each one must weigh less than 40 pounds apiece.

The Streets Division will perform this service for a residence on two consecutive weeks only, or at the discretion of Streets Division staff. If the excess refuse is a persistent issue at your home, consider these alternatives:

- Exchange your refuse cart for a larger size by contacting the Streets Division that services your neighborhood.
- Purchase an additional cart by contacting the Streets Division that services your neighborhood.
- Alter your consumption habits to consume fewer goods that must be landfilled on a weekly basis.
- If performing a large household cleanup that will last for several weeks, rent a dumpster from a local private vendor to facilitate the large volume of material.

## HERE ARE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS ON HOW TO CORRECTLY DISPOSE OF YOUR EXCESS REFUSE:

- Check with a neighbor to see if they will allow you to place your excess refuse in their refuse cart.
- Hold the excess refuse until the next collection day.
- Take the excess refuse to one of the Streets Division drop-off sites.

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- » **Infectious waste**  
Contact the Public Health Department at 608-266-4821 for disposal options.
- » **Motor oil**  
Take to a City public motor oil drop-off site or visit the Dane County Public Works website for other available locations. For more information about the City's motor oil drop-off sites, turn to "[Motor Oil Drop-off Sites](#)" on [page 19](#).
- » **Lead acid batteries (including vehicle batteries)**  
Take to one of the Streets Division's drop-off sites or a private recycler. For more information about the Streets Division's drop-off sites, turn to "[Drop-Off Sites](#)" on [page 18](#).
- » **Propane tanks, helium tanks, and pressurized gas containers**  
Empty containers with the valve turned open must be taken to one of the Streets Division's drop-off sites, or a private recycler. For more information about the Streets Division's drop-off sites, turn to "[Drop-Off Sites](#)" on [page 18](#).
- » **Camp-stove propane tanks, isobutene canisters, etc.**  
Take to Dane County Clean Sweep for disposal.
- » **Medication**  
Take medication to one of the MedDrop locations. Visit <http://safercommunity.net/meddrop> for more information about locations and accepted material.
- » **Medical needles, syringes, lancets, or other "sharps"**  
Take to an area pharmacy or clinic for safe disposal. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for special instructions on sharps disposal.
- » **Gas cans**  
Metal cans must be empty and would be collected as a Large Item. Plastic gas can must be empty, dried, and brought to one of the Street Division's drop-off sites to be recycled in the rigid plastic bin. For more information about Large Item collection, turn to "[Large Item Collection Guidelines](#)" on [page 10](#).

## Special Handling Instructions for Refuse Items

- » **Dog/cat waste**  
Double bag pet waste, including cat litter, and put into the tan refuse cart at your home. Do not put your pet waste into the public litter containers.
- » **Ashes, sawdust, vacuum cleaner dust, etc.**  
Double bag dusty material so it will not cloud when dumped and create a breathing hazard for our operators. Be sure ashes are cold prior to placing them in the refuse cart.
- » **Deer carcasses**  
Double bag before placing into refuse cart.
- » **Dried solid latex paint**  
Dried solid latex paint—and only latex paint—can be placed into the refuse cart. Liquid latex paint must be taken to Clean Sweep.
- » **Broken glass**  
Place into refuse cart. You do not need to place broken glass, mirrors, ceramics, etc. into a box or bag unless your refuse will be collected by hand.
- » **Cardboard contaminated with food, oil, or grease**  
Contaminated cardboard should be placed into the refuse; clean cardboard should be recycled.

## RECYCLING COLLECTION

All material in your home's green recycling cart will be transported to a facility to be sorted and then recycled. Much of the sorting procedure is performed by hand, so it is very important you follow these guidelines to ensure a safe collection and also safe and efficient processing of the material.

The green recycling cart will be collected every other week on the same day that your refuse is collected. Large items are not collected on the day recycling is collected.

Consult your collection schedule to be sure of your collection day. Obtain your collection schedule by visiting [www.cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule](http://www.cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule) or by contacting the Streets Division office that serves your neighborhood.

### What are the general guidelines for recycling material?

- » All recyclables must be clean of food debris, dirt, and other contaminants.
- » All recyclables loose in the cart should be roughly at least 3 inches by 3 inches in size, which is about the size of a standard Post-It note. Smaller items could be incorrectly sorted.
- » Most recyclables should not be bagged and should be loose in the cart.
  - Shredded paper must be bagged in clear or white plastic bags.
  - Plastic bags must be bundled together into another clear or white plastic bag.
  - If you must use bags for recycling, choose clear or white bags without a drawstring so the workers sorting the recycling will know what is inside the bag and nothing will get tangled in the sorting machinery.
- » Please keep the lid of your green recycling cart closed, especially on days with rain or snow. The rain water or melted snow could ruin the recyclable paper and cardboard within your cart.
  - For additional information on how to set your collection cart to the curb, turn to "[How to Use your Curbside Collection Carts](#)" on page 3.

### MANDATORY RECYCLING

Did you know that recycling is mandatory in the City of Madison? It is! Of course, we all know how important recycling is for our planet, but City ordinance 10.18 does make recycling a requirement. And this is not just for single-family homes.

Each apartment building and commercial enterprise should provide adequate recycling services.

If your apartment building, or workplace, is not providing adequate recycling services, then you can contact Building Inspection at 608-266-4551 and their inspectors can investigate.

### WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR RECYCLING AFTER THE STREETS DIVISION COLLECTS IT?

Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for "Kipp Street Recycling" to find the video titled "Kipp Street Station MRF – A Division of Pellitteri Waste Systems." This video shows the recycling process for your recyclables. Pellitteri Waste System is the company that sorts recycling for the City of Madison.

## WHAT RECYCLING ITEMS SHOULD GO INTO THE GREEN RECYCLING CART

### Clean Paper Products

<b>What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Cardboard cores from paper towels, bathroom tissue, etc.</li> <li>» Cardboard-sided cans</li> <li>» Cereal and cracker boxes</li> <li>» Corrugated cardboard</li> <li>» Envelopes</li> <li>» Gift wrap (no tissue or foil paper)</li> <li>» Greeting cards</li> <li>» Juice boxes, TetraPaks, and other aseptic/gable top cartons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Junk mail</li> <li>» Magazines and catalogs</li> <li>» Newspapers and all the inserts</li> <li>» Office and computer paper</li> <li>» Outer frozen food boxes</li> <li>» Paper egg cartons</li> <li>» Paper grocery bags</li> <li>» Paper milk and juice cartons (even if they have a plastic spout)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Paper/cardboard backing off retail packages</li> <li>» Phone books</li> <li>» Receipts and bills</li> <li>» Soda cases etc.</li> </ul>
<b>What's TRASH?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Diapers</li> <li>» Photographs (i.e., Polaroids)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Sanitary napkins</li> <li>» Soiled and/or stained cardboard &amp; paper products</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Tissue paper</li> </ul>

» **Shredded paper** must be in a clear or white bag. Bag of **shredded paper** should be no larger than a basketball.

### Clean Glass Products

<b>What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Bottles - remove the lids (metal bottle caps should be recycled as noted below in Metal Products)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Jars - remove the lids (metal lids can be recycled loose in cart if they are roughly the size of a dairy tub lid, same with most plastic lids)</li> </ul>	
<b>What's TRASH?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Baking dishes</li> <li>» Bottles &amp; jars with food or other products still inside them</li> <li>» Ceramics</li> <li>» Chemical bottles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Dishes &amp; bowls</li> <li>» Drinking glasses</li> <li>» Flower pots</li> <li>» Incandescent &amp; LED light bulbs (fluorescent bulbs/tubes must be taken to retailer that sells them)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Laboratory glass</li> <li>» Windows &amp; mirrors</li> </ul>

### Clean Plastic Products

<b>What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» All plastic clamshell containers</li> <li>» All plastic containers #1 thru #7</li> <li>» Berry &amp; deli containers</li> <li>» Blister packs (the difficult to open packaging for electronics, toys, etc.)</li> <li>» Bottles (soda, water, etc.) - leave on lids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Condiment bottles/jars (catsup/ketchup, mustard, etc.) - leave on lids</li> <li>» Cups if they are #1, #2, or #5</li> <li>» Dairy tub lids</li> <li>» Dairy tubs (cottage cheese, etc.) - lids do not need to be on</li> <li>» Frozen juice containers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Jugs (milk, juice, etc.) - leave on lids</li> <li>» Laundry bottles - leave on lids</li> </ul>
<b>What's TRASH?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Any plastic container with food or other products still inside them</li> <li>» Bubble wrap</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Cups if they are #3, #4, #6, #7</li> <li>» Dark green or black bags</li> <li>» Drawstring bags</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Food wrap (i.e., Cling Wrap)</li> <li>» Motor oil bottles</li> <li>» Wrapping from meat products</li> </ul>

» Most **plastic bags** - must be bundled into another **plastic bag** and the resulting bag-of-bags should be approximately the size of a basketball before placing it into the cart.

### Clean Metal Products

<b>What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Aluminum cans</li> <li>» Empty aerosol cans</li> <li>» Empty paint cans &amp; lids</li> <li>» Metal lids from glass jars &amp; bottles</li> <li>» Metal pipe 18" in length and less</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Metal plumbing fixtures</li> <li>» Other metal items weighing less than 10 pounds</li> <li>» Pots &amp; pans</li> <li>» Small metal appliances, such as toasters, mixers, etc. (remove glass)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Small metal items like bottle caps, bolts, spare keys, etc. can be placed into an empty tin can and the top of it tightly pinched closed</li> <li>» Steel/tin cans</li> </ul>
<b>What's TRASH?</b>	<p>Some metal items cannot go into the cart, but they can be recycled if brought to the Metals bin at a drop-off site. For example, wire hangers and fencing cannot go into the cart because they can get tangled in the recycling plant's sorting machinery. Car parts, like brake pads, cannot go into the cart because they are too heavy and contain contaminants. But you can bring those items and all metal items that cannot go into the cart to the Metals bin at a drop-off site for recycling.</p>		



## Recyclable Items that SHOULD NOT go into your Green Recycling Cart:

In Madison, we are fortunate to have a robust recycling system for curbside collection. However, there are items that we should recycle, but can't be sorted from the curbside cart. Here's what to do with them:

- » **Electronics**  
Many electronic items are banned from the landfill, including computers, TVs, and cell phones. These items, plus other electronic gadgets, must be brought to a drop-off site for recycling. Some electronics, such as TVs and computers, have an additional fee that must be paid prior to recycling. For more information about the fees, turn to "[Electronics Recycling](#)" on [page 13](#).
- » **Corded electronics**  
Holiday lights, extension cords, power supplies, etc. can be recycled at a drop-off site.
- » **Rigid plastics**  
Coolers, children's toys, car seats, clean 5-gallon buckets, and all manner of clean rigid plastic material can be recycled at a drop-off site.
- » **Batteries**  
Household batteries, including rechargeable batteries, can be recycled at the drop-off sites, Batteries Plus, or other vendors. Please remember to tape the ends of lithium batteries and batteries higher than 12 volts prior to arriving at the drop-off site.
- » **Styrofoam**  
Only molded "chunks" can be recycled at the drop-off site. Styrofoam peanuts belong in your tan refuse cart or taken to a UPS or other shipping store for reuse.
- » **Fluorescent bulbs/tubes**  
City and County ordinances require that retailers who sell fluorescent bulbs/tubes take back old lights/tubes from their customers and recycle them. Some may charge a small fee.

## HAVE MORE CARDBOARD THAN WILL FIT IN YOUR RECYCLING CART?

- Check with your neighbor to see if they will allow you to place your excess cardboard in their recycling cart, or
- Bring the excess cardboard to a Streets Division drop-off site, or
- For curbside collection of excess cardboard on your scheduled recycling day, do the following steps:
  - Step 1: Flatten all boxes
  - Step 2: Cut or fold the cardboard to a 3' x 3' size
  - Step 3: Tie the loose cardboard into bundles 6" in height or less
  - Step 4: Place the bundles next to the recycling cart or under the lid of your green cart on recycling day.
- And if excess cardboard is a recurring problem, purchase an additional recycling cart by contacting the Streets Division office that serves your neighborhood.

## RECYCLOPEDIA.ORG

In collaboration with the iWasteNotSystems, the Streets Division maintains the website [www.recyclopedia.org/madisonwi](http://www.recyclopedia.org/madisonwi).

This site not only provides you with a friendly, and mobile-enabled, guide on how to handle a variety of material safely within the City, but will also provide you with links to alternative ways to donate or reuse them.

The site is new and will be an ever-evolving gateway to the entire universe of reuse and recycling options in the greater Madison area.

## DELAYS

Large item collection will likely be delayed during weeks with holidays, during fall leaf collection, and during snow plow operations due to a lack of available personnel. Severe weather events, such as wind storms, may also cause delays in large item collection as the personnel to perform large item collection will instead be needed to respond to the conditions brought by the weather.

## LARGE ITEM COLLECTION GUIDELINES

All items that are larger than what can fit into the tan refuse cart are considered large items. These items include furniture, mattresses, box springs, carpeting, pianos, and so much more. Some large items require an additional fee for collection. A list of items requiring a collection fee sticker, and more information about this requirement, can be found later in this section.

Do not place items that require a fee in your collection carts. These items require special attention to be safely recycled or appropriately transported, so they must be kept outside of the carts.

Large items will be collected every other week on the same day that your refuse is collected. Large items are not collected on the day recycling is collected.

If the item is destined for the landfill, does not require a fee sticker, and can fit into your tan refuse cart, you can place it into the cart. Lumber pieces, toilets, carpet, mirrors, 5-gallon buckets that cannot be cleaned, and so on can be placed in the cart. If you have questions about whether or not your item can go into your collection cart, contact the Streets Division office that services your neighborhood.

Consult your collection schedule to be sure of your collection day. Obtain your collection schedule by visiting [www.cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule](http://www.cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule) or by contacting the Streets Division office that services your neighborhood.

### What are the general guidelines for large items?

Items failing to meet these guidelines may not be collected:

- » Large items must be out for collection prior to 7:00am on the day of collection, and they should be out no earlier than 7:00pm the day before the scheduled collection day.
- » Position large items at least four feet away from curbside collection carts, trees, utility poles, mailboxes, street signs, fire hydrants, and parked cars so your large items can be picked safely without damaging anything.
- » Position appliances and other metal items away from non-metal large items so the metal items can be recycled.
- » Large items must be less than 8 feet long in order to be picked up. Items may be cut down or folded to meet this requirement.

### Televisions, Monitors, Computers, and Laptops

Do not place televisions, computer monitors, computer central processing units, and laptops at the curb for collection. These items may contain hazardous metals like lead and mercury. If they are broken open, these hazardous materials end up in the storm drains that drain to our lakes. These items must be brought to a drop-off site and a recycling fee must be paid for each item.

If these items are set to the curb, they will be immediately removed by Streets Division staff. The property owner will be assessed the recycling fee plus an administrative fee per item that was set out contrary to this rule.

## What will not be collected for large items?

- » Concrete, concrete blocks, poles or other items filled with concrete, bricks, rocks, etc.
  - This material should be hauled by the resident to the Dane County Landfill or another appropriate recycler.
- » Chemical drums or containers
- » Pressurized gas containers, propane tanks, helium tanks
  - Empty containers with the valve turned open must be taken to one of the City drop-off sites, or a private recycler. For more information about the City drop-off sites, turn to "[Drop-Off Sites](#)" on page 18.
- » 55-gallon, 30-gallon, and 25-gallon barrels or drums
  - Also includes other larger barrels or drums.
- » Items longer or wider than 8 feet and cannot be cut down

## Special Handling Instructions for Large Items

If these special items are out without following these requirements, they may not be collected:

- » Televisions, computers, computer towers, monitors
  - Must be brought to a drop-off site – do not place at curb
  - Items require a fee sticker for recycling
- » Carpet/carpet padding
  - Should be rolled up and bound with rope, duct tape, etc.
- » Concrete sinks
  - Must be left in 4 or fewer pieces.
- » Fuel oil or gas tanks
  - Must be completely empty and drained.
- » Metal and wood poles
  - Must have concrete removed from the ends and pole must not be longer than 8 feet.
- » Lawnmowers, snow blowers, tillers, other items with similar engines
  - Should be drained of fuel and oil.
  - Items require a fee sticker for recycling.
- » Rootballs
  - Will be collected if dirt is removed.
- » Windows, mirrors, glass tabletops, glass doors, etc.
  - Tape the glass to prevent breakage.

## Large Item Fees

Select large items require fees because the Streets Division incurs extra handling or processing costs for the item, so they should never be placed into the refuse cart. The appropriate fee must be paid prior to curbside collection or dropping off at one of the drop-off sites.

Large items that require a fee sticker and are set to the curb without one will not be collected. Instead, these items will be tagged by Streets Division staff. Residents have until the next scheduled large item collection day to obtain the fee sticker and place it on the item. If the item remains at the curb without the fee sticker for the next scheduled collection day, the item will be collected and the homeowner will be assessed an administrative fee plus the cost of the fee sticker.

## HOW TO PURCHASE LARGE ITEM FEE STICKERS

Large item fee stickers can be purchased by the following methods:

### In Person

- City Treasurer's Office  
Room 107, CCB  
210 Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Streets Division offices  
1501 W. Badger Rd.  
4602 Sycamore Ave.
- Madison Public Libraries

### Online

- [www.madisonpay.com](http://www.madisonpay.com)  
Stickers do not print on demand. Stickers will be mailed after a successful purchase.

### Mail

- Mail a check and a note explaining your request to  
Streets Division  
1501 W. Badger Rd.  
Madison, WI 53713  
or
- Streets Division  
4602 Sycamore Ave.  
Madison, WI 53704

## What large items require a fee and how much are they?

Fees			
\$35 Fee	\$15 Fee	\$10 Fee	\$5 Fee
Air Compressors	"Dorm" refrigerators (refrigerators weighing less than 50 pounds)	Computer towers*	Tires - car or small truck & off the rim
Air Conditioners	Fluorescent light fixtures	Computers*	
Boats	Garden tillers	Laptops*	
Copy machines (office sized)	Gas grills	Monitors*	
Dehumidifiers	Items with similar engines to lawn mowers, garden tillers, etc.	Tires - large truck	
Dishwashers	Lawn mowers	Tires - on rim	
Dryers	Leaf shredders		
Freezers (must remove doors)	Microwave ovens		
Furnaces	Snow throwers		
Hot tubs	Televisions* (all sizes and types)		
Ice machines			
Large commercial appliances			
Large medical devices			
Ovens			
Ranges			
Refrigerators (must remove doors)			
Stoves			
Trash compactors			
Washers			
Water coolers			
Water heaters			
Water softeners			
Wood stoves			

\*These items **must** be brought to a drop-off site. These items cannot be placed at the curb.

Computer monitors, computer central processing units, laptops, and television, set at the curb will be immediately removed by Streets Division staff. The property owner will be assessed the recycling fee plus an administrative fee per item set to the curb contrary to this rule.

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

To recycle your electronics, you must bring them to a Streets Division drop-off site or a reputable private electronics recycler. Some electronics are banned from the landfill by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and must be brought to the drop-off site or private recycler. Some of these items require an additional fee. For more information about the drop-off sites, turn to "[Drop-Off Sites](#)" on page 18.

### Electronics Banned from the Landfill

These items **MUST** be brought to a drop-off site or a reputable private recycler for recycling.

- » Cell phones
- » Computers
  - Desktops\*
  - Laptops\*
  - Netbooks\*
  - Tablets
- » Computer monitors (all styles)\*
- » Computer peripherals  
This means any item sold exclusively for external use for a consumer computer.
  - Mice
  - Keyboards
  - Scanners
  - Computer speakers
  - Modems
  - Routers
  - Web cameras, flash drives, external drives, and other computer peripherals
- » Digital video players/recorders
- » DVD players
- » Blu-ray players
- » E-readers
- » Fax machines
- » Printers
  - Desktop printers
  - Fax/scan/copy printers
  - 3-D printers
- » Televisions<sup>§</sup>
- » VCRs

\*Requires a \$10 fee sticker. To learn where to purchase the stickers, turn to "[How to Purchase Large Item Fee Stickers](#)" on page 11.

§Requires a \$15 fee sticker. To learn where to purchase the stickers, turn to "[How to Purchase Large Item Fee Stickers](#)" on page 11.

### NOT A BANNED ELECTRONICS ITEM?

#### YOU CAN STILL RECYCLE IT!

You can recycle MP3 players/iPods, stereos, stereo equipment, speaker wire, cameras, landline phones, calculators, gaming systems, electronic toys, Christmas tree lights, power supplies, surge protectors, and so many more electronic gadgets and gizmos. Just bring these items to a Streets Division drop-off site and place them in the appropriate electronics container.

## DO NOT MIX BRUSH AND YARD WASTE

**The Streets Division will not collect it.**

Brush and yard waste are different materials that are processed differently at different dump locations. Brush is processed into wood chips, while yard waste is taken to a composter.

## BRUSH COLLECTION INFORMATION

The Streets Division conducts regular curbside brush collection from the thaw until the fall—or April through the end of September. The actual end of the brush collection season is weather dependent, and will be announced when that date is known. Brush may be collected at other times of the year if weather conditions and workload permit, but collection is not guaranteed.

### What is brush?

- » Brush is woody material trimmed from trees and bushes.
  - Other plant or garden debris is considered yard waste. For more information about yard waste, turn to "[Leaf, Yard, and Garden Waste Collection](#)" on page 16.
- » Brush must measure at least 18 inches in length.
  - Woody material shorter than 18 inches is considered Yard Waste.
- » Brush may not be longer than 8 feet in length.
- » Brush may not be thicker than 8 inches in diameter.

### Brush Collection Guidelines

Brush not meeting these guidelines may not be collected.

- » Stack brush with the cut ends facing the same direction.
- » Place brush on the terrace or street edge at least four feet away from trees, parked cars, fire hydrants, utility poles, mailboxes, large items, or other obstructions (where possible).
  - Do not place brush in the street.
  - Do not block the sidewalk with brush.
- » Bundle small amounts of brush with string or twine. Bundles may not exceed 4 feet in length or weigh more than 40 pounds.
  - If you choose to bundle your small piles of brush, you must use string or twine. Do not use any form of wire. Wire damages the chipper blades.
- » Remove all dirt and roots.
- » Do not put brush into bags, boxes, or trash cans.

### Brush Collection Rotation

Brush collection no longer operates on a set schedule. Instead, our crews follow a rotation. Crews begin the collection season in the area of the city with a Monday refuse collection day. Our crews will stay in this section of the city until each street has one pass for collection, and then they rotate to the area of the city with a Tuesday refuse collection day. After completing the Tuesday district, they move onto the Wednesday district followed by the Thursday district and finally the Friday district. Upon completion of the Friday district, crews cycle back to the Monday district to begin a new round of brush collection. Crews will complete as many rotations through the city as we can during the April to the end of September collection window.

## How to Tell When to Set Brush Out for Collection

The Streets Division provides daily updates to collection maps on the brush section of our website. The maps are updated at the end of each work day and can be used to track the progress of our crews.

The brush section of the website also hosts a collection time estimate that is updated weekly. For the weekly estimates and the daily map updates, go to our brush website [www.cityofmadison.com/brushcollection](http://www.cityofmadison.com/brushcollection).

The Streets Division also provides weekly estimates to the Brush Collection Information Hotline at 608-267-2088.

## What to do with brush when the City is not collecting it at the curb?

Take it to a drop-off site or the Brush Processing Center. For more information about the drop-off site, turn to "Drop-Off Sites" on page 18.

Do not put this material in your refuse or recycling cart. The Streets Division does not collect brush in the refuse cart, and your cart will not be collected if it contains any. And brush will clog and damage the sorting machinery at the recycling center.

## BRUSH PROCESSING CENTER

The City of Madison Brush Processing Center at 121 E. Olin Ave. is available for all residents, contractors, and taxpayers who need to have brush processed that has been cut from a City of Madison parcel.

The current rates for processing brush are as follows. Rate changes will be posted to the Streets Division website when adjustments occur:

Brush/Tree Limbs: Minimum Charge: \$17  
\$34 per ton charged in \$17 increments

Wood Chips: Minimum Charge: \$8.50  
\$17 per ton charged in \$8.50 increments

The center is open from 7:30am to 2:30pm, Monday to Friday, 608-266-4911.

## Available Wood Mulch

Wood mulch is available to the public at the Brush Processing Center at 121 E. Olin Ave at the hours listed above. The processing center has been certified as a safe shredding site for ash trees by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection. This means wood mulch available from the site will be free of the emerald ash borer and will not transmit it to your property.

Wood mulch is available currently at the following rates. Rate changes will be posted to the Streets Division website when adjustments occur:

- » Up to 30 gallons: Free.
- » 31 gallons to 3 cubic yards (or one loader bucket): \$17.
- » Each subsequent loader bucket of mulch: \$17.
- » Semi-loads of mulch will be delivered within a 50 mile radius of the processing center: \$255.

## STREETS DIVISION CREWS WILL NOT COLLECT BRUSH CUT BY CONTRACTORS

If a resident or homeowner hires an individual or company to cut brush, they must make arrangements with that contractor to haul away the brush debris they created.

Contractors may not use the Streets Division drop-off sites.

The only City service available for contractors is the Brush Processing Center.

## CONSIDER COMPOSTING

Keep in mind you can also compost your leaves and yard waste in your backyard. You can build a bin, or purchase a readymade one. For more information on composting, go to the Composting section of our website, [www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compost](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compost).

## LEAF, YARD, AND GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION

The Streets Division conducts curbside leaf, yard, and garden waste collection at two separate times during the year.

The first period of collection occurs after the thaw in April. Crews will perform two rounds of curbside collection during this period. After the second round, collection ends and equipment and crews are reassigned to other priorities. Upon completion of the second round, residents must bring their leaves, yard, and garden waste to a Streets Division drop-off site, compost them at home, or hold them until the fall collection season. For more information about our drop-off sites, turn to "Drop-Off Sites" on page 18.

The second period of collection occurs once the autumn leaves begin to fall. Crews cease performing brush collection and transition to collecting leaves at this time. Crews try to perform at least three rounds of fall leaf collection. Collections will go until winter weather requires crews to stop and transition to plowing operations. Weather conditions may allow for more, or fewer, autumn collection rounds.

### What is leaf, yard, and garden waste?

- » Leaves, pine needles, grass clippings, weeds, and other plant debris.
- » Rose canes, corn stalks, sunflower stalks, etc.
- » Vines.
- » Pumpkins, pine cones, black walnuts, crabapples, etc.
- » Sticks and twigs less than 18 inches in length.

### Leaf, Yard, and Garden Waste Collection Rotation

Leaf, yard, and garden waste collection no longer operates on a set schedule. Instead, our crews follow a rotation identical to brush collection. Crews begin the collection season in the area of the city with a Monday refuse collection day. Our crews will stay in this section of the city until each street has received one pass for collection, and then they rotate to the area of the city with a Tuesday refuse collection day. After completing the Tuesday district, they move onto the Wednesday district followed by the Thursday district and finally the Friday district. Upon completion of the Friday district, crews cycle back to the Monday district to begin a new round of leaf collection.

### How to Tell When to Set Leaves, Yard, and Garden Waste Out for Collection

The Streets Division provides daily updates to collection maps on the yard waste section of our website: [www.cityofmadison.com/yardwaste](http://www.cityofmadison.com/yardwaste). The maps are updated at the end of each work day and can be used to track the progress of our crews.

The yard waste section of the website also hosts a collection time estimate that is updated weekly. For the weekly estimates and the daily map updates, go to our yard waste website: [www.cityofmadison.com/yardwaste](http://www.cityofmadison.com/yardwaste).

The Streets Division also provides weekly estimates to the Leaf Collection Information Hotline at 608-267-2088.



## What to do with leaves, yard, and garden waste when the City is not collecting it at the curb?

Take your yard waste, garden waste, and leaves to a drop-off site. For more information about the drop-off sites, turn to "[Drop-Off Sites](#)" on page 18.

Do not put this material in your refuse or recycling cart. Yard waste, like grass clippings and leaves, have been banned from Wisconsin landfills for over twenty years. And yard waste can clog and damage the sorting machinery at the recycling center.

### Leaf, Yard, and Garden Waste Collection Guidelines

- » Only place leaf, yard, and garden waste to the curb during the collection periods.
- » Leaves and other yard waste should be piled loose at the curb.
  - Leaves can be covered with a tarp to prevent blowing.
  - Leaves can be bagged, but please choose compostable paper leaf bags and leave them open at the top.
  - If you choose to use plastic bags, they should be left open at the curb so crews can identify their contents.  
*Plastic bags may be sliced open and the cut bags left behind on your terrace or in your refuse container.*
- » Piles should be at least 4 feet from any obstruction, such as mailboxes, trees, parked vehicles, etc. (where possible).

### Do not pile leaves and yard waste in the street.

Water runoff from leaf piles produce phosphorus. When leaves are piled in the street, this phosphorus goes directly into the storm drains and then into our lakes. Phosphorus is a significant cause of algae blooms, which harms our lakes. The piles can also clog inlets, which can cause flooding/ponding issues during heavy rains.

### Do not mix brush and yard waste. The Streets Division will not collect it.

Brush and yard waste are different materials that are processed differently at different dump locations. Brush is processed into wood chips, while yard waste is taken to a composter.

### Why does the Streets Division collect leaves/yard waste the way it does?

The Streets Division collects between 18,000 and 20,000 tons of yard waste a year. The bulk of that material is during the fall leaf collection season. There is not much time between when the leaves fall and when the snows begin, so our crews must collect a considerable amount of material from the entire city quickly. We have explored other possibilities, including vacuum trucks, but we have not yet found another method besides our current procedure to collect this volume in the timeframe we have while providing multiple collection rounds.

### INVASIVE SPECIES – GARLIC MUSTARD

Garlic mustard does not belong mixed with your other yard debris. After you pull the garlic mustard weed, place them into bags and put them into your refuse cart to be landfilled.

## **FAR WEST SIDE YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE**

The Streets Division operates a yard waste only drop-off site at 402 South Point Rd. This site is only open during Expanded Hours from April to the beginning of December.

## **PAINT AND OTHER CHEMICALS – DANE COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP**

Dane County residents and those in the surrounding area can dispose of their liquid paint and other hazardous chemicals at the year round Dane County Clean Sweep facility. All manner of hazardous chemicals are accepted at Clean Sweep, and they accept some electronics as well. Please note that this site is run by Dane County, not the City of Madison.

### **Clean Sweep Location**

7102 US Highway 12 (Dane County Landfill complex across from the Yahara Hills golf course)

### **Clean Sweep Fees**

There is a per household trip fee for using the site. Additional fees for electronics may apply. Additional fees are assessed for businesses or residents from outside Dane County.

### **Clean Sweep Hours**

- Open Monday to Friday, 7:00am to 2:45pm.
- Open Saturday, 8:00am to 10:45am.
- Closed Sundays and holidays.

### **Clean Sweep Information**

Call the Dane County Clean Sweep office at 608-838-3212, or visit their website: [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com).

## **DROP-OFF SITES**

The Streets Division operates two sites where residents or taxpayers of the City of Madison can drop-off their recycling, brush, yard waste, large items and excess refuse. Basically, if the Streets Division can collect it from the curb, you can drop it off at these sites. You can also recycle additional material that cannot be recycled in the carts at home.

### **Drop-Off Site Locations**

- » 1501 W. Badger Rd. (at the back of the dead end on W. Badger Rd.)
- » 4602 Sycamore Ave. (across from the Sycamore Park dog park)

### **Materials Accepted at the Drop-Off Sites for Recycling or Disposal**

- » Appliances\*
- » Brush
- » Computers & electronics\*
- » Televisions\*
- » Cooking oil
- » Empty propane & helium tanks
- » General refuse (material that would be in your refuse cart)
- » Large items\*
- » General recycling (material that would be in your recycling cart)
- » Rigid plastic items
- » Scrap metal
- » Scrap wood
- » Clothes and shoes
- » Styrofoam
- » Tires\*
- » Wood furniture
- » Vehicle batteries and other lead acid batteries
- » Household batteries
- » Yard waste, leaves, and garden waste

\*These items may require a fee. For information on which items require a fee, turn to "[Large Item Collection Guidelines](#)" on page 10. Fee stickers cannot be purchased at the drop-off site location. They can be purchased at the Streets Division offices, any City of Madison Public Library, or the Treasurer's Office.

## Drop-Off Site Restrictions

- » Only City of Madison residents or taxpayers may use the site.
  - Proof of residency or taxpayer status is required. Acceptable forms of identification include driver's license, tax bill, utility bill, vehicle registration, signed copy of a lease or closing document with name of the drop-off site user and address, etc.
- » Contractors may not use the drop-off site.
  - Anyone who is paid to perform a job is considered a contractor and must find alternative means to dispose of the material their work generated.
- » Site users are restricted to one pick-up truck or small trailer load of all material a day (including brush).
  - If the load is larger than 5' x 8' then it is too large for our sites and should be hauled to the Dane County Landfill or another proper disposal site.

## Drop-Off Site Hours

Drop-off site hours change seasonally, so be sure the site is open before loading your vehicle. Also, the drop-off site has different hours than the Streets Division offices.

### Expanded Hours: April to December

- » Monday – 8:30am to 4:30pm
- » Tuesday – 8:30am to 8:00pm
- » Wednesday – 8:30am to 4:30pm
- » Thursday – 8:30am to 8:00pm
- » Friday – 8:30am to 4:30pm
- » Saturday – 8:30am to 4:30pm
- » Sunday – 8:30am to 4:30pm

### Limited Winter Hours: December through March

- » Monday – 7:30am to 3:00pm
- » Tuesday – 7:30am to 3:00pm
- » Wednesday – 7:30am to 3:00pm
- » Thursday – 7:30am to 3:00pm
- » Friday – 7:30am to 3:00pm
- » Saturday – Closed
- » Sunday – Closed

## MOTOR OIL DROP-OFF SITES

There are several waste oil drop-off sites available for the public to dispose their waste motor oil. At the sites listed below, there is a container for oil filters as well. Residents can also dispose of transmission fluid, brake fluid, and power steering fluid at these locations.

Do not contaminate these sites by dumping other chemicals here. A previous drop-off site is now permanently closed due to contamination. These sites are periodically closed for random testing and will generally be open again within 24 hours.

## Waste Oil Locations

- 212 N. First St.  
City Fleet Service Garage
- 111 E. Dean Ave.  
Monona Golf Course
- Northeast Waste Oil Site at  
Wheeler Rd. and School Rd.
- 2302 Fish Hatchery Rd.  
Dane County Garage along  
north side of the building
- 7102 US Highway 12  
Dane County Clean Sweep at  
the Dane County Landfill

## Private Businesses

Several quick lube or other motor vehicle service providers can dispose of waste motor oil. For a list of available locations in Dane County visit this website: [www.countyofdane.com/pwht/recycle/public\\_locations.aspx?type=4](http://www.countyofdane.com/pwht/recycle/public_locations.aspx?type=4).

## DISCLAIMERS

- The Madison Stuff Exchange is not responsible for the determination of what may constitute a hazardous substance or create a hazardous situation.
- The Madison Stuff Exchange and its sponsors take no responsibility for the transaction or quality of goods received.
- Users are responsible for being familiar with any legal limitations that may exist on the exchange of any listed materials.
- The Madison Stuff Exchange reserves the right to not list a posting, to remove a posting, or to edit a posting.

## MADISON STUFF EXCHANGE

The Madison Stuff Exchange, [www.madisonstuffexchange.com](http://www.madisonstuffexchange.com), is a website dedicated to connecting people to usable unwanted goods that are otherwise bound for the landfill. Think of the site like a continuous person-to-person yard sale.

If your stuff could have a second life, consider posting it to [www.madisonstuffexchange.com](http://www.madisonstuffexchange.com).

### Who can use the site?

Anyone who lives or works in Dane County is eligible to post an item to the site. Anyone may respond to a post regardless of their residency.

### How does it work?

The Stuff Exchange is not unlike any other person-to-person exchange or classified section of a newspaper. Register at [www.madisonstuffexchange.com](http://www.madisonstuffexchange.com) and from there you can post items from your home that you no longer want or need or search for items that you want or need. You can also sign up to receive emails whenever a new listing of an item you are seeking is posted.

### What are the rules?

Any listing that violates these rules will be removed from the website. Users can also be banned from the site if violations are repeated or at the discretion of the website administrator.

- » You must live or work in Madison or Dane County to be eligible for the site.
- » You cannot post any item with a price higher than \$99.
- » Businesses, yard sales, church sales or commercial enterprises may not use the site to promote or advertise their activities. This is a venue for person-to-person exchanges to prevent usable goods from being landfilled.
- » You cannot post listings for live animals or pets.
- » You cannot post illegal or hazardous materials.
- » You should not post listings of food.
- » Listings will stay active for three months.

## ORGANICS COLLECTION – THE FUTURE OF RECYCLING

We are champion recyclers in Madison, diverting 60% of the waste we generate away from the landfill. However, we are still sending over 50,000 tons of material to the landfill each year. While we can certainly be proud of our current recycling efforts, it's clear we can still do better.

Food waste is the largest fraction of material we send to the landfill each year. It makes up roughly 40% of our waste stream. This includes not just obvious food waste like bones, vegetables peelings, spoiled leftovers, and grease, but also stained paper products like paper towels, paper plates, napkins, and greasy pizza boxes.

If we work at it, we can recycle all that food waste. We could transform it into usable compost for gardens and farmers. And with the right technology, we could even produce electricity or vehicle fuel and make compost. That means of the 50,000 tons of material we send to the landfill, we could recycle 20,000 tons of it. How great is that!

### Organics Program

Since 2011, the Streets Division has been working to make this program a reality. To date, there are roughly 1,000 homes and over 35 businesses and schools participating, and we have hopes to keep expanding.

Those in the program receive a third curbside collection cart for their food waste along with a small pail that residents use to carry their food waste from the kitchen to the cart. The food waste cart is collected every week on the scheduled collection day, just like the refuse cart.

### Stay informed

If this program interests you, visit [www.cityofmadison.com/streets/organics](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/organics) to learn more about it. On this site, you can sign up for the email list to receive updates. There is also a public forum to ask questions and share your opinion about this growing and important program.

### INTERESTED IN SOLID WASTE OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL OR COMMUNITY ISSUES?

The City of Madison has a number of citizen committees where your interest, input, and expertise are highly valued. Consider applying to join one of these committees and help shape your City.

Committee vacancies and applications can be found here: [www.cityofmadison.com/CityHall/legislativeInformation/apply.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/CityHall/legislativeInformation/apply.cfm).

## ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING RULES

From November 15 to March 15, the City of Madison enforces alternate side parking restrictions. The restrictions are enforced from 1:00am to 7:00am. These restrictions apply every night for every city street outside of the Snow Emergency Zone.

Those within the Snow Emergency Zone must abide by alternate side parking rules only during declared snow emergencies. The Snow Emergency Zone lies on the isthmus from S. Park Street to the Yahara River.

For more information, including a map of the Snow Emergency Zone, visit [www.cityofmadison.com/winter](http://www.cityofmadison.com/winter).

### The Rules

- On even-numbered days, if you park on the street, make sure your car is on the even side of the street between 1:00am to 7:00am.
- On odd-numbered days, if you park on the street, make sure your car is parked on the odd side of the street between 1:00am to 7:00am.

## GENERAL WINTER INFORMATION

The Streets Division performs snow and ice control procedures on City roads during the winter. While each storm is different, and each response can vary depending on temperature, snow depth, wind, forecasted future temperatures, and a variety of issues, there are some general guidelines we follow in order to ensure the roads are kept safe while also being mindful of the environment.

In this booklet, we cannot cover all the intricacies that go into how the Streets Division, Parks Division, and Engineering Division work together to maintain the streets and bike paths. If you would like to learn more, visit [www.cityofmadison.com/winter](http://www.cityofmadison.com/winter).

At that website, you can learn more about our response to snowfall, sign up for plowing updates, sign up for text alerts for snow emergencies, and other information regarding winter parking, living, and commuting in Madison during the winter.

### Snow Plowing Basics

- » During each snow fall that covers the roads, crews are deployed to maintain the salt routes.
  - These roads are the thoroughfares of the City of Madison, including Metro Bus routes, roads around schools and hospitals, and other major hills and curves. (FYI: Dane County Public Works maintains the Beltline, not the City.)
  - The Streets Division will only ever apply salt to salt routes, and not to residential streets as that would greatly increase the salt in our drinking water.
  - We only apply 300 pounds of salt per two-lane mile. This volume is enough to be effective for safe travel and minimize the salt's impact on our drinking water.
- » Residential streets are only plowed when 3 or more inches of snow have accumulated on the roads. This is considered a general plow. Residential streets are also plowed during declared snow emergencies.
  - Plowing will generally begin when the snow stops, or near the end of the storm so crews do not have to re-plow streets.
  - Plowing generally takes between 10 to 12 hours to complete, even with the help of contractors. More severe storms will increase the amount of time it takes to plow.
  - If residential roads are slick and a general plow was not declared, please contact the Streets Division office that services your neighborhood so a truck can be deployed to spread sand on the slick areas to increase traction.

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Item	Instructions
3-D printers	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Air conditioner	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Air purifier	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites (preferred) or tan refuse cart.
Aluminum cans	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Rinse out.
Aluminum foil pans	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Rinse out.
Aluminum foil sheets	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Ammunition	Contact law enforcement agencies at 608-266-4275 for disposal.
Antifreeze	Recycle at most instant oil change locations or Dane County Clean Sweep.
Appliances - large	For more information, turn to " <a href="#">Large Item Collection Guidelines</a> " on page 10.
Appliances - Small metal (toasters, slow cookers, etc.)	Green recycling cart if they are at least 50% metal or drop-off site.
Asbestos	Contact Dane County Clean Sweep for disposal at 608-838-3212.
Ashes (COLD ONLY)	Double-bagged and sealed in tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Bags, bread	Bundle all plastic bags into single "bag of bags" about the size of a basketball and place into green recycling cart or drop-off site. For more information, turn to " <a href="#">Recycling Collection</a> " on page 7.
Bags, newspaper	Bundle all plastic bags into single "bag of bags" about the size of a basketball and place into green recycling cart or drop-off site. For more information, turn to " <a href="#">Recycling Collection</a> " on page 7.
Bags, paper	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
Bags, plastic	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Bundle all plastic bags into single "bag of bags" about the size of a basketball. NO black or draw-string bags. For more information, turn to " <a href="#">Recycling Collection</a> " on page 7.
Ballast	\$15 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site. DO NOT place into recycling or refuse carts.
Batteries, alkaline	Drop-off site for recycling (preferred) or tan refuse cart curb collection. Also private vendor (Batteries Plus, etc.).
Batteries, lead acid	Battery recycling at drop-off site only. Place with vehicle batteries at drop-off site.
Batteries, lithium/button	Drop-off site for recycling (preferred) or tan refuse cart. MUST TAPE ends of lithium batteries prior to recycling.
Batteries, rechargeable	Drop-off site for recycling, or a reputable private vendor (Batteries Plus, hardware stores, etc.).
Bicycle	Large item curb collection or drop-off site. If reusable, donate.
Blu-ray players	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Boards, wood	No material from contractor work accepted. Small amounts in tan refuse cart (total weight 75 lbs, no more than 6" above top of cart). Larger pieces/amount put curb collection for large item collection—NO NAILS.
Boat motors	\$15 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site. All gas and oil removed or metals bin at drop-off sites.
Boats	\$35 fee sticker. No larger than 8' x 8'. Large item curb collection, drop-off site or if larger, Dane County Landfill. (If reusable, donate or sell <a href="http://www.madisonstuffexchange.com">www.madisonstuffexchange.com</a> .)
Books - hard and soft cover	Donate to thrift stores or Little Free Library. To recycle hardcover books—Madison Recycling Center (operated by Waste Management) at 2200 Fish Hatchery Rd, 608-251-2115. Or tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Bottles, plastic	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed out. Leave on caps. No motor oil bottles.
Box, cardboard	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. For large amounts—bring it drop-off site or flatten, cut down to 3'x3'; bundle in 6" in height, put one bundle between lid & cart, or stack next to recycling cart.
Box, pizza	Food/grease stained parts go into tan refuse cart; clean parts (like the lid) go into green recycling cart.
Boxes, cereal, frozen food, tissue, etc.	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
Brake fluid	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to oil drop-off sites.
Bricks	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Landfill.
Brush	No material from contractor work accepted. Brush from tree or wood bush, at least 1 1/2' - 8'. Curb collection ONLY April - September; Other months must be brought to drop-off site (one load per day).
Building material	No material from contractor work accepted. Maximum collected is equivalent to 240 pounds per collection (or volume equivalent to two 95 gal carts). No nails.
Bulbs, fluorescent	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Return to any retailer that sells fluorescent bulbs.
Bulbs, halogen	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Bulbs, incandescent	Tan refuse cart wrapped in the garbage or drop-off site.
Cameras (not webcams)	Drop-off site for Electronics Recycling or reputable private electronics recycler.
Can, aerosol - EMPTY	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
Can, aerosol - FULL OR PARTIALLY FULL	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Can, aluminum	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Can, steel or tin	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Car seats	To recycle, strip fabric/belts and place rigid plastic shell/base in rigid plastic bin at drop-off sites. Belts & fabric are refuse. If left whole, it is refuse for the tan cart, drop-off site, or large item collection.
Carbon monoxide detector	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off site or tan refuse cart.
Cardboard - not contaminated	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.

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Carpet	No material from contractor work accepted. Small pieces in tan refuse cart. Bigger pieces (up to 8' by 8' rolled then tied/taped) put out for large item curb collection or drop-off site. NO storage on terrace.
Carpet padding	No material from contractor work accepted. Small pieces in tan refuse cart. Bigger pieces (up to 8' by 8' rolled then tied/taped) put out for large item curb collection or drop-off site. NO storage on terrace.
Carton, aseptic	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Carton, tabletop (i.e., broth or soup containers)	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Carton, juice	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Carton, milk	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Carton, soy milk	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Cassettes, music	Tan refuse cart—or if reusable—donate to local thrift store.
Cassette cases	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Cat litter	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site. Must be double-bagged and sealed.
Catalogs	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
CDs	Donate to local thrift store or resell. Can be recycled at drop-off sites in electronics bin or landfilled in tan refuse cart. Do not need to remove from case.
CD Cases	Tan refuse cart.
Cell phones	No fee sticker. Banned from all curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Chainsaw	No fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site. All gas and oil removed.
Charcoal - After grilling (COLD ONLY)	Double-bagged and sealed in tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Chemicals - Household & Hazardous	Banned from all curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Christmas lights	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Christmas trees	Collected curb in January as brush, weather permitting. Remove all decorations and stands.
Clay flower pots (no cement)	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Comic books	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Donate usable books first to any thrift store or Little Free Library (preferred).
Computer keyboard	No sticker fee. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Computer monitor	\$10 fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Computer mouse	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Computer printer	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Computer printer ink jet cartridge	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Computer tower/CPU	\$10 sticker fee. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Concrete	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Landfill.
Concrete sink	Large item curb collection or drop-off sites.
Contractor materials	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Landfill.
Coolant	Recycle at most instant oil change locations or Dane County Clean Sweep.
Cooking oil	Cooking oil recycling at drop-off sites.
Copy machines - commercial size	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Couch	Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Cups, paper	Used or dirty, put in tan refuse cart. Unused or clean put in green recycling cart. Choose reusables instead.
Cups, plastic	#1, #2, #5 green recycling cart. All other numbers tan refuse cart. Choose reusables instead.
Dairy tubs & lids	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Deer carcass	Tan refuse cart. Double-bag it.
Dehumidifiers	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Deli containers & lids	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Desktop printer/copy/scanner	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Dirt	Banned from curb collection. Must be hauled to the Dane County Landfill.
Dishwasher	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Drain cleaner	Banned from curb collection and drop-off sites. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep, 608-838-3212, <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Driveway sealer - dried solid	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Driveway sealer - liquid/solvent based	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Dryers	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Drywall	Homeowners can place into tan refuse cart or into wood bin at drop-off site. No material from contractor will be accepted.
DVDs	Donate to local thrift store or resell. Can be recycled at drop-off sites in electronics bin or landfilled in tan refuse cart. Do not need to remove from case.



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DVD cases	Tan refuse cart.
DVD players	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
DVRs	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Egg cartons, paper	Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Egg cartons, styrofoam	Styrofoam Recycling at drop-off site (preferred) or tan refuse cart.
Egg carton, plastic	Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Envelopes, no window	Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Envelopes, padded	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Envelopes, window	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
E-readers (Kindles, etc.)	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off site.
Evergreen ropes	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Explosives	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Contact the Dane County Non-Emergency Number at 608-266-4275 for disposal.
Extension cords	Electronics Recycling at drop-off site.
External hard drives	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Fax machines	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Fertilizer without herbicide or pesticide	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Fertilizer with herbicide or pesticide	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Fire extinguishers	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Contact Jefferson Fire Safety (608-836-0068) or Cintas Fire Protection (608-241-1993) or Madison Recharging Service (608-249-3300).
Firewood	Small amounts can be collected during Brush collection (April -September); if deteriorating take to drop-off site.
Flammable fluids	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Flash drives, thumb drives, etc.	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Fluorescent bulbs - CFLs or Compact Fluorescent Lamps	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Return to any retailer that sells fluorescent bulbs.
Fluorescent light fixtures	\$15 fee sticker. Large item curb collection and drop-off site.
Fluorescent tubes	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Return to any retailer that sells fluorescent bulbs.
Food waste	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site or organics cart if in select neighborhood.
Freezer	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site. Remove doors—state law.
Frozen food boxes	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
Furnaces	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Furniture	Tan refuse cart if the item fits, Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Gaming systems (Xbox, Playstation, etc)	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Garden hoses	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Garlands	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Garlic mustard	Tan refuse cart—bagged and labeled.
Gas can	MUST BE EMPTY. If Rigid Plastic, recycle at drop-off site, or collected as large item. If metal, recycled at drop-off site in metals bin or collected as large item at the curb.
Gas grill	\$15 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or a drop-off site.
Gasoline	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Glass, mirrors, dishes, drinking glasses, etc.	Tan refuse cart, Large item curb collection (if doesn't fit) or drop-off site.
Glass, bottles	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Glass, broken (not jars or bottles)	Tan refuse cart. Do not need to place it into a bag or box.
Glass, jars	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Glass, windows	No material from contractor work accepted. 10 maximum collected. Large item curb collection (taped up) or drop-off site (preferred).
Grass clippings	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
Grill, charcoal	No fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Grill, gas	\$15 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or a drop-off site.
Gutters, rain	Large item curb collection or drop-off site. Must be less than 8 feet in length.
Halogen bulbs	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Helium tank	Drop-off site ONLY. MUST be empty with valve open.
Hot tubs	\$35 fee sticker. No larger than 8' x 8'. Large item curb collection or drop-off site.

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Household chemicals	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Humidifier	Electronics Recycling at drop-off site (preferred) or tan refuse cart or large item curb collection.
Incandescent bulbs	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Inhalers	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to any MedDrop locations. For MedDrop locations visit <a href="http://safercommunity.net/meddrop">http://safercommunity.net/meddrop</a> .
Jack-o-lantern	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
Jar lids, metal	Green recycling cart or drop-off site (remove from jar). Must be rinsed clean.
Jar lids, plastic	Green recycling cart if left on plastic jar. Tan refuse cart if removed from jar. Or drop-off site.
Jars, glass	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Jars, plastic	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Junk mail, including envelopes	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
Laptop computer	\$10 fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Lawn edgers	No fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site. All gas and oil MUST be removed or metals bin at drop-off sites.
Lawn mowers	\$15 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site. REMOVE all gas and oil.
Leaves	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
LED bulbs	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Lumber	No material from contractor work accepted. Small amounts, total cart weight 100 lbs, no more than 18" above top of cart should be placed in tan refuse cart. Larger pieces/amount put curb collection for large item collection—remove nail or pound flat.
Magazines	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
Mattress	Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Medical "sharps"	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to pharmacy. Call your pharmacy before taking the needles or other medical sharp to them.
Medical needles	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to pharmacy. Call your pharmacy before taking the needles or other medical sharp to them.
Medical waste	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Contact the Department of Health: 608-266-4821.
Medication	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to a MedDrop. For locations, visit: <a href="http://safercommunity.net/meddrop">http://safercommunity.net/meddrop</a> .
Mercury - anything	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Metal	Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Microwave	\$15 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Modems	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Motor oil	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to oil drop-off sites. For more information, turn to "Motor Oil Drop-off Sites" on page 19.
Motor oil bottles	Tan refuse cart.
Motor oil filters	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to oil drop-off sites. For more information, turn to "Motor Oil Drop-off Sites" on page 19.
MP3 player	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Novels, paperbacks	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site. Donate to thrift stores or Little Free Library. To recycle hardcover books—Madison Recycling Center (operated by Waste Management) at 2200 Fish Hatchery Rd, 608-251-2115.
Ovens	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Oxygen tank	Drop-off site ONLY. MUST be empty with valve open.
Packing peanuts (Styrofoam)	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site. Not recycled with Styrofoam.
Paint remover	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Paint, dried solid	WITH lids off tan refuse cart or drop-off sites.
Paint, liquid latex	If less than 1/2 full, add kitty litter and paint hardener, let dry, then dispose as noted in "Paint, dried solid." If more than 1/2 full take to Dane County Clean Sweep 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Paint, oil or solvent-based	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Pallets	Large item curb collection or drop-off site. Pallets cannot be larger than 4'x4'. Limit 5 pallets at a time.
Paper bags	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Reuse as much as possible, and choose cloth bags instead.
Paper shredder	Electronics Recycling at drop-off site (preferred) or green recycling cart (motor) or tan refuse cart (basket if plastic).
Paper, computer	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
Paper, copy	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
Paper, newsprint	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
Paper, shredded	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Put in clear plastic bags no larger than a basketball.

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Paper, stationary and envelopes	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
Paper, wrapping without foil	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
Foil wrapper paper	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Pesticides	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Pet waste	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site. MUST be bagged. DO NOT put it into litter carts or the cart of another resident.
Phone books	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
Phones (land line, not cell phones)	No fee sticker. Banned from all curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Pianos	No fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site. Find a reuse options first (Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Steinway Piano Bank, Madison Stuff Exchange).
Plastic bags	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Bundle all plastic bags into single "bag of bags" about the size of a basketball. NO black or draw-string bags. For more information, turn to "Recycling Collection" on page 7.
Plastic bottles and jugs	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Please rinse them out.
Plastic packaging, blister pack/plastic shell	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Please rinse them out.
Plastic packaging, film	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Bundle with other plastic bags for recycling.
Plastic, rigid	To recycle: take to drop-off site. Otherwise, they are refuse. Includes plastic trashcans, laundry baskets, storage tubs, toys, plastic pails/buckets, lawn furniture, flower pots, milk crates, etc.
Poles, metal/wood	Large item curb collection or drop-off site. Must be less than 8 feet in length. No cement/concrete. Concrete/cement goes to Dane County Landfill.
Power steering fluid	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to oil drop-off sites. For more information, turn to "Motor Oil Drop-off Sites" on page 19.
Power supplies	Recycled at drop-off site or sent to the landfill at the curb as large item or in tan refuse cart.
Pressurize tanks - not empty	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Pressurized tank, 1-pound propane tank	Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Visit <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> for more information.
Pressurized tank, 20-pound propane tank	Metal Recycling at drop-off site. MUST BE EMPTY with valve open.
Pressurized tanks, 5 pounds and higher	Metal Recycling at drop-off site. MUST BE EMPTY with valve open.
Rail road ties	Large item curb collection or drop-off site. No more than 8-10 at a time.
Ranges	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Raspberry canes	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
Refrigerator	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site. MUST remove doors—State Law.
Refrigerator - less than 50 pounds	\$15 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Remodeling materials	No material from contractor work accepted. Maximum collected is equivalent to 240 pounds per collection (or volume equivalent to two 95 gal carts).
Rigid Plastic	To recycle take to drop-off site. Do not place into recycling cart at home. Includes plastic trashcans, laundry baskets, storage tubs, toys, plastic pails/buckets, lawn furniture, flower pots, milk crates, etc. Otherwise, these items are refuse.
Rocks	Banned from curb collection and drop-off sites. Find a reuse option through <a href="http://www.madisonstuffexchange.com">www.madisonstuffexchange.com</a> , your social networks, or take to Dane County Landfill or reputable stone recycler.
Root ball	No material from contractor work accepted. Remove all dirt. Curb collection ONLY April - September; Other months must be brought to drop-off site (one load per day). No storage on terrace area.
Rosebush canes	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
Routers (for wireless internet)	No sticker fee. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Sawdust	No contractor work accepted. Double-bag and place into tan refuse cart.
Shingles	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Landfill for recycling or another reputable shingle recycler. See <a href="https://countyofdane.com/pwht/recycle/categories.aspx">https://countyofdane.com/pwht/recycle/categories.aspx</a> .
Shoes	Place in clothing bins at drop-off sites. Please bind the pair of shoes together.
Sinks	No fee sticker. Large item curb collection or a drop-off site.
Smart phones	No sticker fee. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Smoke alarms/detectors	Tan refuse cart. Some brands can be mailed back to manufacturer for recycling. Check with manufacturer for more info.
Snow blowers	\$15 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site. REMOVE all gas and oil.
Snow throwers	\$15 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site. REMOVE all gas and oil.
Sod	Banned from curb collection. Maximum of a 5-gallon bucket at drop-off sites. Larger volume must be hauled to the Dane County Landfill for composting or another reputable composter.
Sofa	No fee sticker. Large item curb collection or a drop-off site.

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Item	Instructions
Sofa sleeper	No fee sticker. Large item curbside collection or a drop-off site.
Space heater, electric powered	No fee sticker. Large item curbside collection or Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Space heater, fuel/oil powered	No fee sticker. Empty fuel. Large item curbside collection or as a metal item at drop-off sites.
Speakers - computer	No fee sticker. Banned from curbside collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Speakers - stereo equipment	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites or landfilled as refuse item.
Stone	Banned from curbside collection and drop-off sites. Find a reuse option through <a href="http://www.madisonstuffexchange.com">www.madisonstuffexchange.com</a> , your social networks, or take to Dane County Landfill or reputable stone recycler.
Stoves	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curbside collection or drop-off site.
Styrofoam peanuts	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Surge protectors	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites or landfilled as a refuse item.
Swing set	Dismantle into less than 8' in length, width, or height. No cement/concrete. Large item curbside collection or drop-off site.
Styrofoam, molded	Banned from curbside collection. Styrofoam Recycling at drop-off site.
Tablet computers	No fee sticker. Banned from curbside collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Take-out containers (paper)	Food/grease stained parts go into tan refuse cart; clean parts go into green recycling cart.
Take-out containers (plastic)	Green recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Take-out containers (Styrofoam)	Banned from curbside collection. Styrofoam Recycling at drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Telephone books	Green recycling cart.
Televisions	\$15 fee sticker. Drop-off site ONLY. DO NOT SET AT THE CURB.
Tetrapak	Green recycling cart. Should be rinsed out.
Thermometers - mercury	Banned from curbside collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Thermostats - mercury	Banned from curbside collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or <a href="http://www.danecountycleansweep.com">www.danecountycleansweep.com</a> .
Tires	\$5 fee sticker per tire (off the rim), \$10 fee sticker per tire (on the rim or if the tire is large truck tire). Large item curbside collection or drop-off site.
Toilets	No fee sticker. Large item curbside collection or a drop-off site.
Top soil	Banned from curbside collection. Maximum of a 5-gallon bucket at drop-off sites. Larger volume must be hauled to the Dane County Landfill or another private entity that accepts fill material.
Transmission fluid	Banned from curbside collection and drop-off site. Take to oil drop-off sites. For more information, turn to "Motor Oil Drop-off Sites" on page 19.
Trash compactor	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curbside collection or drop-off site.
TV	\$15 fee sticker. Drop-off site ONLY. DO NOT SET AT THE CURB.
Vacuum cleaner dust	Tan refuse cart or at drop-off site. Double-bagged.
Vacuums	Electronics Recycling at drop-off site (preferred) or tan refuse cart or large item curbside collection.
VCRs	No fee sticker. Banned from curbside collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
VHS tapes	Tan refuse cart if left whole. Can be recycled if film is removed and the rigid plastic case placed in rigid plastic bin at drop-off sites. The film belongs in the refuse.
Vines (grape, ivy, etc.)	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curbside collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
Washing machines	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curbside collection or drop-off site.
Water coolers	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curbside collection or drop-off site.
Water heaters	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curbside collection or drop-off site.
Water softeners	\$35 fee sticker. Large item curbside collection or drop-off site.
Web cameras	No fee sticker. Banned from curbside collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Weeds	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curbside collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
Weed whackers	No fee sticker. Large item curbside collection or drop-off site. REMOVE all gas and oil.
Windows	No material from contractor work accepted. 10 maximum collected. Large item curbside collection (tapped up) or drop-off site (preferred).
Wood	No material from contractor work accepted. Maximum collected is equivalent to 240 pounds per collection (or volume equivalent to two 95 gal carts).
Wood chips (mulch)	RESIDENTS: Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curbside collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period. CONTRACTORS: Use Brush Processing Center.
Wrapper paper - with foil	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Wrapping paper - no foil	Green recycling cart or drop-off site.
Wreaths	Tan refuse cart or drop-off site.
Yard waste	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curbside collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.