

Guide to Garbage A-Z

The A-Z Guide is an alphabetical listing of disposal and recycling options for residents in Goodhue County. Click on the first letter of the type of waste you are wondering about on the list above. Words that appear in the text with the first letter capitalized and bolded, means there is an alphabetical listing for that item in this Guide - for example "Adhesives".

A

Adhesives

Glues, caulking compounds, epoxy resins, pastes, joint fillers, wood putty, grout, spackling compounds, rubber cement, epoxies and adhesives that are flammable, poisonous, corrosive, or contain petroleum distillates should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection

If the container is completely empty, it can be put in the trash or recycled.

Aerosol Cans

EMPTY and depressurized aerosol cans may be recycled with metal cans. Aerosol cans that are not empty should be taken to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Do not burn your aerosol cans. They are a safety hazard.

Aluminum Cans

Most haulers in Goodhue County collect aluminum cans with their curbside recycling programs. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements. To recycle aluminum cans, make sure to:

- Rinse clean

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts aluminum cans 24 hours/day. Aluminum cans may be co-mingled with tin cans. Cans can also be taken to our other drop-off locations

Aluminum cans may also be redeemed for cash at most scrap metal dealers –check the yellow pages.

Ammunition

Unused or unwanted ammunition or explosives- Contact the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office
Dispatch and non-emergencies: [651-385-3155](tel:651-385-3155). If you are uncomfortable transporting items to the Sheriff's Office, a deputy will assist you.

Animals

Call your veterinarian for information regarding deceased pets or a rendering service for larger farm animals. The type and condition of a dead animal carcass will govern the required disposal method.

Antifreeze

Antifreeze contains chemicals that are poisonous to humans and animals. Antifreeze from households should be brought to a hazardous waste mobile collection event.

If the container is completely empty, it can be put in the trash or recycled.

Do not mix with oil or other solvents.

Appliances

Working appliances can be donated to charities or friends. Sell them at garage sales or through newspaper ads. Repair old appliances when possible. Consider buying a used appliance instead of purchasing new. Appliances can be taken to:

- Wanamingo Demolition Landfill 651-385-3107 during business hours
- AMG Alliance 651-388-1790
- Paul's Industrial Garage (P.I.G.), Diamond Bluff, WI 715-792-5209
- Appliance dealers often provide disposal of replaced appliances.
- Call your local waste hauler

Asbestos

Asbestos was used in building construction (in items such as shingles, siding, insulation and floor tile) as fire-proofing until the mid-1980's when it was determined to be harmful to human health. The primary concern with handling asbestos is exposure to airborne fibers. These fibers, if inhaled, can cause lung damage or cancer.

[Asbestos Management Program](#)

Ash

Cold or damp ash from a fireplace may be disposed of in your regular garbage.

Auto Glass

Residents with auto glass should be disposed of in the garbage, either through a waste hauler or at a licensed waste management facility.

Auto Parts

Many parts can be taken to scrap metal dealers or salvage yards. Check the yellow pages in the phone book.

B

Bags

Grocery/Shopping – The best solution is a durable, reusable bag. Brown paper bags can be recycled with newspapers or cardboard.

Plastic Bags- Some grocery and big box stores offer recycling of plastic bags. Currently, the Goodhue County Recycling Center **does not** recycle plastic bags because of the many different types of plastic used in making bags and a lack of viable markets. See the reuse options below, or they can be placed in the trash.

Reuse options – Use them for your garage sale, many thrift stores accept them for reuse. Small garbage receptacles can be lined with plastic bags to make taking out the trash easier.

It is illegal to burn plastic bags except at permitted facilities.

Batteries

Batteries containing metals such as lead, mercury, lithium, nickel, and/or cadmium, should be brought to the Goodhue County Recycling Center in Red Wing or a hazardous waste mobile collection event. Some hardware stores accept batteries for recycling.

Do not throw them in the trash!

Alkaline Batteries

Size A, AA, AAA, C, D or 9-volt (non-rechargeable) batteries can be thrown in the trash.

Auto (lead-acid) batteries

DO NOT throw them in the trash or bury them! They should be taken to a reclaimer to be recycled. By Minnesota law, any business that sells new batteries and replaces them in your car is required to collect batteries (up to five per person) for recycling.

Auto Batteries can be brought to the Goodhue County Recycling Center in Red Wing or a hazardous waste mobile collection event.

Button Batteries

Commonly found in hearing aids, watches, and cameras - Take these to any participating store that accepts button batteries or they can be brought to the Goodhue County Recycling Center in Red Wing or a hazardous waste mobile collection event.

Do not throw them in the trash!

Rechargeable batteries

(Usually Nickel-Cadmium or "NICAD") – can be brought to the Goodhue County Recycling Center

Do not throw them in the trash! Buy equipment that can be plugged into an outlet or recharged instead of using batteries.

Books

Donate books to libraries or charities like Goodwill or Salvation Army. Sell or buy them at garage sales or used book stores. Consider seeing if a book is available at a library instead of buying a book. Share books with friends or neighbors. If unwanted or unusable, they may be placed in the trash.

Boxes (cardboard)

Boxboard - one layer of cardboard that is white or gray on the inside. Examples are cracker, cereal, and cake mix boxes. Currently, all haulers collect clean boxboard from residents for recycling. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements. Boxboard can be brought to the Goodhue County Recycling Center in Red Wing.

If the boxboard is oily or contaminated with food, it should go in the trash.

Corrugated - two thin layers separated by a wavy layer in the middle. Examples are grocery store boxes and appliance boxes. Cardboard can be brought to the Goodhue County Recycling Center in Red Wing. If the cardboard is oily or contaminated with food, has a waxy coating on it, or has attached Styrofoam supports it should go in the trash.

Brush, Branches and Tree and Hedge Trimmings

Call the city nearest you for information on their brush disposal options. If you live in a rural area, you can call the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at (651) 345-3216 or the local Township Fire Warden to get a permit to burn brush. Notify the Goodhue County Sheriffs office the day of the burn.

Brush and tree debris was banned from the waste stream in 1987 by the Minnesota State Legislature to reduce landfill use.

The Red Wing Solid Waste Campus, 651-385-3658, has a brush/compost program.

Building Materials

Loads of concrete, sheetrock/drywall, wood, plaster, metal, insulation, roofing/shingles, siding, bricks, etc. can be taken to:

Wanamingo Demolition Landfill 651-385-3107;

Paul's Industrial Garage (P.I.G.), Diamond Bluff, WI 715-792-5209;

Red Wing Solid Waste Campus 651-385-3658;

Or contact your local waste hauler.

There will be a fee.

Make sure to separate hazardous materials from construction/demolition debris.

The following cannot be disposed of with construction/demolition materials. If they are not separated from building materials, you may pay a fine for an improperly sorted load or a higher fee if the entire load has to be disposed of as garbage:

- Adhesives
- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Brush
- Carpet & Carpet Padding
- Caulking

- Corrugated Cardboard, except that reinforced with wood or Styrofoam
- Electrical Ballasts
- Fluorescent Lights
- Municipal Solid Waste/Garbage
- Oil and Oil Filters
- Paints, Solvents, Flammable Liquids, Combustible or Ignitable Wastes
- Petroleum-based Products
- Tar Pails
- Tires
- Treated Wood-plywood, particle board, green lumber

See disposal options for above items on this site.

Demolition debris can only be disposed of in a permitted demolition debris disposal site such as the Wanamingo Demolition Landfill. If you generate demolition debris, ask your hauler for receipts from the permitted disposal facility to insure proper disposal.

Burn Barrels

Many people around Minnesota still use on-site disposal methods like "backyard burning" to dispose of their household wastes. From burning waste in fire pits and woodstoves to the traditional burn barrel, over two percent of Minnesota's municipal solid waste (MSW) is still managed in this way.

For most Minnesotans, it is against the law to burn or bury household wastes — it's been illegal since 1969. Some farmers are still allowed to burn their household wastes, due to the limited availability of collection or drop-off services for waste and recyclables.

However, even if you live in a county where burning household waste is still allowed, there are several reasons why you should choose to dispose of your waste in another manner.

Ordinary items such as paper products, painted items, and plastics can release toxic chemicals such as arsenic, mercury, chromium, formaldehyde, hydrochloric acid, lead, dioxin and dioxin-like chemicals. Since there is no combustion control or air pollution control equipment on a burn barrel, those chemicals go into the air or ash and create health and environmental risks.

[Don't Burn Your Garbage Website](#)

Burning

Call the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at (651) 345-3216 or the local Township Fire Warden to get a permit to burn brush. Notify the Goodhue County Sheriffs office the day of the burn.

C

Cans: Steel/ tin

Most haulers in Goodhue County collect steel/tin cans with their curbside recycling programs. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts cans. There is a 24 hour drop-off. Aluminum cans may be co-mingled with tin cans. Cans can also be taken to our other drop-off locations.

Car Wax

Solvent-Based Cleaners - waxes, polishes, degreasers, and other petroleum based products should be brought to a hazardous waste mobile collection event.

If the container is completely empty, it can be put in the trash or recycled. Solvent-based cleaners should never be disposed of down a drain, in the trash or down a toilet. As an alternative, use water-based cleaners in place of petroleum-based cleaners as much as possible.

Cardboard

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Carpet & Carpet Padding

Clean carpets often to reduce the need to replace them. Rent carpet cleaning equipment or hire a professional carpet cleaning service.

Contact your local hauler for disposal. There will be a fee.

Self haulers can contact:

- Red Wing Solid Waste Campus
1873 Bench Street
Red Wing, MN 55066
651-385-3658
- Paul's Industrial Garage (P.I.G.), Diamond Bluff, WI 715-792-5209

Catalogs

Catalogs that are made from shiny or glossy paper may be recycled with magazines. Most haulers in Goodhue County collect catalogs with their curbside recycling programs. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts catalogs. There is a 24 hour drop-off. Catalogs can also be taken to our other drop-off locations.

Write or call the companies whose catalogs you don't want to receive. Ask to be taken off their mailing list. For subscriptions you wish to receive, tell them not to sell or give your name to other mail order companies.

Caulk and Caulking Tubes

Caulk tubes that are not empty and have one of these words on the label – "danger," "warning," "caution," "flammable," "combustible," or "corrosive" – should be separated from building (demolition) materials. These caulk tubes should be brought to a hazardous waste mobile collection event.

If the container is completely empty, it can be put in the trash.

Cleaners

Window cleaners, multi-purpose cleaners, ammonia and other cleaners that have one of these words on the label – "danger," "poison," "caution," "warning," should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

If the container is completely empty, it can be put in the trash, or recycled.

Clothing

There are a number of clothing **USAgain clothing** recycling drop boxes available in the county.

<http://www.usagain.com/>

Complaints

Call the Goodhue County Solid Waste Department at 651-385-3107 with complaints about illegal dumping of garbage or other garbage or recycling related complaints.

Compost

The City Red Wing Solid Waste Campus operates a yard waste composting site. Contact them at 651-385-3658 for information regarding drop-off of yard waste or access to finished compost.

Start a backyard composting system. [How To Compost Your Organic Waste](#)

Compressed Gasses

Propane Gas/Tanks/Cylinders – Pressure vessels, vented tanks, compressed gas fuel, gas bottles. Some propane and LP gas distributors will take your containers back for proper disposal. Look under "gas" in the yellow pages for the distributor nearest you. Residents can bring their compressed gas containers to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Computer and TV Monitors

Electronic Devices such as electrical ballasts, capacitors, color computer monitors, CPUs, colored TVs can be taken to the Goodhue County Demolition Debris Landfill 44284 135TH Avenue, Zumbrota, MN 55992, during business hours. Please call 651-385-3025 to receive information on the Landfill hours. There will be a fee.

A licensed electronics recycler transports and dismantles the electronic devices. Hazardous substances (such as lead) are removed from devices and properly managed. See if your computer vendor has a take-back program for your old computer when you purchase a new computer.

Concrete

See "Construction Debris"

Construction Debris

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Red Wing Solid Waste Campus 651-385-3658

Or contact your local waste hauler.

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Make sure to separate hazardous materials from construction/demolition debris.

The following cannot be disposed of with construction/demolition materials. If they are not separated from building materials, you may pay a fine for an improperly sorted load or a higher fee if the entire load has to be disposed of as garbage:

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- Asbestos
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- Carpet & Carpet Padding
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- Petroleum-based Products
- Tar Pails
- Tires
- Treated Wood-plywood, particle board, green lumber

See disposal options for above items on this site.

Demolition debris can only be disposed of in a permitted demolition debris disposal site such as the Wanamingo Demolition Landfill. If a permit-by-rule is obtained from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, it may be able to be buried on-site. If you generate demolition debris, ask your hauler for receipts from the permitted disposal facility to insure proper disposal.

Corrosive Cleaners

Drain Cleaners, oven cleaners, naval jelly, toilet bowl cleaners, concrete cleaner, etc. should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Curbside Recycling

Most haulers offer curbside recycling service to their customers.

As an alternative, you may self-haul your recyclables to the Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing.



D

Degreaser

Degreasers and other solvents should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

If the container is empty or the product is completely gone, it can be put in the trash or recycled.

Demolition Debris

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Drain Cleaner

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Drugs

Most prescription and non-prescription medications from residences can be disposed of in your regular trash. Check out the Goodhue County Chemical Health Initiative's Medication Disposal Site for a disposal site near you: [Medication Disposal Location Database](#) Chemotherapy drugs are hazardous wastes and should be returned to the hospital or pharmacy where purchased – they are extremely toxic. Also see "Sharps."

Drywall

Loads of concrete, sheetrock/drywall, wood, plaster, metal, insulation, roofing/shingles, siding, bricks, etc. can be taken to:

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E

Electronics

Electronic Devices such as electrical ballasts, capacitors, color computer monitors, CPUs, colored TVs, stereo equipment, VCRs, DVD players, can be taken to the Goodhue County Demolition Debris Landfill located on 135th Ave. approx ½ mile north of TH 60 in Wanamingo during business hours (call 651-385-3025 for hours). There will be a fee.

Explosives

Unused or unwanted ammunition or explosives- Contact the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office.

Dispatch and non-emergencies: 651-385-3155. If you are uncomfortable transporting items to the Sheriff's Office, a deputy will assist you.



F

Fertilizer: Non-Agricultural

Household fertilizers that contain herbicides or pesticides should be taken to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Follow label instructions and only apply the amount indicated. Buy concentrates to reduce the amount of packaging. Leaving grass clippings on the lawn when you mow helps to fertilize your lawn.

Donate extra fertilizer in its original container to someone who may need it. Caution: be sure to apply fertilizer only on the targeted plants. If granules fall on hard surfaces like streets, driveways, and sidewalks, make sure to sweep them up for reuse. Fertilizer that washes off streets ends up in our local lakes, ponds, and rivers causing excessive growth of algae.

The best thing to do is to use it up for its intended purpose. However, dry, granular fertilizer that does not contain any pesticides can be thrown into the trash.

Flammable Liquids

Products that have a flash point between 100F and 140F – should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Floor Wax

Solvent-Based Cleaners – Waxes, polishes, degreasers, and other petroleum based products can be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent bulbs and HID's contain small amounts of mercury and by law cannot be put in the trash by either household or business generators. Household quantities (<10) may be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event or taken to the Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing. Business bulbs and household quantities greater than 10 will be charged a fee.

Food

Produce such as fruits, vegetables and grains can be composted.

Fuel

Gasoline and Kerosene should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Furniture

Call your local waste hauler. Self haulers can contact the City of Red Wing Solid Waste Campus, 651-385-3658 or Paul's Industrial Garage (P.I.G.), Diamond Bluff, WI 715-792-5209

Some charities accept donations of old furniture. Used furniture can also be bought and sold through the want ads in local newspapers, newsletters or at garage sales. Consider refurbishing or reupholstering to update old furniture.

Furniture Polish

Solvent Based Cleaners - Waxes, polishes, degreasers, and other petroleum based products. Use it up for its intended purpose. Unused solvent-based cleaners should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

If the container is empty or the product is completely gone, it can be put in the trash.

Solvents are chemicals used to dissolve other substances. Some hazardous solvents used are: paint thinner, remover & stripper; nail polish removers and spot & stain removers. Most solvents are toxic and/or flammable, so protect yourself by following the advice on the product label.

G

Garbage

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If disposed of improperly, garbage can cause pollution of air, soil and drinking water. Since citizens are liable for the clean-up of environmental damage caused by their "regular" trash, they should make sure that it is brought to a facility meeting state and federal environmental protection standards.

Garden Plants

Non-woody garden, plant, vegetable and fruit waste can be put in a home compost pile.

Start a backyard composting system. [How To Compost Your Organic Waste](#)

The City Red Wing Solid Waste Campus operates a yard waste composting site. Contact them at 651-385-3658 for information regarding drop-off of yard waste or access to finished compost.

Gas Tanks/Cylinders

Propane Gas/Tanks/Cylinders – Pressure vessels, vented tanks, compressed gas fuel, gas bottles. Some propane and LP gas distributors will take your containers back for proper disposal. Look under "gas" in the yellow pages for the distributor nearest you. Residents can bring their compressed gas containers to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Businesses – Contact your propane and L.P. gas distributors for proper disposal information.

Gasoline

The best way to get rid of leftover gasoline, lamp oil, or white gas is to use it up. For small engines that use an oil/gas mix, buy only the amount you will need at the time. Buy unleaded gasoline for small engines so you can use leftover gasoline in your car.

Unwanted or unusable gasoline should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event. If the container is empty or the product is completely gone, it can be put in the trash.

Glass Bottles and Jars

Curbside recycling programs accept glass bottles and jars. Contact your hauler for sorting requirements.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts glass. Clear, green, or brown (blue) bottles and jars only. Separate by color. There is a 24 hour drop-off.

Glass can also be taken to our other drop-off locations .

The following types of glass **are not** recyclable because they contain different non-recyclable ingredients than glass bottles. Throw these in the garbage: mirrors, Plexiglas, plates and dishes, candles in glass containers, ceramics, drinking glasses, windows and incandescent light bulbs. See also "Windows" and "Light Bulbs."

Grass

Non-woody yard, garden and food waste.

Mow your lawn on a regular basis to keep the clippings short and let them fall where they may. This can feed your lawn and make it healthier.

Leaves and grass clippings can be used as mulch in gardens and flower beds to reduce weeds, nourish the soil and retain moisture. Garden wastes, decayed vegetables and fruits can be composted. Fruit and vegetable food scraps can be put in a home compost pile. Meat, poultry and fish products cannot be composted.

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H

Hazardous Waste

If the container says *Danger, Caution, Poison, Flammable, Warning, Toxic, Corrosive, Combustible, contains acid, contains lye, contains petroleum distillates, or causes burns to skin*, it probably contains hazardous chemicals. Avoid using them if possible. Store properly, and use for its intended purpose.

Hazardous waste should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

If the container is empty or the product is completely gone, it can be put in the trash or, if possible, recycled.

Hazardous Waste Mobile Collections

Each year Goodhue County holds Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collections at several locations around the county.

Collections may be canceled in the case of rain or threatening weather.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Do's and Don'ts**

For safety, place waste products in a box when transporting
Questions? Call the HHW Hotline: (651) 385-3107

NO business hazardous waste can be accepted at mobile collections.

DO BRING:

- Paint/Stain/Thinner Etc.-
Bring unusable paint products to the collection.
- Pesticides/Herbicides-

Products designed to kill weeds, bugs, rodents, mold and fungus.
- Automotive Products-
Bad gas, cleaners, anti-freeze, fuels, grease, lead-acid batteries.
- Household Products-
Drain opener, strong cleaners, spot removers, adhesives, acids & bases.
- Exotic Batteries-
Ni-Cad rechargeable, Button, Lithium, Mercury, other unusual batteries.
- Mercury Devices-
Thermometers, thermostats, mercury switches.
- Aerosol Cans-
Partial or plugged pressurized spray cans of all types. Empty, depressurized cans can be disposed of in your trash.
- Fluorescent Tubes and Compact Fluorescents-
Household generated of up to 10 are free. All Business tubes will be billed at \$.50/bulb

DO NOT BRING:

- Business Wastes-
Business wastes will be refused. Businesses should contact the Olmsted County Hazardous Waste Facility at 507/328-7078.
- Electronics-
City of Red Wing Waste Campus 651-385-3658 & AMG Alliance 651-388-1790 for information.
Fees Apply.
- Empty Containers-
If a container is empty and dry, it is no longer hazardous. Recycle or dispose of in your trash.
- Non-Hazardous Products-
Soaps, regular light bulbs, broken glass or ceramics, recyclables, trash.
- Waste Oil, Oil Filters-
Waste oil and filters can be recycled through local sources.
- Medical Wastes/Sharps-
Contact your local clinic or hospital for disposal information.
- Explosives and Ammunition-
Contact local law enforcement on their non-emergency number.
- Appliances- No appliances.

Hazardous Waste Facility

For residents who need to dispose of hazardous wastes at a time other than scheduled collections, Goodhue County has an arrangement with the Olmsted County Permanent Facility. The Olmsted County Hazardous Waste Facility located at 305 Silver Creek Road, N.E. in Rochester. The facility is open Monday- Saturday from 8 AM to 5 PM. For more information call Olmsted County Hazardous Waste Facility at (507) 328-7078 (Monday –Saturday).

I

Industrial/Commercial Solid Waste

Businesses: Waste that is not typical of regular garbage (such as ash, dust collector fines, metal filings, paint residue, paint filters, sludges, epoxy, fiberglass, infectious waste, lighting fixtures, etc...), may be considered "industrial solid wastes." These types of waste may require special testing and handling to assure proper disposal at the lowest possible cost.

Infectious Waste

Blood, laboratory waste, other regulated body fluids, sharps that have not been decontaminated.

Household generators of sharps should contact their Health Care Provider (or if from animal treatment, your Veterinarian) for disposal. Needles and other sharps can injure garbage haulers and workers at waste processing facilities.

1. Sharps should be placed in a puncture resistant containers (preferably plastic opaque detergent containers but plastic pop and milk containers with a twist cap or metal coffee cans with the lid reinforced with duct tape will also be acceptable).
2. Label the container "SHARPS" secure the twist cap/lid. (Containers will not be accepted if they are not properly packaged or contain any waste other than the above mentioned "SHARPS" material).
3. Bring the container to your Health Care Provider or Veterinarian during normal business hours. You will be responsible for handling and disposing of your own sharps container.

Business generators of infectious and pathological waste are required to contact the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Insulation

Loads of concrete, sheetrock/drywall, wood, plaster, metal, insulation, roofing/shingles, siding, bricks, etc. can be taken to:

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- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Brush
- Carpet & Carpet Padding
- Caulking
- Corrugated Cardboard, except that reinforced with wood or Styrofoam
- Electrical Ballasts
- Fluorescent Lights
- Municipal Solid Waste/Garbage
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Kerosene

The best way to get rid of leftover gasoline, lamp oil, or white gas is to use it up. For small engines that use an oil/gas mix, buy only the amount you will need at the time. Buy unleaded gasoline for small engines so you can use leftover gasoline in your car.

Unwanted or unusable gasoline should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

If the container is empty or the product is completely gone, it can be put in the trash.

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Leaves

Leaves and grass clippings can be used as mulch in gardens and flower beds to reduce weeds, nourish the soil and retain moisture. Garden wastes, decayed vegetables and fruits can be composted. Fruit and vegetable food scraps can be put in a home compost pile. Meat, poultry and fish products cannot be composted.

Non-woody garden, plant, vegetable and fruit waste can be put in a home compost pile.

Start a backyard composting system. [How To Compost Your Organic Waste](#)

The City Red Wing Solid Waste Campus operates a yard waste composting site. Contact them at 651-385-3658 for information regarding drop-off of yard waste or access to finished compost.

Light Bulbs: Fluorescent

Fluorescent bulbs, Compact Fluorescent Bulbs and HID's contain small amounts of mercury and by law cannot be put in the trash by either household or business generators. Household quantities (<10) may be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event or taken to the Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing. Business bulbs and household quantities greater than 10 will be charged a fee.

Light Bulbs: Incandescent

Incandescent light bulbs cannot be recycled they can be thrown in the trash. Purchase long-lasting light bulbs that don't have to be replaced often. Consider using fluorescent bulbs or LED Bulbs that typically last longer and are more energy efficient.

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Magazines

Most haulers in Goodhue County collect magazines with their curbside recycling programs. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts magazines. There is a 24 hour drop-off. Magazines can also be taken to our other drop-off locations.

Write or call the companies whose magazines you don't want to receive. Ask to be taken off their mailing list. For subscriptions you wish to receive, tell them not to sell or give your name to other mail order companies.

As an alternative, share subscriptions with friends, relatives or co-workers. Donate magazines to doctor's offices, hospitals, nursing homes, and shelters.

Manure

Contact the Goodhue County Soil & Water Conservation District for assistance

The University of Minnesota Extension Service has extensive information regarding manure management <http://www.manure.umn.edu/>

Pet manure or "droppings" can be bagged and thrown in the trash.

Materials Exchange

This service matches businesses and individuals with unwanted materials with those searching for materials. The Material Exchange uses a computer network and printed catalogs to publicize the program and connect waste generators with potential users of unwanted materials. For more information log onto the material exchange web site to list or get information about items that are available at www.mnexchange.org . Some of the items that have been successful in the past are: packing peanuts, drums, boxes, pallets as well as office equipment and supplies and much more.

Medications

Most prescription and non-prescription medications from residences can be disposed of in your regular trash. Check out the Goodhue County Chemical Health Initiative's Medication Disposal Site for a disposal site near you: [Medication Disposal Location Database](#) . Chemotherapy drugs are hazardous wastes and should be returned to the hospital or pharmacy where purchased – they are extremely toxic. Also see "Sharps."

Mercury Wastes

Any mercury or items containing mercury such as: Thermometers, thermostats, button batteries, and other mercury containing items should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event. Businesses should treat any items containing mercury as a hazardous waste. Call Olmsted County Public Works 507 328-7078 for to see if you may be eligible for the Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) program .

Metal: Scrap

Many types of metal are accepted by scrap metal dealers, and recycling centers. See "Recycling Centers" or call dealers listed under "Scrap Metals Processing and Recycling" in the yellow pages.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts household quantities of scrap metal. Call to inquire about large quantities of scrap metals (651)385-3109. The hours are Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4 PM.

Milk Containers

Currently, most haulers in Goodhue County collect plastic milk jugs with their curbside recycling programs. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts plastic milk jugs. There is a 24 hour drop-off. Plastic milk jugs can also be taken to our other drop-off locations

Empty paperboard milk containers can be thrown in your garbage.

Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP)

Minnesota Technical Assistance Program

Businesses – MnTAP is a non-regulatory program based at the University of Minnesota that works with Minnesota businesses providing technical assistance in the areas of pollution prevention, waste management, and related environmental protection activities. They have developed or collected material that businesses can use to reduce waste and emissions based on current industrial practices and available technology. Among their many services are telephone assistance, site visits, technical assistance and referrals; all services are free of charge. For more information, call 1-800-247-0015.

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Nail Polish & Nail Polish Remover

Unusable or unwanted nail polish and nail polish remover should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Naval Jelly

Corrosive Cleaners - Drain Cleaners, oven cleaners, naval jelly, toilet bowl cleaners, concrete cleaner, etc. should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Needles

Needles and other sharps can injure garbage haulers and workers at waste processing facilities. Household generators of sharps should contact their Health Care Provider (or if from animal treatment, your Veterinarian) for disposal.

1. Sharps should be placed in a puncture resistant containers (preferably plastic opaque detergent containers but plastic pop and milk containers with a twist cap or metal coffee cans with the lid reinforced with duct tape will also be acceptable).
2. Label the container "SHARPS" secure the twist cap/lid. (Containers will not be accepted if they are not properly packaged or contain any waste other than the above mentioned "SHARPS" material).
3. Contact your Health Care Provider or Veterinarian during normal business hours. You will be responsible for handling and disposing of your own sharps container.
4. Contact Red Wing Solid Waste Campus 651-385-3658

Newspapers

Most haulers in Goodhue County collect newspapers (and their inserts) with their curbside recycling programs. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts newspapers. There is a 24 hour drop-off. Newspapers can also be taken to our other drop-off locations

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Office Paper

Most haulers in Goodhue County collect office paper with their curbside recycling programs. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts office paper. There is a 24 hour drop-off. Office paper can also be taken to our other drop-off locations.

Oil: Motor

Retailers who sell motor oil are required to accept it or tell you where you can take it. It is a violation of state law to dump used motor oil on the land or to put it with regular garbage. Check your local full service gas station or mechanic to see if they accept used oil and filters. Oil and oil filter recycling are available at the Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing. There is a 24 hour drop-off.

Oil and oil filter recycling are also available at the Wanamingo Demolition Landfill 651-385-3107 during regular open hours.

Oil Filters

See Oil: Motor

Oven Cleaner

Items such as window cleaners, oven cleaner, multipurpose cleaners, ammonia should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

P

Paint

Latex and oil-based paints, varnishes, wood stains, etc. should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Paint Thinners

Paint thinner, remover & stripper; nail polish removers, and spot & stain removers should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Paper

Currently, most haulers in Goodhue County collect newspaper, office paper, magazines and other types of paper with their curbside recycling programs. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements. Paper that is not recyclable include: paper towels, tissues, greeting cards, construction paper, coated paper, photographs, etc.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts paper. There is a 24 hour drop-off. Paper can also be taken to our other drop-off locations.

Pesticides: Non-Agricultural

Pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides and fungicides from residences should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Pet Waste

Bag, and throw in the trash.

Phone Books

Currently, most haulers in Goodhue County collect phone books with their curbside recycling programs. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts phone books. There is a 24 hour drop-off. Phone books can also be taken to our other drop-off locations. Recycle with newspapers.

Plastics

Currently, all haulers in Goodhue County collect plastic bottles (with a neck with #1 or #2 at the bottom) with their curbside recycling programs. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts plastic bottles. There is a 24 hour drop-off. Plastic bottles can also be taken to our other drop-off locations.

Product Exchange

FREE usable household products such as paints, stains and household cleaners are available at the **Olmsted County Hazardous Waste Facility** through their product reuse center. The Olmsted County Hazardous Waste Facility located at 305 Silver Creek Road, N.E. in Rochester. The facility is open Monday- Saturday from 8 AM to 5 PM. For more information call Olmsted County Hazardous Waste Facility at (507) 328-7078 (Monday –Saturday).

Propane Gas/Tanks/Cylinders

Pressure vessels, vented tanks, compressed gas fuel, gas bottles - Can be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

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Recyclable Materials

Currently, most haulers in Goodhue County collect recyclables with their curbside recycling programs. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts recyclables. There is a 24 hour drop-off. Recyclables can also be taken to our other drop-off locations.

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Scrap Metal and Salvage

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3. Contact your Health Care Provider or Veterinarian during normal business hours. You will be responsible for handling and disposing of your own sharps container.
4. Contact Red Wing Solid Waste Campus 651-385-3658

Business generators of infectious and pathological waste are required to contact the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Sheetrock

Loads of concrete, sheetrock/drywall, wood, plaster, metal, insulation, roofing/shingles, siding, bricks, etc. can be taken to:

Wanamingo Demolition Landfill 651-385-3107

Paul's Industrial Garage (P.I.G.), Diamond Bluff, WI 715-792-5209;

Red Wing Solid Waste Campus 651-385-3658;

Or contact your local waste hauler.

There will be a fee.

Make sure to separate hazardous materials from construction/demolition debris.

The following cannot be disposed of with construction/demolition materials. If they are not separated from building materials, you may pay a fine for an improperly sorted load or a higher fee if the entire load has to be disposed of as garbage:

- Adhesives
- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Brush
- Carpet & Carpet Padding
- Caulking
- Corrugated Cardboard, except that reinforced with wood or Styrofoam
- Electrical Ballasts
- Fluorescent Lights
- Municipal Solid Waste/Garbage
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- Paints, Solvents, Flammable Liquids, Combustible or Ignitable Wastes
- Petroleum-based Products
- Tar Pails

- Tires
- Treated Wood-plywood, particle board, green lumber

See disposal options for above items on this site.

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Shingles

Loads of concrete, sheetrock/drywall, wood, plaster, metal, insulation, roofing/shingles, siding, bricks, etc. can be taken to:

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Solvents and Solvent-Based Cleaners

Waxes, polishes, spot removers, degreasers, and other petroleum based products should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Spot Remover

See "Solvents" above.

Stains

Unwanted wood stains, unusable paint – Latex and oil-based paints, varnishes, etc. should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.



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Tar and Adhesive Pails

Adhesives - Glues, caulking compounds, epoxy resins, pastes, joint fillers, wood putty, grout, spackling compounds, rubber cement should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Telephone Books

Currently, most haulers in Goodhue County collect phone books with their curbside recycling programs. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts phone books. There is a 24 hour drop-off. Phone books can also be taken to our other drop-off locations. Recycle with newspapers.

Thermostats and Mercury Thermometers

Most thermostats, and many thermometers contain mercury, they should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Alcohol (red liquid) thermometers may be thrown in the trash.

Tin Cans

Most haulers in Goodhue County collect steel/tin cans with their curbside recycling programs. Check with your hauler regarding sorting requirements.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center located at 3745 Highway 61 N. in Red Wing accepts cans. There is a 24 hour drop-off. Aluminum cans may be co-mingled with tin cans. Cans can also be taken to our other drop-off locations.

Tires

Most tire dealers offer tire disposal at a minimal cost. Tires can also be taken Wanamingo Demolition Landfill 651-385-3107 during business hours.

Tires can also be taken to AMG Alliance, Red Wing 651-388-1790.

There will be a fee.

Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Unwanted or unusable window cleaners, multipurpose cleaners, ammonia should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Tours

For group tours of Goodhue County Recycling Center call 651-385-3109.

Treated Wood

Call your local waste hauler. Self haulers can contact the City of Red Wing Solid Waste Campus, 651-385-3658 or Paul's Industrial Garage (P.I.G.), Diamond Bluff, WI 715-792-5209

If disposed of improperly, treated wood can cause pollution of air, soil and drinking water. Citizens should make sure that it is brought to a facility meeting state and federal environmental protection standards

Tree Debris and Brush

Tree removal services are available; check the yellow pages under "Tree Service".

Call the city nearest you for information on their brush disposal options. If you live in a rural area, you can call the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at (651) 345-3216 or the local Township Fire Warden to get a permit to burn brush. Notify the Goodhue County Sheriffs office the day of the burn.

Brush and tree debris was banned from the waste stream in 1987 by the Minnesota State Legislature to reduce landfill use.

The Red Wing Solid Waste Campus, 651-385-3658, has a brush/compost program.

TV's

Electronic Devices such as electrical ballasts, capacitors, color computer monitors, CPUs, colored TVs, stereo equipment, VCRs, DVD players, can be taken to the Goodhue County Demolition Debris Landfill 44284 135TH Avenue, Zumbrota, MN 55992, during business hours. Please call 651-385-3025 to receive information on the Landfill hours. There will be a fee.



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Varnish

Unusable or unwanted paint - Latex and oil-based paints, varnishes, wood stains, etc. should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Program

Businesses generating hazardous waste must comply with state and federal regulations to properly manage these wastes. Businesses that generate less than 220 pounds per month are classified as VSQG's. The Olmsted County Public Works Department has a VSQG program providing a cost-effective local solution for small amounts of hazardous waste. This is available to Goodhue County businesses. The Olmsted County Hazardous Waste Facility located at 305 Silver Creek Road, N.E. in Rochester. The facility is open Monday- Saturday from 8 AM to 5 PM. For more information call Olmsted County Hazardous Waste Facility at (507) 328-7078 (Monday –Saturday).

Businesses that generate more than 10 gallons per year, of hazardous wastes must obtain an EPA identification number. Call the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at (507) 285-7343 for assistance.

There may be ways to reduce or eliminate the use of hazardous chemicals and save money in the process. To receive fact sheets, or reference lists, see "Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP)."

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Waste Exchange

See "Product Exchange" and "Materials Exchange."

Windshield Washer Fluid

Unusable or unwanted windshield washer fluid should be brought to a mobile hazardous waste collection event.

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Yard Waste

Non-woody yard, garden and food waste.

Mow your lawn on a regular basis to keep the clippings short and let them fall where they may. This can feed your lawn and make it healthier.

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