

Please don't throw me away!

This Is Your 2012 Recycling/Trash Pickup Information

Fifteen La Crosse County communities have joined to provide information about their recycling and trash pickup programs. Inside you'll find community-specific information on disposing of your household trash and recyclables.

City of La Crosse	608-789-7508	www.cityoflacrosse.org
City of Onalaska	608-781-9500	www.cityofonalaska.com
Town of Bangor	608-486-4543	
Village of Bangor	608-486-4084	
Town of Burns	608-486-4272	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfBurns
Town of Campbell	608-783-0050	www.frenchislandwi.com
Town of Farmington	608-857-3139	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfFarmington
Town of Greenfield	608-788-6885	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfGreenfield
Town of Hamilton	608-786-0989	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfHamilton
Town of Holland	608-526-3354	www.townofhollandwi.org
Village of Holmen	608-526-4336	www.holmenwi.com
Town of Medary	608-781-2275	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfMedary
Town of Onalaska	608-783-4958	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/townofonalaska
Town of Shelby	608-788-1032	www.townofshelby.com
Village of West Salem	608-786-1858	www.westsalemwi.com

Household Hazardous Materials Collection

LOCATION	HOURS
La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) 6502 State Road 16, La Crosse <i>Directions:</i> The HHM facility is at the La Crosse County Landfill Complex. Take State Road 16 east toward West Salem. The facility is approximately 1/2 mile east of Interstate 90 on the south side of State Road 16 (see map on front).	NEW! EXPANDED HOURS STARTING JANUARY 2012 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY Monday, 11:00 am-4:00 pm Thursday, 9:00 am-4 pm Call 785-9999 for an appointment. NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED Tuesday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm Wednesday, 10:00 am-6:00 pm 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9:00 am-noon CLOSED FRIDAYS AND HOLIDAYS
VSQG Businesses that qualify as Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG) can use the HHM program for a fee. Call 608-789-8757 for a free consultation.	
For answers to questions, call La Crosse County HHM program, 785-9999 or visit our Web site: www.lacrossecounty.org/hhm	

Garage & Workshop	Transmission fluid	Fertilizer (without pesticides)	T
Acetone H	Turpentine H	Fertilizer (with pesticides) H	
Artist's paint & media H	Varnish H	Fungicide H	
Antifreeze H	Windshield washer solution D	Furniture polish H	
Autobody repair products H	Wood filler H	Insect spray H	
Automobile oil H	Wood preservative H	Light ballasts H	
Battery acid H		Metal polish, solvent-based H	
Brake fluid H		Mothballs H	
Car wax, solvent-based H		Pesticides H	
Compressed gas cylinders (propane) H		Pool chemicals H	
Contact cement H		Rat poison H	
Driveway sealer H		Shoe polish H	
Explosives U		Spot remover H	
Fiberglass epoxy H		Stump remover H	
Fluorescent light bulbs H		Thermostats (mercury) H	
Gasoline/oil mixtures H		Weed killer H	
Gasoline & other fuels H			
Glue, solvent-based H			
Glue, water-based H			
Joint compound H			
Kerosene H			
Lighter fluid H			
Nonautomotive oils H			
Oil filters (see back) H			
Paint, latex H			
Paint, oil-based H			
Paint thinner H			
Paint stripper H			
Parts cleaner H			
Photographic chemicals H			
Rust remover H			
Shellac H			
Stain H			

* Note: Businesses that qualify as Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG) can use the HHM program for a fee. VSQGs must pre-register and schedule an appointment before bringing materials to the collection facility. Call 785-9999 to receive a pre-registration and VSQG qualification packet.

The 2012 Recycler

Pharmaceuticals Drop-Off

The Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) site still accepts most unwanted pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter medications.

Because of regulations, the HHM site can no longer accept pharmaceuticals regulated as controlled substances. These include

- prescription painkillers
- stimulants
- strong sedatives
- muscle relaxants
- steroids
- codeine

Special collection events to collect all unwanted pharmaceuticals **including controlled substances** will be held on four dates in 2012:

February 18; spring, summer, and fall collection dates will be advertised.

For more information, call **785-9999** or check out our Web site, www.lacrossecounty.org/hhm.

All e-waste is sent to a recycler that is registered with the Wisconsin DNR.

E-Waste Recycling

Electronics are BANNED from disposal in Wisconsin landfills or incinerators—they MUST be recycled. For more information on recycling electronic waste in Wisconsin, visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/ecycle/index.htm>

You may recycle electronic waste (e-waste) at the Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) site (see hours above). Acceptable items:

- Printers
- Keyboards/ Mice
- Computer accessories
- Stereos
- Fax machines
- Disk drives
- Telephones
- Microwaves
- Copiers
- Circuit boards
- Cameras
- CB and ham radios
- Computer monitors
- VCRs/DVD players
- Computer gaming items
- CPUs
- Laptops
- Cable/satellite TV equipment

\$0.10/lb. for all e-waste

Not accepted: dehumidifiers, air conditioners, anything with coolant or Freon

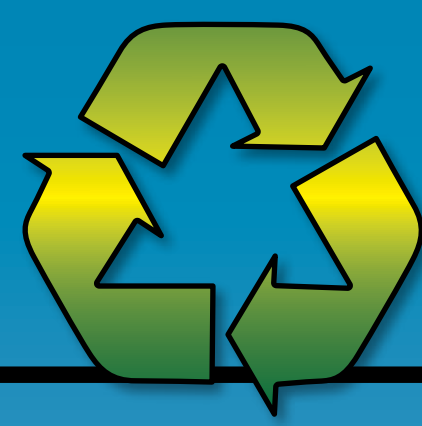
What Are the Environmental Benefits of Reusing and Recycling E-Waste?

Electronic products are made from valuable resources, such as precious and other metals, plastics, and glass, all of which require energy to mine and manufacture. Reusing and recycling these materials from end-of-life electronics conserves our natural resources and avoids air and water pollution caused by mining and the manufacturing new products.

For example:

- Recycling one million laptops saves the energy equivalent to the electricity used by 3,657 U.S. homes in a year.
- One ton of circuit boards can contain 40 to 800 times the amount of gold and 30 to 40 times the amount of copper mined from one ton of ore in the United States.
- By recycling 100 million cell phones, 3.4 tons of gold is recovered.

For more information, call 785-9999 or visit our Web site, www.lacrossecounty.org/hhm.



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Important recycling information for you

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For missed pickups of trash or recycling, please call your waste hauler or municipality.

Public Use of County Landfill

La Crosse County's easily accessible public drop-off site at 6500 Highway 16 is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. We accept waste from homeowners, renters, and businesses located around the region.



There are eight numbered and labeled containers so that you can separate your waste appropriately. Disposal fees are 5¢ per pound, payable at the site (minimum \$2). Your vehicle will be weighed upon entering and leaving the landfill site to determine cost. There is a 3% convenience fee (minimum \$2 per transaction) for the use of credit or debit cards. **You must stop at the scale to be weighed, and you must provide your own labor.**

What Can Be Dropped Off?

Large Items: Furniture and furnishings including upholstered items, general household waste, toys, bikes, grills, lawnmowers (without gas and oil), mattresses, stoves, hot water heaters, washers, dryers, small appliances, etc.

Clothing & Shoes

Demolition/Construction Debris: Wood, drywall, doors, windows, sinks, toilets, tubs, roofing, bricks, carpets, tile, flooring.

Garbage: Normal household waste like bagged waste, paper, and food waste. Place in the Xcel waste-to-energy bin.

Other: Yard waste/grass clippings, shingles, brush, and animal carcasses.

Tires: May be dropped off for a higher fee.

What Cannot Be Dropped Off?

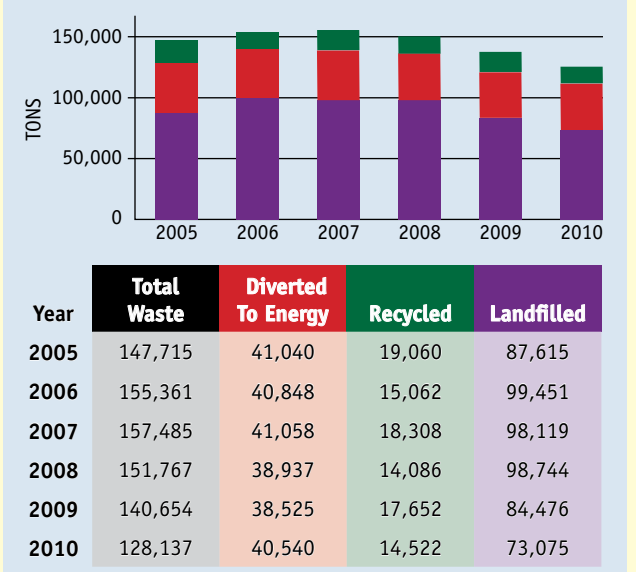
Hazardous waste, propane tanks, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, air conditioners, and anything else with Freon or coolant cannot be accepted.

No Salvaging

Only people authorized by site attendants may use the facility. Security cameras are in use, and violators will be referred to law enforcement.

If you have questions, call **785-9572** or visit the Solid Waste Department Web site: www.lacrossecounty.org/solidwaste.

Waste Diversion Rates



The above graph illustrates the disposal and diversion of waste within the La Crosse County system. This includes all the waste sent to the Xcel Energy plant and the La Crosse County Landfill, but excludes the waste recycled curbside. In 2010 over 74,000 tons of waste was sent to Xcel and over 86,000 tons to the landfill. The Solid Waste Department and Xcel Energy helped reduce the amount of waste going into the landfill by diverting this valuable resource into either energy production or recycling programs.

Some of these programs include converting used shingles from a waste product into material that can be used in reducing the amount of asphalt for roads. Clean wood waste is ground up and sold to Xcel Energy to produce energy, and waste concrete is crushed and used for other applications including a replacement for gravel on roads. Other wastes that are recycled include tires, scrap metal, yard waste, and cardboard.

Because of these successful diversion programs over 42 percent of all waste sent into the solid waste system in 2010 was recycled or reused. This reduces the impact of these wastes on our environment because they become a resource instead of a waste; this will also help keep our existing landfill space available for many more years, eliminating the need to locate another landfill within our region.

La Crosse County Sharps Collection Program

Household generated "sharps" are accepted at the La Crosse County Hazardous Materials Facility FREE of charge from La Crosse County residents. (Business and out-of-county generated sharps are accepted by appointment and for a fee.)

Never place loose sharps in the garbage.

The following sharps are accepted:

- Needles
- Syringes
- Lancets
- Test strips
- PICC lines

Procedure:

- Place the sharps in puncture resistant containers (either a registered red sharps container or a thick plastic container such as a laundry detergent or bleach bottle).

NOTE: If the sharps are in a container other than the two listed above, they will not be accepted.

- Label the container "SHARPS" and lock the lid.

- Bring the container to the Household Hazardous Materials Facility.

Because loose sharps are dangerous, a HHM technician cannot remove sharps from a container.

Call 785-9999 for operating hours or for more information.



Green Tier

The La Crosse County Solid Waste Department became Wisconsin's first publicly owned solid waste disposal system to join the state's Green Tier program. This program encourages participants to voluntarily collaborate with the state Department of Natural Resources to go beyond compliance with regulations and to achieve superior environmental performance. The result is that over 40 percent of the waste delivered to the La Crosse County System does not go into the landfill. This waste is diverted to a recycling program or to Xcel to produce electricity.

Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Cathy Stepp congratulated County officials for their foresight. "I never imagined I could be so impressed with a landfill operation," Stepp said. "The extent of your recycling programs is amazing, and you have found two different ways to turn waste into energy. It's wonderful to think you will be turning landfill gas into a source of heat and energy for a medical complex. We are very proud of your accomplishments."

For more information visit La Crosse County Solid Waste Department's Green Tier webpage at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/participants/LAXcounty/index.htm>.

Large Item Center & Yard Waste Disposal

Leaves, Grass, and Other Yard Waste

You may bring leaves, grass clippings, and other yard and garden waste to the disposal site located at the Town Shop. A garbage can is provided so that you can dispose of bags you bring to the site. **This area is for your convenience; please do not abuse it by leaving household trash or other unacceptable materials. PLEASE—No brush, limbs, or twigs are accepted at the leaves/grass site.**

Brush Chipping (☐ on calendar)

Dates: Brush will be chipped at your residence on the **second Wednesday of the month May through October** (see calendar). You must call the Town Hall at 783-4958 no later than the Monday before the second Wednesday to be put on the chipping list.

Acceptable brush and preparation: Brush must be cut in 6- to 10-foot lengths and cannot exceed 6 inches in diameter. It may not be piled higher than 3 feet, and the pile may not be longer than 12 feet. **The purpose of the chipping program is to help residents with brush that occurs at their residence due to spring cleanup and/or damage done by wind, etc. The Town does not chip brush cleared from "woods" around a home or a brush cleared from building sites. Note: During winter months, absolutely no brush will be accepted/dropped off at the recycling yard.**

Chip delivery: If you wish to have chips delivered to your residence, call the Town Hall at 783-4958 and the chips will be delivered at no charge. You will be called before delivery so that you may mark a spot for the chips to be unloaded.

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees with decorations removed are accepted at the leaves and grass disposal site just to the left of the main gate into the Town Shop area.

Large Item Drop Off and Recycling Center (○ on calendar)

Location: The Drop Off Center is located at the Town Shop at W7024 Josie Street in Midway, one block north of the Town Hall.

Hours: Some Tuesdays from 7:30am to 9:30am and some Saturdays from 8am–noon. **Check the calendar for which Tuesdays and Saturdays the Center is open.** The Center is closed in January, February, and December, and if there is measurable snow on a Saturday in March, the Center will be closed.

Vehicle sticker required: One vehicle sticker per household is issued each year to residents of the Town of Onalaska. Please obtain your sticker at the Town Hall during regular hours before you use the Center and place it in the corner of your vehicle's windshield. **Commercial vehicles with any type of advertising on them may not use the Center. The Center is for the use of Town residents only.**

Items Unacceptable at Recycling Drop Off Center

NO construction, demolition, or commercial materials

Items include: roofing materials, bath tubs, shower enclosures, windows, sheet rock, brick, concrete, asphalt, and kitchen cabinets. Please contact a private hauler.

NO styrofoam packing materials

NO gas tanks

NO hazardous waste including lawn/garden chemicals

See outside of brochure for information on hazardous waste disposal.

NO appliances, TVs, computers, or computer parts

Contact Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling, W6833 Industrial Blvd., Onalaska, 783-6727; Runde Metal Recycling, 647 Commerce Street, Holmen, 526-9358; or Scientific Recycling, 659 Commerce Street, Holmen, 526-9777 for disposal of appliances and electronic items. Electronics may also be recycled at La Crosse County Household Hazardous Waste—see outside of brochure for information.

Acceptable items:

- Automotive batteries
- Waste oil
- Antifreeze
- Scrap metal
- Furniture
- Carpeting
- Bathroom fixtures
- Hot water heaters
- Some tires (see below)
- Corrugated cardboard (clean and flattened). Cardboard is also accepted at Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling free of charge. Report to the office and they will direct you as to the disposal of the cardboard.

Tires: Tires must be removed from their rims. This includes lawn mower, bike, wagon, and car tires. We will take both tire and rim, but **only if they are separated. Each household is limited to no more than four tires per year. Tires from farm or commercial vehicles are not accepted.**

Unacceptable items: See gray box below.

Reminder: No household trash is accepted at the Center. Household trash must be placed in a refuse bag and put out for pickup at your home.

White Goods

See the outside of this brochure for information on recycling white goods and e-waste. Other options include

- Scientific Recycling at 659 Commerce Street, Holmen, 608-526-9777 (\$12 fee for most appliances. They will accept e-waste free except TVs).
- Runde Metal Recycling at 647 Commerce Street, Holmen, 608-526-9358. (They pay for most appliances. They do not take refrigerants, TVs, or e-waste.)

Burn Permits

Effective January 1, 2009—Burn barrels are no longer allowed in the Town of Onalaska.

The Holmen Fire Department's goal is to provide and promote safeguards to protect and prevent the public and their property from fire. The Holmen Area Fire Department requires that you obtain a burn permit under the fire district ordinance before any material can be burned. Campfires and the like must be inspected by the fire department before they can be used for recreational purposes, and materials burned are defined and regulated by Wisconsin State Statutes.

If it is your desire to openly burn, or start a campfire on your property, you must contact the Holmen Area Fire Department for information regarding your burn and permits available. Our office hours are: Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 5:00pm. Thank you for your time and attention and have a great 2012.

Holmen Area Fire Department
710 S. Main Street P.O. Box 92, Holmen, Wisconsin 54636

Phone (608) 526-9363

Burning permits for areas south of Highway 0T are covered by the Onalaska Fire Department. Permits are available at the town hall during business hours.

Curbside Trash Pickup Guidelines

Preparing Trash

Placed all trash in Town-issued bags. **Only these bags will be picked up.** See below for locations that sell approved bags.

Tie bags closed. You may place them in a trash can to avoid damage, but they must be tied closed.

If you use a trash compactor, you are allowed **one compacted bag of refuse per Town-issued bag.**

The Town will not pick up trash bags that contain recycling material. The waste hauler will tag the bag indicating the violation.

Placement of Bags

Place all bags in one location at the edge of the road. They may be placed out the night before your pickup day or by 5am on your pickup day.

Purchasing Bags

You may purchase bags at these locations for \$1.30 each.

- Midway BP**
3917 Circle Drive, Holmen
- Festival Foods**
1260 Crossing Meadows Drive Onalaska
- Holmen Hardware Hank**
205 S. Holmen Drive, Holmen
- Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling**
W6833 Industrial Boulevard Onalaska
- Town Hall**
W7052 Second Street, Onalaska
- Kwik Trip**
W6782 Abbey Road, Onalaska
- Festival Foods—Holmen**
600 North Holmen Drive, Holmen

If your trash is not picked up, please contact Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling immediately at 783-6727.

Contact Information

Onalaska Town Hall
W7052 Second Street, Onalaska (Midway)
Phone: 783-4958 Fax: 779-9605
E-mail: townofonalaska@charter.net

JAN-MAR & NOV-DEC
Monday 8am–6pm
Tuesday 8am–5pm
Wednesday 8am–5pm
Thursday 8am–5pm
Friday 8am–noon
closed for lunch from 1pm–2pm

APRIL-OCTOBER
Monday 8am–6pm
Tuesday 7am–5pm
Wednesday 8am–5pm
Thursday 8am–5pm
Friday 8am–noon

Closed New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving day and the Friday after, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve

Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling
W6833 Industrial Blvd., Onalaska (Monday–Friday 8am–5pm; Saturday 8am–noon)
Phone: 783-6727 (24-hour answering)

Household Hazardous Waste Site
6500 Hwy 16, La Crosse (La Crosse County Landfill)
Phone: 785-9999

You will receive a brochure like this at the beginning of each year, so please keep it! If you misplace it, please call the Town Hall at 783-4958.

Please visit our web site
www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/townofonalaska

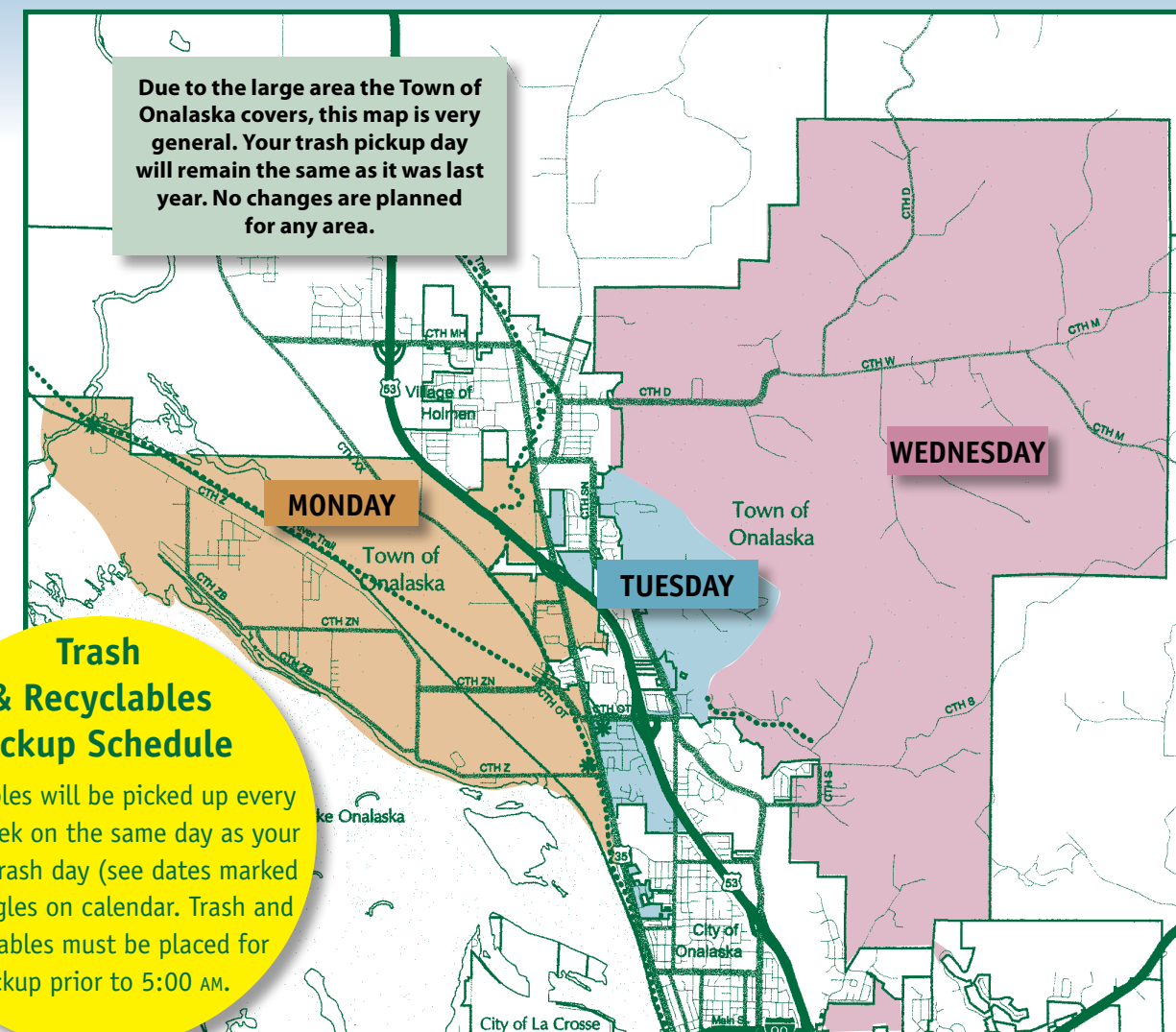
2012 Town of Onalaska Trash & Recycling Pickup Schedules

Trash Pickup

Trash is collected once a week on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, according to the color-coded areas on the map at right and the calendar below. When a holiday falls on one of these days, collection will be delayed for one day.

Recycling Bins

If you move, the dark green recycling bin should be left at the Town of Onalaska residence for the subsequent owner. New or replacement bins may be purchased at the Town Hall



Calendar for Curbside Trash & Recyclables Pickup and Curbside Brush Chipping • Large Item/Recycling Center Drop Off Dates

If you have questions or concerns, please call Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling at 783-6727 or the Town Hall, 783-4958.

No Center Hours in January							No Center Hours in February							MARCH 2012							APRIL 2012							
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Holidays: NO refuse and/or curbside recycling pickup. Large Item/Recycling Drop Off Center CLOSED. **Large Item/Recycling Drop Off Center open Tuesday 7:30–9:30am and Saturday 8am–noon.** **Curbside recycling** **Curbside brush chipping**

How to Prepare Recyclables

<p>GLASS: Jars and bottles only!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO light bulbs, dishes, glassware, window glass, mirrors, or ceramics. Remove lids and metal rings, empty, and rinse clean. 	<p>TIN CANS: Empty food, paint, aerosol cans only!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO chemicals, scrap metal, or vehicle parts. Empty, rinse clean, and remove labels. Ends of cans can stay attached. Flattening of food cans is appreciated. 	<p>ALUMINUM: Cans only!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO food or pie plates Drain liquid and rinse cans clean. Flattening is appreciated. 	<p>PLASTIC: Bottles only!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO plastic packaging, ice cream buckets, food containers, or Styrofoam. Look for #1 or #2 mark (milk jugs, soda and water bottles). Rinse clean; discard cap. 	<p>CARTONS: NEW! Milk, juice, broth, soup, and other food & beverage cartons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is a carton? It's a type of food and beverage packaging. There are two types: shelf-stable (broth, soup, soy milk, juice, milk, wine) and refrigerated (milk, juice, cream, egg substitutes). Drain liquid.
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Place glass, tin cans, aluminum cans, plastic, and cartons, together loosely in recycling bin.

NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES

- NO junk mail.
- Newspapers (including shiny inserts), magazines, and telephone books are acceptable.
- Keep papers as dry as possible! If rain/snow is predicted, please wait until your next recycling week to set out.

Bundle newspapers and magazines with cotton string or place in a brown paper grocery bag and place beside your blue recycling bin.