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REMEMBER, THERE ARE MORE MATERIALS YOU CAN RECYCLE

We have added new materials to the program that will increase the types of material that we can recycle. New to the program are pots and pans, small metal appliances such as toasters, empty metal paint cans, and plumbing fixtures.

We will start accepting plastic bags in the curbside recycling program. Plastic bags must be put inside a plastic bag and that bag should be tied shut. We need to have the bags in a bag to prevent loose bags from getting tangled in the sorting equipment.

Finally, we have made a significant addition to the types of plastic we will take in the green carts. We now accept all plastic bottles, jugs, and containers numbered 1-7. This will include dairy tubs, deli containers, clamshells, and produce containers and their lids.

The caps on plastic bottles and jugs can remain on the container. We will be able to recycle the lids from plastic tubs and deli containers but they should be removed and put in the cart separately.

You will find complete details on the changes on pages 6 & 7.

SIGN UP FOR RECYCLING UPDATES

The Streets Division sends out by request an electronic newsletter as well as recycling tips and hints. You can register to receive these e-mails at <https://my.cityofmadison.com/> While you are at the site you can also register to receive snow emergency notices and updates from the Parks Division and Madison Metro.

Refuse Collection Guidelines



RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION

1. City-provided Tan-colored Refuse Cart Use

- The owner or occupant of each residence must use the City provided Tan-colored Refuse Cart. All household waste (no recycling items) must be placed inside the Tan-colored Refuse Cart.
- The weight of the cart cannot exceed 100 pounds to prevent carts from falling into trucks.
- Excess Refuse:** Anything outside of the Cart, and not meeting either the large item collection or the move-out/household cleanup collection requirements, will not be picked up. If you want to exchange your cart for a larger/smaller cart or need to purchase an additional cart, please call **266-4681 (West)** or **246-4532 (East)**.
- Refuse waste must be put out for collection by 7:00am on the scheduled collection day. Late set outs will not be collected until your next scheduled collection day.
- City ordinance states that no container shall be placed at the curb edge more than 12 hours before collection day and shall be removed within 24 hours after collection.



2. Placement of Tan-colored Refuse Cart:

- Always place your Cart so that the white serial numbers are facing the street. This places the lid opening in the proper position for emptying.
- Place your cart in your driveway or next to it so that it is four (4) feet away from obstacles such as parked cars, mailboxes, trees, and utility poles. When placing refuse and recycler carts side by side, leave 2 feet between carts.
- Another option, place your cart in the gutter right next to the driveway. This works very well in areas with lots of parked cars. It also works well in winter after your street has been plowed.
- Place your Tan-colored Refuse Cart on the opposite side of the driveway from your Recycling Cart.
- Winter placement:
 - The best placement is on your driveway after you have cleared it of snow.
 - It can also be placed on a cleared area of your terrace, or
 - After your street has been plowed, place it in the gutter right next to driveway.
 - Do not leave your cart on the sidewalk or on top of a snow bank.
 - Improperly placed carts will not be collected.
- Alley placement: Carts must be placed at the alley edge. Carts on private property or by the garage will not be collected.



3. Mandatory Recycling: Recycling materials must not be placed in the Tan-colored Refuse Cart. Refuse Carts with recycling material in them will not be collected. For a detailed list of mandatory recycle items, see page 6 or visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets.

4. Large Item Collection: Large items are items considered too large to fit into the Tan-colored Refuse Cart and other items that require a fee sticker. Large items include large appliances, furniture, carpets, bicycles, swing sets, etc. A separate truck collects large items, therefore, place them separate from your refuse and away from any tree or street sign. **Large items are collected every other week on your regular trash day.** See page 9. Large item pickup may be curtailed during holiday weeks, fall leaf collection and snow removal operations.

5. Move-out/Household Cleanup: To be considered a move-out or household cleanup, you must have six or more 30-gallon bags or containers of material under 40 pounds. **Five or less bags/containers is not considered a move-out/household cleanup and will not be collected outside the cart.**

a. **Other Options** for excess bags/containers of excess material.

1. Check with a neighbor to see if they have room in their cart
2. Hold the excess material for the following refuse collection week(s)
3. Take the material to one of the two drop-off sites at 1501 W. Badger Rd. or 4602 Sycamore Ave.
4. Arrange to exchange your smaller cart for a larger one at no cost by calling West Streets (266-4681) or East Streets (246-4532).
5. Purchase an additional cart by calling Streets East 246-4532 or Streets West 266-4681.



6. Food Waste must be drained and wrapped.



7. “Hazardous” or “Infectious Waste” will not be collected. Any questions call the Public Health Department at 266-4821.

8. Medication should not be flushed down the sewer or placed in the refuse. Med drop has started a pilot project with two collection sites in our area. One is located at the Madison Police East Precinct, 809 S. Thompson Dr. Open M-F 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The other is at Middleton Police Dept., 7341 Donna Dr. In the lobby available 24 hours a day. Visit www.meddropdane.org for details.

9. Medical Needles/syringes or other “sharps” will not be collected. Many area pharmacies and clinics dispose of used medical needles for their patients. See page 4 for details. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if they have a program for the proper disposal of medical needles. If you need help in finding a disposal site, call the City Recycling Office at 267-2626.

COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT COLLECTION

1. Quantity of Waste Collected: City collection is limited to four 95-gallon Tan-colored Refuse Carts. Additional service is available for a fee. For information contact 267-2626.

2. Mandatory Recycling: Recycling is mandatory for businesses. See page 6 for details.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

1. Ashes, Sawdust, Vacuum Cleaner Dust, Remodeling/Construction dust, etc. all pose a health hazard to our operators. To protect them, all material must be double-bagged in sealed weatherproof bags and placed in your Tan-colored Refuse Cart.

a. **Ashes** must be cold prior to disposal or the bag may start a fire in the cart or in the truck.



2. Bricks, Concrete Blocks, Rocks will NOT be collected. You must take them to the Dane County Landfill (267-1502) or call 267-2626 for recycling options..

3. Broken Glass/Mirrors can be placed into your Tan-colored Refuse Cart.

4. Contaminated Cardboard by oil, grease, etc. must not be recycled. Place in your tan refuse cart.

5. Deer Carcasses must be double-bagged and placed in the Tan-colored Refuse Cart.

6. Dog/Cat Waste Double-bag pet waste in sealed weatherproof bags and placed in your Tan-colored Refuse Cart.

7. Explosives/ammunition will not be collected. For disposal call the Madison Police Department at 266-4275 or Dane County Sheriff 255-2345.

8. Fluorescent Bulbs/Tubes will not be collected. 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. See page 17.



9. **Gas Cans** will be collected by the large Items crews if the cans are empty and left open at the curb.

10. **Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collection:** Refer to your Refuse/Recycling Calendar. If scheduled collection falls on a holiday, collection will be on the following workday with the following exceptions:

Thanksgiving Refuse Collection

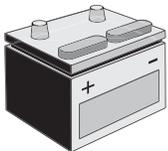
1. Thursday scheduled collection is collected on the preceding Wednesday (along with Wednesday's collection). In 2014 it will be 11/26.
2. Friday scheduled collection is collected on the following Monday (along with Monday's regular collection). In 2014 it will be 12/1.

11. **Household Hazardous Waste/Infectious Waste/Flammable Liquids/Chemicals** will not be collected. Items include drain cleaners, paint remover, pesticides, gasoline, etc. For proper disposal information call Dane County's Clean Sweep Collection Site at 243-0368.



12. **Paint and Paint Related Products** will not be collected. Items include liquid paint, varnish, stains, thinner stripper, etc. This material must be taken to Dane County's Clean Sweep Collection Site (243-0368). Cans of dried or hard paint can be put in your tan refuse cart. Empty paint cans and their lids can be placed in your green recycling cart.

13. **Propane and Helium Tanks and Pressurized Gas Containers** will not be collected. Empty containers can be taken to the drop-off sites. For information see page 8 or call 267-2626.



14. **Vehicle Batteries (lead acid)** will not be collected. Batteries should be returned to battery dealers or brought to the drop off sites at 1501 W. Badger Rd. or 4602 Sycamore Av.

15. **Waste Motor Oil** will not be collected. Waste motor oil recycling drop-offs are provided throughout the City. Sites are located at the Glenway and Monona Golf Courses, Wheeler and School Rd., and 1st and E. Johnson. Call 267-2626 or go to the Streets web site at www.cityofmadison.com/streets for more information. Cooking oil see page 5.

For Information On Solid Waste Collection

West areas call: **266-4681**

East areas call: **246-4532**

Household Sharps Disposal

Sharps, such as medical needles, syringes, and lancets pose a problem for our collection crews when they are improperly mixed with trash or recyclables. Sharps are a significant health concern for all workers who handle solid waste whether at the curb, the landfill, or the recycling facility. All needle stick injuries require workers to undergo extensive testing, pose serious disease risks and can cause long-term emotional stress.

State regulations require households to safely package sharps for proper disposal and prohibit putting sharps in the landfill.

MADISON'S SHARPS DISPOSAL PROGRAM

The City of Madison's sharps disposal program is simple to use and free of charge. All you have to do is properly package your used needles and take them to a pharmacy located in the City for disposal. Madison's sharps disposal program has made a big difference. In the eight years the program has been in place, there have been fewer than five needle related injuries to our employees. Before the program was established there were as many as ten such incidents a year.

PACKAGING GUIDELINES

Place your used sharps in a red plastic sharps disposal container or a used plastic laundry bottle labeled with a "Biohazard" or "Sharps" sticker. Stickers are available at participating pharmacies or by calling 267-2626.

When your container is full bring it to a participating pharmacy. For a complete list of participating pharmacies visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets or call 267-2626.

Drop Off Recycling Centers



In addition to our curbside recycling program, the City of Madison offers residents a chance to recycle many other items at our two full service drop off sites, 1501 W. Badger Rd and 4602 Sycamore Av. For site hours see page 8.

Do NOT put these items in your green recycling cart. They must be brought into the drop off sites for recycling. When you arrive at the drop off site, check with the attendant on where to put your material. During winter months, be sure to check in at the office before dropping off items.

COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Madison residents must bring their TV's, computer monitors, laptop computers, and CPU's to our drop off sites for recycling. There is a \$10 fee for these items.

In addition to these items, you can also recycle most other computer components and many electronic devices at no charge at our drop off sites.

For details on this program see page 15.



COOKING OIL

Both Madison recycling drop off locations have collection tanks for liquid cooking oil. Madison residents and businesses can bring their used cooking oil to the sites. Once collected, the used oil is used to produce biodiesel fuel.

RIGID PLASTICS

Madison recycles plastic trashcans, laundry baskets, storage tubs, toys, pails, lawn furniture, flowerpots, milk crates, and similar plastic items. You must remove all metal parts and make sure that flowerpots have all dirt rinsed out. Just ask the site attendant where you can drop your plastic.

SCRAP WOOD/WOODEN FURNITURE

The Streets Division recycles scrap lumber and old wood furniture. The material is shredded and used for paths and roadways at area solid waste and composting sites. Each of our drop off sites has bins for collecting this material. The site attendant will show you where to put your old wood and wood items.

SCRAP METAL

Madison collects most appliances and large metal items as part of the Large Item program (see page 8 for details). Madison residents can bring smaller metal items such as pipe, chains, tools, pots and pans to the drop off sites and we will recycle them.

VEHICLE BATTERIES (LEAD ACID)

You can recycle your car, truck, boat, or cycle batteries at our drop off sites.

SHOES

You can recycle any shoes.



Recycling Collection



Recycling collection is mandatory in the City of Madison. You cannot put recyclable material in your tan refuse cart. There are some important changes being made to our curbside recycling program. We are adding a lot of new material that will increase our landfill diversion.

New Recyclables

You can now place the following materials in your green recycling cart.

METAL ITEMS

- Empty Metal Paint Cans and Lids
- Pots and Pans
- Plumbing Fixtures (faucets etc.)
- Metal pipe less than 18" in length
- Small Metal Appliances (toasters, blenders, etc.)
 - No Microwaves
 - Remove and discard any glass

PLASTIC

- All Plastic Containers #1-#7 and their lids
 - Includes dairy tubs (ice cream, margarine, etc.)
 - Deli Containers & Produce Containers. (NO STYROFOAM)
- Plastic Cups (NO STYROFOAM)
- Plastic Bags and Plastic Film
 - Includes bags from retailers, dry cleaners and newspapers. Also produce bags, clean storage bags, bread bags, etc.
 - Bags and film must be placed inside a plastic bag before putting them in your cart. Be sure to tie the bag closed.
 - No black, dark green, or draw string plastic bags.



The Madison recycling program accepts the following materials:

Paper Products

- Boxboard (Cereal, cracker, soda, tissue boxes, etc.)
- Catalogs
- Comic Books
- Computer and Writing Paper
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Junk Mail, including envelopes
- Magazines
- Newspapers and any inserts
- Office Paper
- Paper Bags
- Phone Books
- Shredded Paper

Containers

- All Plastic Bottles, Jugs, and Containers (Except Motor Oil)
- #1 Plastic "clamshells" for berries and other produce
- Aluminum Cans and Foil Pans
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Metal Jar Lids
- Steel/Tin Cans including empty Aerosol Cans and Empty Paint cans
- Milk and Juice Cartons

Other Items

- Metal Pots and Pans
- Metal Plumbing Fixtures
- Small Metal Appliances such as toasters
(No Microwaves)

Place all of the above material in your green recycling cart

PLEASE DO NOT RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL:

- Aluminum Foil
- Plastic items such as toys, laundry baskets, and utensils (see page 5 for drop off and recycling options)
- Motor Oil Bottles
- Do not put Styrofoam in your green recycling cart. See below for drop off information.

PREPARATION

- Rinse all bottles, cans and jars to remove food debris.
- Place Plastic Bags inside a plastic bag and tie it shut before you put it in your green cart.

CARDBOARD BOXES

Many cardboard boxes are too large to fit in your green recycling cart. Whenever possible, fold, flatten or cut down the boxes and fit them in your cart. It is okay to have the boxes stick out of the top of the cart no more than 18" above the top.

If you have too many boxes to fit in your cart and you cannot wait until your next collection, please tie them in bundles approximately 3' by 3' and 6" high, and place the bundle under the lid of your recycling cart. If your bundled cardboard can't fit under your cart lid, place next to your recycling cart.

You may also bring cardboard to the drop off sites at 1501 W. Badger Rd or 4602 Sycamore Av. See page 8 for more information.

NEW STYROFOAM DROP OFF PROGRAM

The City of Madison now collects Styrofoam for recycling at its drop off sites at 1501 W. Badger Rd. and 4602 Sycamore Ave. We will accept block polystyrene packaging material. This is the bulky polystyrene that is used around computers, electronics, and other items. We can also take clean polystyrene cups, coolers and food containers.

NO PACKING PEANUTS. Most peanuts are no longer made of Styrofoam.

Styrofoam must be bagged in order to be delivered to our recycling partner. Bagging material will prevent it from blowing around when it is delivered to our processor. We appreciate your cooperation.

Drop Off Locations



The City of Madison has two drop off locations that accept most material. The sites are located at **4602 Sycamore Ave. (East)** and **1501 W. Badger Rd. (West)**. These sites accept the following material:

Appliances*	Large Items*	Styrofoam
Brush	Recycling	Tires*
Computers & Electronics	Rigid Plastics	Wood Furniture
Cooking Oil	Scrap Metal	Vehicle Batteries
Empty Propane & Helium Tanks	Scrap Wood	Yard Waste
General Refuse	Shoes	

** These items may require a fee. See page 10 for details.
Additional items are accepted for recycling. See page 7 for details.*

You must be a City of Madison resident or property owner to use the sites. Proof of residency or property ownership is required (for example, a driver's license, property tax bill or a utility bill). **The sites are for the use of individual residents or property owners only. No contractors** (a contractor is someone who is paid to do a job). **Use of the drop off sites is limited to one pick up or trailer load per day.** If you have a larger volume of material, you should consider renting a dumpster or going directly to the Dane County Landfill.

The Drop Off Sites Hours

JANUARY-MARCH 29TH

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

MARCH 30TH THROUGH DECEMBER 7TH

The hours of operation for the sites is as follows,

Sunday	8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.	Thursday	8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Monday	8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.	Friday	8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.	Saturday	8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.	Sunday	8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 8TH THROUGH MARCH 27TH, 2015

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Tree Collection

Each January, weather permitting, the Streets Division conducts a special collection for Christmas trees. In 2014 we plan to begin the collection on January 6th, weather permitting. For schedule information call 267-2088 or visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION RULES

- Place trees at the street edge only.
- Remove and discard tree bags.
- Remove all tree stands, light stings, ornaments and other metal objects.
- Wreaths, garlands, etc., should be placed with regular refuse.



Large Item Collection



LARGE ITEMS COLLECTED EVERY OTHER WEEK

Large items are collected every other week. Large items are collected the week opposite of your recycling.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Large items are appliances, mattresses and box springs, furniture, carpeting and other items too large to be safely lifted by a single person or fit in your tan refuse cart. **There is a fee for the collection of selected appliances and tires. See below.**

Large items are collected every other week on your regular trash day. Large item collection is curtailed during weeks with holidays, fall leaf collection, and snow removal operations. For information call East 246-4532 or West 266-4681.

- Place large items at the curb by 7 a.m. on your assigned large item collection day.
- Keep large items separated from your refuse cart.
- Keep items away from trees, utility poles, mail boxes, signs, fire hydrants and parked cars whenever possible.
- Keep appliances and other large metal items separate from general large items so they can be recycled.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

- Building Material collection is limited to **small projects** done by the homeowner. Collection is limited to no more than six 30 gallon containers or their equivalent. Bags and containers must weigh less than 40 pounds. For more information see page 16.
- Carpet/Carpet Padding: Should be rolled up. If the rolls exceed 8 feet in length, they should be cut up or folded over and tied with rope or secured with duct tape.
- Concrete Sinks: Will be collected if left in 4 or fewer pieces.
- Fuel Oil and Gasoline Tanks: Will be collected if empty and drained.
- Metal and Wood Poles: Will be collected if concrete bases are removed and the poles are less than 8' in length.
- Mowers, Snow blowers, tillers, etc. will be collected if the gas and oil tanks are empty. A fee is required. See below for details.
- Rootballs: Will be collected if the dirt is removed.
- Windows/Mirrors: Tape glass to prevent breakage.

The Following Items Will NOT be Collected

- Concrete, concrete blocks, bricks, rocks, etc. Take to the Dane County Landfill.
- Chemical containers or drums
- Pressurized gas containers, propane tanks etc. See page 8 for drop off information.
- 55, 30, and 25 gallon barrels or drums.
- Items longer or wider than 8 feet, unless they can be cut down.

COMPUTER, TV, AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Computer monitors, computer central processing units (CPU's), laptops and Televisions will no longer be collected at the curb. If these items are left at the curb, they will be removed by City staff, and the property owner will be charged \$40. See page 15 for details on the new recycling program for these items and other consumer electronics.

Appliance and Tire Collection

The City of Madison charges a fee to handle tires, mattresses and box springs, and many old appliances. This fee applies to appliances left at the curb for collection or brought to the two full service City Drop off sites at 1501 W. Badger Rd. or 4602 Sycamore Ave.

WHAT IS THE APPLIANCE FEE?

A \$35 fee will be charged for the collection of the following appliances:

Air Compressors	Furnaces	Stoves
Air Conditioners	Ice Makers	Trash Compactors
Copiers	Large Commercial Appliances	Washers
Dishwashers	Large Medical Devices	Water Coolers
Dehumidifiers	Ovens	Water Heaters
Dryers	Ranges	Water Softeners
Freezers (<i>doors must be removed</i>)	Refrigerators (<i>doors must be removed</i>)	Wood Stoves
Any other appliance with Freon or CFC's		

A \$15 fee will be charged for the following appliances:

Fluorescent Light Fixtures (with or without ballasts)	
Garden Tillers	Microwave Ovens
Gas Grills	Snow Throwers
Lawn Mowers (gas and electric)	Small Refrigerators weighing less than 50 pounds

A \$10 fee will be charged for mattresses and box springs.

There is no fee charged for the following appliances. If they are metal, they can be placed in your green recycling cart. Non metal items may be placed in your tan refuse cart or recycled at our drop off sites. See page 8 for drop off recycling information:

Blenders	Leaf Blowers	Stereo Equipment
Chain Saws	Humidifiers	Space Heaters
Exercise Equipment	Irons	Toasters & Toaster Ovens
Fans	Printers	VCRs
Garbage Disposals	Radios	Weed Wackers

HOW IS THE FEE PAID?

Residents must purchase a sticker to attach to their appliance whether it is left at the curb or brought to a drop off site.

WHERE CAN I GET APPLIANCE AND TIRE FEE STICKERS?

Appliance fee stickers are available from the following outlets:

- By Mail:
 - Streets Division, 1501 W. Badger Rd., Madison, WI 53713 (Check only)
- City Offices:
 - City Treasurer, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Room 107, City County Building
 - Street Division, 1501 W. Badger Rd. or 4602 Sycamore Ave.Stickers are available at the above locations during regular business hours only.
M-F 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. (Cash, Check, Credit or Debit Cards)
- Madison Public Libraries:
 - Stickers are available at all Madison Public Libraries during their regular business hours. (Cash or Check ONLY)
- Internet at www.madisonpay.com (Credit or Debit Cards)

Tire Collection

The City of Madison now charges for the collection and disposal of tires. There is a \$5 charge for automobile, small truck and SUV tires that are removed from rims. There is a \$10 charge for tires with rims, and large truck and tractor tires.

The fee is paid by purchasing stickers. Each sticker costs \$5. If you have a tire that requires a \$10 disposal fee you must purchase two \$5 stickers.

Tire fee stickers are available at the same locations as appliance fee stickers.

Make Your Larger Items Fit in Your Trash Cart

SAVE THE WAIT AND SAVE TAX DOLLARS

The City of Madison only collects your large items every other week. That means that you may have to wait to dispose of some things you want to get rid of right away. You can avoid the wait and get many of the things that are put out for large item collection picked up weekly by placing them in your tan refuse cart. You cannot put items that require a fee in your cart.

Some items, such as lamps and vacuum cleaners should fit nicely in your tan refuse cart. Other items and building materials can be cut or broken up to fit in the cart. Just make sure that the material in your cart does not weight more than 100 pounds and that nothing sticks out higher than 18" above the top of the cart.

Among the larger items you can get into your tan refuse cart are:

Artificial Christmas Trees
Building Material
Carpet
Carpet Padding
Drywall
End Tables
Fans



Furniture
Humidifiers
Lamps
Lumber
Mirrors
Night Stands
Sinks



Small Chairs
Space Heaters
Sports Equipment
Toilets (Broken Up)
Vacuums
Windows
Wood



Items that require a fee sticker should NOT be placed in refuse or recycling carts.

For more ideas visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets.

Yard Waste Drop Off Information



The Streets Division has two yard waste drop off sites. These sites accept leaves, grass clippings, brush less than 18" in length, and other lawn and garden debris. Material brought to these locations is taken to one of the Dane County locations where it is composted.

THE YARD WASTE SITES ARE LOCATED AT

- East: 4602 Sycamore Av.
- South West: 1501 W. Badger Rd.

2014 Yard Waste Site Operating Schedule

The yard waste drop off sites will open for the season on Saturday March 29th. They will close for the season on Sunday December 7th.

THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE SITES ARE AS FOLLOWS,

Sunday	8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.	Thursday	8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Monday	8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.	Friday	8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.	Saturday	8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.	Sunday	8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Brush Collection Information



WHEN WILL BRUSH BE COLLECTED?

The Streets Division will conduct regular brush collection from April through mid October. Brush will be collected at other times of the year, weather and workload permitting but we do not guarantee collection.

Our brush collection operates in the same fashion as our leaf collection service. Our collection crews will begin a round of collection in the Monday refuse collection districts. Upon completion of the Monday area they will go into the Tuesday district followed by the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday refuse collection districts. Upon completion of the Friday district they will begin a new round of collection in the Monday district. Workload, weather conditions, staff levels and equipment availability will affect our progress through the city.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN MY BRUSH WILL BE COLLECTED?

The Streets Division provides daily web page updates as well as frequent updates on our Brush Hotline to assist you in planning your tree and shrub trimming. The system is the same we currently use for the Leaf Collection program.

For web page updates go to www.cityofmadison.com/streets or call the Brush Collection Information Line 267-2088.

Brush Collection Guidelines

GENERAL GUIDELINES

The brush collection program serves property owners who maintain their own property. **Material cut by contractors will NOT be collected. Please make arrangements with the contractor for material disposal.** In 2014 collection will be provided from March 31st through mid October.

All material collected is chipped and recycled as mulch or compost. To keep program costs down and prevent damage to equipment, please follow the collection rules.

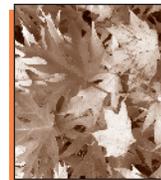
BRUSH COLLECTION RULES

- Brush consists of tree and shrub trimmings over 18" in length. Brush may not exceed 8' in length and 8" in diameter.
- Remove all roots and dirt.
- Place brush on the terrace or street edge away from trees, parked cars, fire hydrants, utility poles, mailboxes and other obstructions. **DO NOT PUT BRUSH IN THE STREET OR ON THE SIDEWALK.**
- Stack brush with the cut ends facing the same direction.
- Brush mixed with yard waste will NOT be collected.
- **DO NOT PUT BRUSH IN BAGS, BOXES, and OR TRASH CONTAINERS.**

The following material will not be collected:

- Brush cut or trimmed by contractors. Persons hired by the property owner are responsible for removing material.
- Small twigs and branches less than 18" in length are considered yard waste. (See Yard Waste page 13)
- Firewood
- Material cleared from lots or undeveloped property.
- Material in boxes, bags, or containers.
- Brush mixed with yard waste.

Leaf, Yard & Garden Waste



The Streets Division provides two leaf and yard waste collection periods each year. The first collection period is in April and the second collection period begins in October. These are the only times that leaves and garden debris are collected at the curb. During other periods, yard waste must be brought to the Yard Waste Drop Off sites. (see page 11).

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR LEAF, YARD AND GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION

- Leaves and yard waste should be piled loose at the curb. If you must bag your material, please use compostable paper bags or leave the bags open at the top.
- Material mixed with brush cannot be collected. See page 12 for brush collection information. Tree limbs and branches are considered brush.

Leaf Collection Procedure

The Streets Division no longer uses a schedule for leaf collection. Our crews will begin collection in the Monday refuse collection district. After completing collection in Monday's area, crews will move into the Tuesday refuse district, then Wednesday's district, followed by the Thursday and then Friday refuse districts. Upon completion of Friday's refuse district, crews will begin the cycle again in Monday's district. To find out when leaves, garden debris and yard waste will be collected in your neighborhood call 267-2088 or go to our web site www.cityofmadison.com/streets. The web site will have the most up to date information so you can follow the progress of the collection as it moves through your neighborhoods.

In the spring each neighborhood will receive a minimum of two collections. In the fall each neighborhood will receive a minimum of three collections weather permitting. Fall leaf collection will stop when weather conditions dictate.

RECYCLE YOUR PUMPKINS

The Streets Division will collect pumpkins as part of the fall leaf and garden waste collection. Just place your pumpkins on top of your leaf pile or next to your bags of leaves and we will collect them for composting. Keeping pumpkins out of the landfill is good for the environment and saves property tax dollars.

Clean Sweep

**Dane County Clean Sweep Opening on May 1st 2013
at the Dane County Rodefeld #2 Landfill
7102 US HWY 12, Madison WI 53718**

Clean Sweep provides residents from Dane County and the surrounding area a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of household hazardous waste. The new year round facility will be open on May 1st 2013. A new larger facility will allow the public year round access to Clean Sweep services and the Product Exchange. Watch for more information on Dane County's Clean Sweep at: <http://www.danecountycleansweep.com/>

Items that can be dropped off at Clean Sweep include household hazardous waste such as: oil based paints, pesticides, poisons, household products containing organic solvents, ignitable, aerosols, and rechargeable batteries. There will be a fee of \$10.00 per trip for Dane County residents, and additional fees for out of County residents. Additional fees may apply for electronics recycling.

Normal hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, from 7am to 3pm, there will be no loads accepted after 2:45pm and loads must be unloaded and out by the 3pm closing time. Saturday hours are 7am to 11am with no loads accepted after 10:45am and must be unloaded and out by closing time. Clean Sweep is closed Sundays, Mondays, and Holidays.

Please remember it is illegal to leave materials at the site when Clean Sweep is closed and can lead to a \$2,000 forfeiture.

This new site is located at Dane County Rodefeld #2 Landfill, 7102 US HWY 12, Madison WI 53718 (Beltline - 12/18 East toward Cambridge) across from the Yahara Hills Golf Course.



Unwanted, unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines can be found in every household in the county. We know that it's not safe to keep unneeded medicines in the house – children and others can accidentally take them. But you've also heard that you shouldn't flush medicines down the toilet or put them in the trash. We now know that these medicines are bad for our environment – our water, our lakes and the animals in them.

So... how should you get rid of your medicines?

Bring your unneeded medicine to MedDrop. This **free** service is available to all Wisconsin residents.

MEDDROP DROP BOX LOCATIONS

There are 4 locations available for Dane County residents to use

- **Madison Police East Precinct** – 809 South Thompson Drive (available 8am-4pm Mon-Fri)
- **Fitchburg Police Department** – 5520 Lacy Road (available 7:30 am-4:30 pm Mon-Fri)
- **Sun Prairie Police Department** – 300 E. Main Street (available 24 hours in the lobby)
- **Middleton Police Department** – 7341 Donna Drive (available 24 hours in the lobby)

Poisoning deaths are now the nation's and Dane County's number one cause of injury-related death, surpassing traffic crashes. MedDrop boxes have been identified as a key strategy to reduce access to drugs.

HOW TO USE MEDDROP

To dispose of medications in the MedDrop drop boxes, please bring your unused or expired medication and place it in the drop box.

Empty contents of pill bottles into a zip lock bag and recycle your pill bottles at home. If you have liquids, gels or creams, please leave those in their original containers and place them in a ziplock bag as well. Then bring your medicines in ziplock bags and drop them in the drop box.

WHAT YOU CAN GET RID OF AT MEDDROP

- Prescription Medicine (pills, liquids and creams)
- Over-the-Counter Medicine (pills, liquids and creams)
- Medications for Pets
- Vitamins
- Nebulizer Solution
- Medication Samples

Illegal drugs cannot be disposed of in the drop box. However, you may bring illegal drugs to the police station and turn them over to authorities, no questions asked.

DO NOT BRING

- IV Bags
- Oxygen Tanks
- Nebulizer Machines
- Thermometers
- Inhalers
- Sharps, epi pens or anything with a needle or lance. See page 4 for household sharps disposal.

For more information visit <http://www.safercommunity.net/MedDrop/index.html> or call 267-2626.

Help is Just a Click Away



www.cityofmadison.com/streets

In addition to our solid waste services covered in the Recyclopedia, the Streets Division does many other things including snow and ice control and street sweeping. You can find out about those services and more at our web site www.cityofmadison.com/streets.

Our web page features daily updates on brush and leaf collection in season, important information on winter parking, snow emergencies and information on new programs and services. You can also report missed collection or request information using our Report-A-Problem feature.

If you are after information about other City agencies or services you can go to the City of Madison home page www.cityofmadison.com.



Computer, TV and Electronics Recycling

Wisconsin has banned computers, TV's and other electronic equipment. **WE WILL NO LONGER COLLECT THESE ITEMS AT THE CURB.**

How Does The Program Work?

Madison residents must now bring their computer monitors, laptops, TV's, and computer CPU's to one of our two full service drop off sites for recycling. The sites are located at 1501 W. Badger Rd and 4602 Sycamore Av. Computer monitors, CPU's and TV's will no longer be collected at the curb.

Is There A Fee For This Program?

Yes. There will be a \$10 charge for Monitors, CPU's and televisions. (Note: Large console TV's will still be collected at the curb. The \$10 will apply.) Stickers for this program are available at the same outlets as our Appliance and Tire Fee stickers. See page 10 For details.

There is no fee for computer printers, keyboards, speakers, scanners, mice, and miscellaneous parts. No fee will be charged for other consumer electronics such as stereos, VCR's, DVD players, etc.

Why Is This Program Important?

The most important reason for recycling old computers, TV's, and consumer electronics is to keep toxic materials out of the landfill. These items contain lead, mercury, cadmium, and cancer causing flame-retardants. We must keep these materials out of the landfill to protect our groundwater.

Are There Alternatives To The City Program?

Yes. Goodwill accepts computer equipment for recycling at no charge. Best Buy and American offer programs as well. Please call them for details.

If you have questions about the program please visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets or call the City Recycling Office at 267-2626.



Building Material



Building material consists of debris left over from a construction, remodeling, or demolition project. This includes plywood, lumber, pipe, drywall, ductwork, shingles, concrete and bricks. In the past, this material went to the landfill. Now, there are many recycling options.

WHAT'S NEW ON BUILDING MATERIAL?

The City of Madison has a new ordinance that requires the recycling of building material from any remodeling project costing more than \$20,000. The ordinance also requires that all shingles be recycled from any project where they are being removed.

If you have a project that is subject to this ordinance you will be given information about recycling when you receive your building permit. If you are interested in recycling the material from small projects you will find a list of recyclers at www.cityofmadison.com/streets or you can call the City recycling office at 267-2626.



WHAT WE WILL COLLECT

The Streets Division will continue to collect small amounts of building material from projects that are being done by the homeowner. Building material is collected as part of the large item service. See page 9 for more details.

Material collected at the curb will be landfilled. **Collection is limited to no more than six 30-gallon containers or their equivalent. Bags and containers must weigh less than 40 pounds.** You may put small

amounts of building material in your tan refuse cart. Carts can weight no more than 100 pounds. For worker safety be sure you remove or bend down nails.

We do NOT collect bricks, concrete, stone or gravel. This material must be taken to the Dane County Landfill (838-9555).

BUILDING MATERIAL DROP OFF

Residents may bring small amounts of material to our drop off sites at 1501 W. Badger Rd and 4602 Sycamore Av. Drop off service is limited to no more than six 30-gallon containers or their equivalent. All material brought to the drop off sites must come from work done by the homeowner. **Contractors cannot use the drop off sites.**

We do NOT accept bricks, concrete, shingles, stone or gravel at the drop off sites. This material must be taken to the Dane County Landfill.



Your Carts Are City Property



A friendly reminder that your refuse and recycling carts are the property of the City of Madison. (Unless you purchased extra carts, then those extra carts are yours.) If you move, you must leave your carts behind. If you are relocating in the City of Madison, you should find carts at your new address. If not, we will supply them for your new location.



Recycle Your Fluorescent Bulbs

You can no longer dispose of fluorescent lamps in your refuse because they have been banned from the landfill. These tubes and bulbs have been banned because they contain mercury.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MY OLD FLUORESCENTS?

City of Madison and Dane County ordinances require that retailers who sell fluorescent lamps take back old lamps from their customers and recycle them. Some may charge a small fee for this service, but all retailers who sell fluorescents must take them back from their customers.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO RECYCLE OLD FLUORESCENT LAMPS?

Fluorescent lamps contain mercury, one of the most hazardous substances in our homes. When the fluorescent lamps are put in a landfill the glass breaks and the mercury is released. The mercury usually becomes part of leachate, the liquid that washes out of the bottom of the landfill.

SHOULD I STILL USE FLUORESCENT LAMPS?

Definitely. Fluorescent lamps use less electricity and cut down on the mercury that is emitted from power plants. Anything we can do to reduce mercury emissions from power plant is very important. By using and then recycling fluorescent lamps you will be doing your part to keep mercury out of our environment.

RECYCLE MERCURY THERMOSTATS TOO.

Thermostats containing mercury are also banned from landfills. When you replace a thermostat, make sure you take the old thermostat back to the retailer where you purchased it. When you replace your thermostat, use a digital thermostat. These thermostats do not contain mercury.

Organic Waste: The Next Frontier



The Streets Division is committed to reducing the volume of material that is wasted in Madison. We currently recycle and compost 69% of our waste stream. In spite of that success we still send almost 50,000 tons of material to the Dane County landfill each year.

The largest single fraction of our landfilled waste is organic material. This organic material consists of food waste, contaminated paper products such as paper towels and napkins, unrecyclable cardboard such as dirty pizza boxes and waxed boxes from grocery stores, and pet waste. All of this material can be used to create compost and renewable energy.

The City of Madison is planning to construct and anaerobic digester that would be in operation in 2016 or 2017. This biodigester will convert our organic waste into compost and biogas. The biogas will be used to produce electricity and compressed natural gas that will replace diesel fuel in many of our collection vehicles.

ORGANICS PILOT PROGRAM

The Streets Division has been conducting a pilot collection program for organic waste since 2011. To date over 500 households and six businesses are part of the program. This year we are going to be expanding the pilot program, adding 1,600 households and ten to twenty businesses to the program. The pilot program has proven very popular with participants and it will be expanded in July of this year.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Pending approval by the Mayor and City Council, the Streets Division is planning to launch a citywide organics diversion program in 2016 or 2017. This new program would mean that every household in Madison would receive a third cart for the organics.

Organics would be picked up weekly. Your tan refuse cart, minus the food waste and other organics, would be picked up every other week, just like your recycling and large items.

We have set up a web page at www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compost/organics that has more information on the program. You will also find a public forum where you can ask questions and enter your opinion on the new program. We want to hear from you while we plan this new program, so please visit our web site or drop us a line at 1501 W. Badger Rd, Madison, WI 53713.

Madison Stuff Exchange



WHAT IS IT?

The Madison Stuff Exchange is a website for the reuse of unwanted items. Items may be given away or offered for sale. "Wanted" lists may also be posted. Registration is free. Listings are posted for free.

WHO CAN USE IT?

You must live or work in Dane County to be eligible to post an item. Anyone may respond to a post regardless of residency.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

Just go to the web site www.madisonstuffexchange.com and register. You can then post listings and you can shop the listings for things you are interested in. You can also sign up to receive e-mails whenever a new listing of an item you are seeking is posted.

RULES AND TERMS

- You must live or work in Madison or Dane County.
- Maximum sale price of an item is \$99.
- Businesses or individuals may not sell products or services, but they can list unneeded materials or supplies.
- No listings for live animals or pets.
- 3 month time limit on any given posting.
- No illegal materials.
- No hazardous materials.



BUYER BEWARE – 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 transactions 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 or to edit a posting.



What Do I Do With Pizza Boxes?

There is a great deal of confusion about what to do with pizza boxes. Should they be recycled? Should they get tossed in the Trash? The correct answer Both. You should recycle the clean portion of your pizza boxes and toss the portions that have been contaminated by grease and food.

For most pizza boxes with grease stains on the bottom, you can tear off the top and sides and put them in your recycling cart. The bottom can then get tossed in the trash. If the top has cheese or other toppings stuck to the top, you should throw that part away as well and just recycle the side.





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Telephone/Contact Numbers



TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Streets WEST	266-4681
Streets EAST	246-4532
Recycling Coordinator	267-2626
Streets Division Web Site	www.cityofmadison.com/streets

OTHER CONTACT NUMBERS

Building Inspection – Sidewalks & Lawn Complaints	266-4551
Dane County Landfill	267-1502
Dane County Compost	267-1502
Dane County Clean Sweep	243-0368
Forestry	266-4816
Engineering (Dead Animals)	266-4430
Engineering (Plugged Inlets)	266-4430
Graffiti (Public Property)	246-4532
Graffiti (Private Property)	266-4551
Parks (West)	266-4711
Parks (East)	246-4510
Street Repair – General	266-4751
Street Repair – Potholes	(East) 246-4532 / (West) 266-4681
Traffic Engineering-Traffic Lights/Signs	266-4767
Water Department	266-4661