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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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2025 Policy and Rate Update for Brown County Port & Resource Recovery

The Brown County Resource Recovery Department oversees the county resource recovery operations. These operations include: a Recycling Transfer Station where recyclables are collected and transferred to the Tri-County Single-Stream Material Recovery Facility for processing; the Solid Waste Transfer Station where waste produced by county residences, businesses and municipalities is collected and transferred to the South Landfill for disposal; and, the Hazardous Material Recovery Facility.

Brown County Solid Waste Transfer Station

3734 W. Mason Street, Hobart, WI 54155

South Landfill

1258 Mill Road, Greenleaf, WI 54126

- Loads weighing less than 900 pounds will be charged a minimum fee of **\$27.00**
- Loads over 900 pounds will be charged the Gate Rate per ton.
- The 2025 Waste Transfer Station Gate Rate is **\$63.00/ton** and **\$73.00/ton** during Road Weight Limits.
- The 2025 South Landfill Gate Rate is **\$54.00/ton**.
- The minimum fee for concrete, stumps and logs is **\$5.00**.
- The disposal rate for Waste Tires is **\$425.00/ton**.
- Non-Freon Appliances and Microwaves are **\$5.00 each**
- Freon Appliances are **\$15.00 each**.

Payment Methods: The Solid Waste Transfer Station and South Landfill **do not accept cash or check**; customers must pay by credit card or by setting up an approved charge account.

Safety Vests: Safety vests or high visibility clothing is required to be worn by all persons prior to leaving the scale at either the Solid Waste Transfer Station or the South Landfill. Vests are available for purchase for **\$5.00** at either scale.



Please check our website for details and charges:
www.BrownCountyRecycling.org
or call (920) 492-4950.

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Leftover Paint? Give it a Second Life at HMR



Leftover paint accounts for more than 1/3 of all the waste material received by the Brown County Hazardous Material Recovery (HMR) Facility and management of this material costs the HMR thousands of dollars annually. More than 3/4 of this paint is latex paint which is a non-hazardous material.

So what do you do with old paint and paint cans? First check the label to determine what type of paint you have.

Oil or solvent-based paints and stains are combustible and present particular hazards – look on the label for the words “oil” or “alkyd” and directions that specify to clean up or thin with mineral spirits or paint thinner. Left-over oil or solvent-based paints, whether liquid or solid, should be taken to the Brown County Hazardous Material Recovery Facility at 2561 S. Broadway for proper disposal. Never dispose of oil- or solvent-based paints and stains in your trash. Latex paints are non-hazardous and soluble in water - look on the label for the words “latex” or “acrylic” and directions that specify to clean up or thin with water.

Since latex paint is non-hazardous, it can be disposed of with your regular trash, provided that it is completely solidified or if the container has been completely emptied. To properly solidify latex paint use one of the methods below:

- Remove the lid and let the paint dry out in the can; protect from freezing and rain as well as curious kids and animals.

This method only works when an inch or less of paint is left in the can and is most effective in warmer months.

- Mix latex paint with an equal amount of cat litter, stir in completely and allow to dry.
- Mix latex paint with a latex paint hardener; stir and allow to harden. Paint hardener can be purchased at your local hardware store. Follow the directions on the package.

For larger volumes of latex paint, line a cardboard box with a plastic bag. Add an absorbing agent such as kitty litter, sawdust or shredded newspaper to the box. Pour the paint into the box so that it forms a thin layer (about 1 inch deep) and allow the paint to harden. Repeat this process until all of the paint has hardened.

Once the latex paint has hardened or solidified, it can be disposed of with your regular trash. However, make sure the lids are removed from the paint cans when you put them in your trash.

Never dispose of any liquid paints in your trash!

Taking your latex paint to the Hazardous Material Recovery Facility for disposal should be your option of last resort. If you find you absolutely cannot solidify and dispose of latex paint waste on your own, HMR will still accept it, but fees will apply. The benefit of bringing all chemicals to the HMR facility is that if the materials are usable and in good condition, they are given a second life in the facility's Product Exchange Room.

The Product Exchange Room exists to provide free usable chemicals like cleaners and paint to residents. This is great for residents looking to finish a painting project without purchasing a new or full can of paint. Please remember, the Product Exchange room is first come, first serve and the inventory changes each week after residential collections.

Policy & Fees Update cont.

Recycling Transfer Station (RTS)

2561 S. Broadway, Ashwaubenon, WI 54304

Due to uncertainty in the global economy and weakening recycling commodity markets, we anticipate continuing to charge for material coming into the Recycling Transfer Station throughout 2025.

Scale-Only fee is **\$10.00** and refused material at the Recycling Transfer Station is **\$55.00** per incident plus the cost of disposal of any material banned from recycling.

Hazardous Material Recovery Facility (HMR)

2561 S. Broadway, Ashwaubenon, WI 54304

Non-hazardous and universal waste items will have a **\$0.35/lb** fee in 2025 including all light bulbs, electronics without a battery, adhesives, windshield washer fluid, latex paint, antifreeze, motor oil, cooking oil/grease, and small corded appliances.

- Automotive lead-acid batteries are **\$1.00/unit** and 1 lb. propane cylinders are **\$2.00/unit**.
- Household batteries and battery-containing devices will be accepted for **free** from Brown County residents.
- Microwaves and fire extinguishers are **\$5.00/unit**.
- Dehumidifiers, miniature refrigerators, small A/C units and small water coolers are **\$15.00/unit**.

Rates are for Brown County residents only.

Businesses and Residents from other counties will be charged higher rates.

Tri-County Recycling Tours & Presentations

Tri-County Recycling wants you to be informed. Depending on your needs, we provide free outreach and educational opportunities in different forms, from guided tours of the Tri-County Recycling Facility to providing speaking presentations.

To inquire about scheduling a tour or presentation, visit:

www.recyclomoretricity.org/educator-resources/

You will also find educator resources like activity pages, games, and recycling publications.



February 18th is National Battery Day

National Battery Day is quickly approaching, and what better way to celebrate than to properly dispose of your used batteries and battery containing devices?

Why is proper disposal of batteries, even household alkaline batteries important? Fire incidents at solid waste and recycling facilities have dramatically increased in the last decade, resulting in lost infrastructure, money, time, and services for communities like those in Northeast Wisconsin. These incidents have been directly tied to or suspected to be caused by batteries, primarily lithium-ion batteries. While alkaline batteries pose less of a risk, they have the potential to cause fires.

The Batteries Now Included campaign from the Brown County Hazardous Material Recovery Facility allows Brown County residents to drop off their used batteries free of charge. A charge remains for lead based batteries.

The campaign also identifies and allows free drop off of battery containing devices. Battery containing devices are any device that does not allow you to replace the battery yourself. These include electronics like headphones, tablets, and watches among many others. Devices like these should never go into your curbside garbage or recycling with the risk of the devices combusting.



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If you are interested in reading more about a resource recovery topic online or in our newsletter let us know! We would love to hear from you.



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