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# The Waste Not

## OUR VISION

To provide Brown County municipal commercial and industrial customers cost-effective and sustainable solid waste management systems with the focus on resource recovery primarily through recycling, repurposing and energy recovery

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## BC Resource Recovery Earth Day Outreach

The Brown County Resource Recovery Department provides education about recycling, waste disposal, hazardous material, composting among other topics free of charge upon request. Due to Earth Day taking place in April every year, the Department is busy educating schools and the public at various Earth Day Events during the springtime:

March 30 - Brown County Library – League of Women Voters Environmental Forum, **“Recycle Right”**

April 9 - Leadership Green Bay, **“Economics of Recycling”**

April 12 - Green Bay East High School, **“Recycling Education”**

April 18 - UWGB, Lifelong Learning Institute, **“The Changing World of Recycling”**

April 20 - Humana Earth Day Adventure Hike, **“The Do’s & Don’ts of Recycling”**

April 22 - KI Earth Day Fair, **“The Individual Responsibility of Proper Disposal”**

April 26 - Association of Nutrition & Food-service Professionals, **“What a Waste: Strategies for Reducing Food Waste”**

April 27 - NEW Zoo Party for the Planet, **“Recycling & Composting for the Next Generation”**

An estimated 2,000+ children and adults were educated during these eight outreach events alone.

If you are interested in scheduling an educational presentation please contact Mark or Samantha at [BC\\_Resource\\_Recovery@co.brown.wi.us](mailto:BC_Resource_Recovery@co.brown.wi.us) or (920) 492-4950.



Mark Walter of Brown County’s Resource Recovery Department assists a child in a recycling game at Humana’s Earth Day Adventure Hike

## April - "Winning on Reducing Food Waste" Month



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have collaborated in an effort to reduce food loss and waste.

Food accounts for the largest share of municipal solid waste. In the United States, we throw away more than 75 billion pounds of food annually and one third of food available is not eaten.

The collaboration is intended to align each agency's efforts to better educate Americans on the impacts of reducing food loss and waste through education.

## What Do I Do with My Shingles?

Warmer weather means that spring remodeling projects are in full swing. The Brown County Resource Recovery Department has been getting many questions regarding how to properly dispose of both clean and dirty shingles. The Waste Transfer Station requires that you separate all shingles from the rest of your load.



**\*Clean shingles** are characterized as: asphalt shingles with residual amounts of nails, flashing and/or paper

**\*Dirty shingles** are characterized as: asphalt shingles with metal, paper and plastic mixed together. Must not include wood or cedar shakes

The Waste Transfer Station requires that you separate all shingles from the rest of your load.

### **Brown County Waste Transfer Station**

3734 W. Mason St. Hobart, WI 54155

**Summer Hours (Apr 1– Dec 31)**

Monday - Friday: 7am to 4pm

*\*Please note that any shingles not meeting these criteria will be accepted at the Gate Rate at the discretion of the scale operator.*

## New Fire Extinguisher Rates at Hazardous Material

The Brown County Hazardous Material Recover Facility is now accepting fire extinguishers for \$5 per extinguisher regardless of size, shape, weight or type. Fire extinguishers are now being processed in-house. Aluminum and steel fire extinguisher bodies are recycled while the powder inside is beneficially reused.

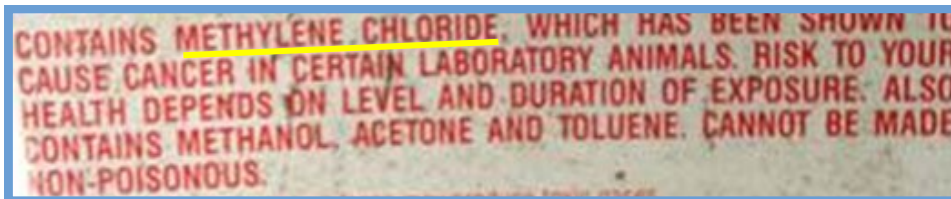
## EPA Bans Methylene Chloride in Paint Removers

### Check Your Shelves!

In March of 2019 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a final rule to prohibit the manufacturing, processing, and distributing of methylene chloride in all paint removers for consumer use. Many paint strippers contain methylene chloride at concentrations well over 60%. Unguarded exposure to methylene chloride can lead to nausea, nervous system disorders, cancer and in several dozen documented cases... death.

Although the rule does not go into effect until November of 2019, many home improvement stores are already removing products from the shelves.

Paint strippers containing methylene chloride may still be used in commercial or professional settings as long as proper training and personal protective equipment is provided.



### Be Cautious of Alternatives!

Some methylene chloride alternative paint strippers contain N-Methylpyrrolidone (or NMP). NMP, which can be found in some citristrip paint strippers and 'orange' cleaners, is being evaluated by the EPA to determine if the chemical should be banned, allowed for professional use only, or have a cap put on the maximum concentration level allowed

### Have Some?

If you do happen to have these in your home, they can be brought to the Brown County Hazardous Material Recovery Facility for disposal at 2561 S. Broadway in Green Bay:

*New hours for summer!*  
(May 7th - Sep 24th)

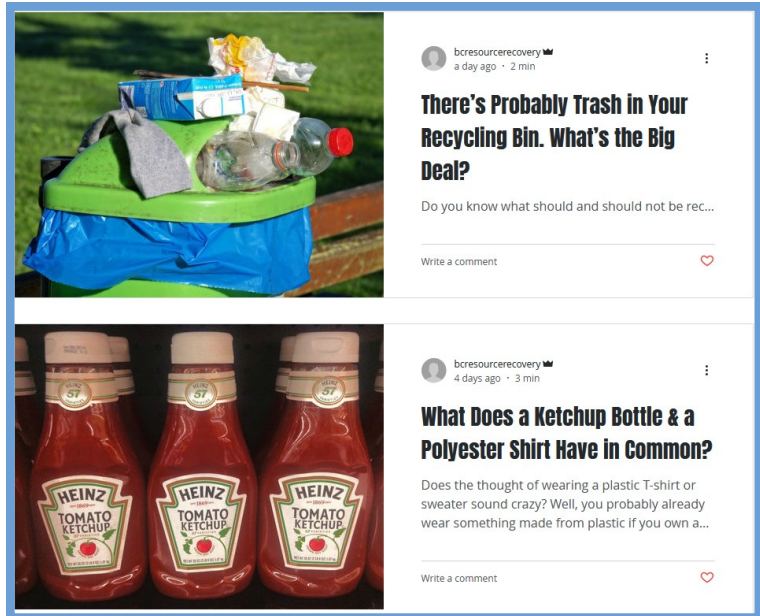
<p><b><u>Residential Drop-off Hours</u></b>  <b>Tuesdays: 9am to 3pm</b>            Thursdays: Noon to 6pm            Saturdays: 8:00 am to 2pm</p>	<p><b><u>Business &amp; Farm Material</u></b>  <i>By appointment only</i></p>
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## Resource Recovery, the Blog

In an attempt to keep the community better informed, the Brown County Resource Recovery Department has started a new blog. The blog aims to keep readers informed about changing recycling trends as well as providing tips and education regarding all things Department-related. New articles will be posted once or twice weekly.

Subscribers will be able to like and comment on posts as well as receive email notifications when new articles are available.

Check it out and sign up at [www.browncountyrecycling.org/blog!](http://www.browncountyrecycling.org/blog!)



### Follow Us

For facts, general information, and ideas on how to reduce waste, follow us on Facebook and Twitter! We post information you want to know several times a week.



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