This guide contains information on how to properly dispose of the most commonly asked about items. If you do not find the material you are looking for within, please contact the Recycling coordinator.
**AGRICULTURAL FILMS**

**Ag and Silage Plastic Recycling**
Farms that produce more than 3,000 pounds of Ag plastic per year can request an 8-yard dumpster to be placed on their property, at no cost to the farm. Farms that produce less than 3,000 pounds a year are highly encouraged to partner with neighboring farms to share a dumpster.

A new program for smaller producers is now available. Recapture Recycling Bags can now be obtained from the company, each holds 200 lbs of plastic. When five of them are filled, the company will come to pick them up for free.

Revolution Plastics will collect the films on a set schedule or by appointment.

Sign up Online: www.revolutionplastics.com
Sign up by phone: (844) 490-7873

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**ALUMINUM CANS**

Cans may be recycled using public or private drop-offs, curbside collection, or buyback centers. A list of scrap metal dealers can be found on the scrap Metal page.

**Aluminum for Charity**
Some non-profit organizations, like Ronald McDonald House Charities, collect tabs from aluminum cans for fundraising. Check with local organizations for details.

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**AMERICAN FLAGS**

According to the United States Flag Code, any American flag that is worn, damaged, or tattered beyond repair should be disposed of in a respectful and dignified manner.

If you wish to dispose of a retired American flag please take to:

**American Legion**
634 Water Street
Eau Claire, WI  54703

**Eau Claire County Courthouse**
(Drop box outside main entrance)
721 Oxford Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703

The American Legion will properly dispose of all flags in a formal flag retirement ceremony. Worn and tattered flags can either be dropped off in the red, white, and blue mailbox outside the buildings or handed to a Legion member at the American Legion.
This company accepts used and unused ammunition, reloading supplies, and guns for recycling and proper disposal.

The Long Shot
106 E Lincoln Avenue
Fall Creek, WI 54742
(715) 877-1760

The following major appliances are banned from Wisconsin landfills:
• Air Conditioners
• Washers & Dryers
• Dishwashers
• Dehumidifiers & Humidifiers
• Freezers
• Furnace Boilers
• Microwave Ovens
• Stoves & Ovens
• Refrigerators
• Water Heaters

Recycling and proper disposal of broken appliances can be done year-round at the following locations. Contact the companies with questions and fee information.

First Choice Recycling
525 Park Ridge Court
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 833-2005

See Scrap Metal page for details on local scrap recyclers who may accept appliances.
Materials containing asbestos can be disposed of at the Seven Mile Creek Landfill. A profile MUST be completed before asbestos waste can be accepted. Contact Advanced Disposal with questions.

**Advanced Disposal Seven Mile Creek Landfill**
8001 Olson Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 830-0284

As of November 2017, the charges for land-filling asbestos are as follows:

Profile fee: $70.00  
Disposal fee: $125.00 for up to one ton, additional $125.00 per ton beyond the first.

* All loads of asbestos must be weighed in and out and will be billed accordingly.

**Auto Waste: Batteries and Fuel**

Antifreeze, lead-acid batteries, tires, motor oil, and oil filters are banned by state law from landfills. Antifreeze and oil filters are accepted as part of the County Clean Sweep program, for a fee. Motor oil and transmission fluid are accepted as part of Clean Sweep at no charge.

Empty motor oil containers are not recyclable and should be thrown into the trash. Lead acid batteries (automotive batteries) may be taken to any retailer in Wisconsin who sells them. If you are not buying a battery, you may be charged a recycling fee by the store. Scrap yards also accept lead acid batteries, and depending on the market price of lead, may pay you a small amount.

Gas and fuel must be brought to Clean Sweep events.
**Batteries**

**Alkaline - Dry Cell Batteries**
Common household alkaline batteries (AA, C, D, etc.) can be disposed of in the trash or brought to Clean Sweep events for a fee.

**Button and Lithium Batteries**
Button batteries are commonly used in hearing aids and watches may be returned to jewelry stores or hearing aid businesses. Both lithium and button batteries can be recycled at a Clean Sweep Event.

**Rechargeable Batteries**

- **First Choice Recycling**
  525 Park Ridge Court
  Eau Claire, WI  54703
  (715) 833-2005

- **Batteries + Bulbs**
  3115 East Hamilton Drive
  Eau Claire, WI  54703
  (715) 318-3246

- **Best Buy**
  4090 Commonwealth Avenue
  Eau Claire, WI  54701
  (715) 833-0666

- **County Courthouse**
  721 Oxford Avenue
  Eau Claire, WI  54703

- **Rassbach Communications**
  405 N Hastings Plaza
  Eau Claire, WI  54703
  (715) 832-6763

- **Verizon Wireless**
  3755 Oakwood Mall Drive
  Eau Claire, WI  54701
  (715) 835-7370

**Bicycles**

**Donate or Sell**
Bicycles that are in working order can be sold or donated. Check with local charities for interest in bicycles. These items can also be sold through social media sites. Please take precautions if utilizing these services.

**Recycle**
Any non-working bicycle can be recycled free of charge at scrap yards. They can also be placed in the scrap metals boxes located at the Bridge Creek and Union transfer stations and the Seven Mile Creek Landfill.

**Bike Tires**
Tires can be recycled for a very small fee:

- **Eau Claire Bike and Sport**
  403 Water Street
  Eau Claire, WI 54703
  (715) 832-6149
**BOOKS AND MAGAZINES**

**Donate**
Take books to Goodwill, Hope Gospel, or check with your local library to see if they are interested in the books.

**Hardcover Books**
The covers of hardcover books are not recyclable as they are a combination of paper, fabric, and occasionally plastic. You can cut the covers off, and recycle the inner pages with your regular recycling.

**Soft cover Books**
These are readily recyclable in your regular recycling, curbside or drop off.

**Magazines**
These can be recycled in large quantities at our drop sites. Hours and Locations can be found here. Small numbers can go in your curbside bin. Please remove any plastic sleeves.

**CARPET**

**Reuse**
Habitat for Humanity
145 N Clairemont Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 895-8177

**Landfill**
Seven Mile Creek Landfill - Advanced Disposal
Special Fees Apply

**CLOTHING**

**Donate**

**Hope Gospel Mission**
2511 Moholt Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 839-9498

**King’s Closet**
310 S Barstow Street
Eau Claire, WI 54701

**Goodwill Industries**
3605 Gateway Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 835-0532

**Savers**
2833 Mall Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 835-8500

**Bethesda Thrift Shop**
3718 London Road
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 834-7875

**Once Upon a Child**
4058 Commonwealth Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 514-4730

**Plato’s Closet**
3561 Gateway Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 836-7800

**Consignments / Resale**

**Here We Grow Again Consignment Sale**
915 Menomonie Street
Eau Claire, WI 54703

**Cherry Pickers**
Oakwood Mall
4800 Golf Road
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 514-3566

**Donate**

**Donate**

Donation sites also accept unwearable clothing. Mark clearly as “Recycling” and they will add it to their bales to be recycled.
**CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS**

**Reusable Construction Materials**  
Reusable materials can be donated to local charities. This includes doors, windows, kitchen and bath cabinets, plumbing fixtures, appliances, new carpet and carpet tiles, pavers, and other miscellaneous building items in new and good condition.

- **Hope Gospel Mission**  
  2108 Western Avenue  
  Eau Claire, WI 54703  
  (715) 838-2084

- **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**  
  145 N Clairemont Ave  
  Eau Claire, WI 54703  
  (715) 895-8177

- **Roofing Shingles**  
  **Senn Blacktop**  
  12154 40th Avenue  
  Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
  (715) 723-8527

- **Asphalt and Cement (without rebar)**  
  **Red Flint Rock & Stone**  
  717 Short Street  
  Eau Claire, WI 54701  
  (715) 855-7750

  *$40.00 per load fee

- **General Construction and Demolition Debris**  
  Includes concrete, wood, siding, brick, shingles, windows, plaster, and masonry

- **Advanced Disposal Seven Mile Creek Landfill**  
  8001 Olson Drive  
  Eau Claire, WI 54703  
  (715) 830-0284

  *Standard tipping fees apply.

**ELECTRONICS, COMPUTERS, AND TVS**

It is illegal to send electronics to the landfill. These products are considered hazardous materials by the EPA. Electronics must be appropriately recycled.

- **Donate**  
  **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**  
  145 N Clairemont Avenue  
  Eau Claire, WI 54703  
  (715) 895-8177

- **Recycle**  
  **First Choice Recycling**  
  525 Park Ridge Court  
  Eau Claire, WI 54703  
  (715) 833-2005

  **Best Buy**  
  4090 Commonwealth Avenue  
  (715) 833-0666  
  *Size limit on TVs

  There are no locations or times of the year when televisions can be recycled for free. Plan for the longevity of your device when making your purchase, so the bite of the fee does not sting so much.
FURNITURE

Sell or Donate

Habitat for Humanity
145 N Clairemont Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 895-8177

Goodwill Industries
3605 Gateway Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 835-0532

Hope Gospel Mission
8 South Farwell Street
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 552-5566

Savers
2833 Mall Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 835-8500

Local churches and other nonprofit organizations may also take these items. Note that most will not accept mattresses. Contact the organization for details.

Landfill

Waste haulers offer a free limited bulk item pick-up twice a year: spring and fall. Call your hauler for details and availability.

The following options are available year-round:
• Your garbage hauler will pick up most large items for an additional fee.
• Bring the item(s) directly to Seven Mile Creek Landfill. There is a fee for disposal.
• Bring the item(s) to a town transfer station. There is a fee for disposal.

GLASS

All colored container glass bottles and jars are accepted (e.g. jelly, spaghetti sauce, beer, and wine bottles). Rinse all containers; labels do not need to be removed. Do remove lids and put lids in the trash.

Please do not place broken glass in the recycling bin, as it can be a hazard for the sanitation workers. This should be placed in the trash.

Not Recyclable

These items have chemical compositions that make them incompatible for recycling with container glass:
• Windows
• Ceramics
• Cookware
• Light bulbs
• Drinking glasses
• Mirrors
• Eye glasses

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Eau Claire County Recycling sponsors a holiday light collection each winter. The collection starts around America Recycles Day (November 15) and runs through the middle of January.

County Courthouse Main Entrance
721 Oxford Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703

We accept:
• Electrical cords
• Strands of holiday lights
• Telephone cords
• Appliance cords

We do not accept:
• Cord adapters
• Battery packs
• Plastic rope lights
• Compact Fluorescent Lights
**Light Bulbs**

WRR Environmental Services accepts all sizes and types of light bulbs during County sponsored Clean Sweep Events. Fees do apply.

The business listed below will accept specific light bulbs any time of the year. Contact the business with questions.

**Batteries Plus**
3115 East Hamilton Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 318-3246

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**Medicines and Sharps**

**Medication**
Drop off medications at the sites below.

**Sharps**
Sharps are a biohazard, and must be handled very carefully. The DNR has information on how to handle sharps when you don’t have a red container on their website.

Sharps need to be collected in red containers. These can be acquired from most pharmacies. Speak with your doctor about where you can dispose of the full containers. Most pharmacies will NOT accept full containers.
Paint and Paint Cans

**Paint Cans**
Metal paint cans that have a slight residue of paint left over can be recycled through a scrap metal dealer. Plastic paint cans must be landfilled.

**Latex Paint**

**Donate**
If you have paint that you no longer need but is a nearly full container, you may be able to donate it at one of the following organizations:

- **Hope Gospel Mission**
  8 South Farwell Street
  Eau Claire, WI 54703
  (715) 552-5566

- **Habitat for Humanity**
  145 N Clairemont Avenue
  Eau Claire, WI 54703
  (715) 895-8177

**Dry and Landfill**
Drying paint prevents liquid from leaching down into the water tables. The following are suggestions for drying paint. Whenever drying paint, make sure it is in a well-ventilated, sheltered location away from children and pets.

As a last resort, both latex and oil paint are accepted through the Clean Sweep program but there is a charge of $1.00 - $4.00 per can for latex paint depending on the size of the can.

**Oil or Lead Based Paint**
Bring these items to a Clean Sweep event for proper disposal. There is no fee for oil or lead based paints.

Paper and Cardboard

**The following paper materials are accepted:**

- Egg cartons
- Spiral notebooks
- Paperback books
- Brown paper bags
- Cereal or cracker boxes
- Construction paper
- Office paper
- Mail
- Cardboard boxes
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Catalogs
- Phone Books
- Box board

To be recycled, cardboard must be clean. If contaminated with grease, oil, paint, food or coated with wax, they cannot be accepted and should be thrown away. Packaging materials sometimes found in cardboard boxes such as Styrofoam and plastic bags must be removed.

Pallets

In Wisconsin alone, over 150,000 tons of pallets are land-filled each year. They are expensive to dispose of in large quantities. The following companies take these for grinding:

- **Menards**
  (715) 876-2151

- **Specialty Pallet and Crate**
  205 East Street
  Boyceville, WI 54725
  (715) 643-2064

**Reuse**
Consider reusing your pallets instead of disposing them. Pallets can be reused in a wide variety of ways. A little creativity and some time on Pinterest will provide numerous options.
Plastics

Accepted Plastics
Plastic containers #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #7 are accepted for recycling throughout Eau Claire County. However, that does not mean that all plastic items are recyclable.

Not Accepted Plastics
- Plastic bags or film - bring these to the stores that take them.
- Toys or hangers
- 5-gallon buckets and other large containers
- Motor oil or transmission fluid bottles
- Black plastics
- Squeeze tubes
- Polystyrene (Number 6 plastics): Packing peanuts, egg cartons, cups, etc.
- Cookware or dishes
- Light bulbs
- Some freezer and refrigerator food boxes (check box for recycling instructions)
- Wax/plastic coated boxes: Milk and juice cartons
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Napkins, tissues, gift wrap

Compostable Plastics
Compostable plastics should NEVER be put with your curbside recycling or plastic film drop offs! Take them to the appropriate commercial composting site.

Plastic Film, bags, and wrap
These CAN be recycled, just not through your curbside hauler or the recycling drop off site. These materials should be kept separate and brought to a retailer that collects them. Visit www.plasticfilmrecycling.org for drop off locations.

Plastic Film includes:
- Air Pillows (popped)
- Bread Bags
- Case Wrap
- Cereal Liners
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Food Storage Bags (ex. Ziploc bags)
- Newspaper Bags
- Produce Bags
- Retail and Grocery Bags
- Tyvek Envelopes
- Plastic Wraps

Packing Peanuts
Packing peanuts, whether they are made from Styrofoam or corn starch, are accepted at the following businesses on an as needed basis:

Automation Displays
(715) 834-9595

Country Treasures
(715) 723-8883

Pak Mail
(715) 831-8808
PRESSURIZED TANKS

Gas (CO2) Cylinders
Because they are pressurized, these must be handled carefully whether they are being refilled or discarded.

First Strike Paintball Games
10327 County Highway X
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
(715) 577-1488

Helium Tanks
Once a helium tank has been properly emptied it may be taken to a scrap metal dealer. Instructions from Balloon Time on how to empty a helium tank can be found online.

Warning: Inhaling helium can be dangerous to your health.

Propane Tanks
Empty 20 pound canisters can be recycled at scrap yards. They are not accepted at the county’s recycling drop-off stations or by the haulers providing curbside recycling services. They can also be taken to Clean Sweep events 2-3 times throughout the year.

SCRAP METAL

These companies accept miscellaneous metal for recycling, including iron, steel, brass, copper and aluminum. Some may accept major appliances such as stoves and microwave ovens. These companies may pay you for the metal.

Cooley Statewide Scrap & Salvage
1230 S 82nd Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 832-7163

Alter Metals
3532 White Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 832-3431

Spickler’s
1329 Western Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 835-0490

Northern Metal Recycling
8010 Olson Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 834-6677

Scrap metal boxes are also found at three drop site locations
• Town of Union transfer station
• Town of Seymour recycling site
• Seven Mile Creek landfill

Miscellaneous Scrap Metal Items
• Aluminum foil (clean)
• Aluminum pie pans (clean)
• Bolts, nuts, screws, & nails
• Door handles
• Hinges
• Lawn chair frames
• Paper clips & staples
• Pots and pans
**Smoke Detectors**

Many smoke detectors contain trace amounts of radiation and therefore it is recommended that you return them to their manufacturer for proper disposal. Manufacturer’s addresses are usually listed on the product warranty, in the user’s manual or on the original box. Return policies may differ among manufacturers, so calling the company prior to mailing is suggested.

Before disposing of smoke detectors, remove any batteries. See our Battery Recycling Page for how to dispose of the batteries.

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

These are electronics and cannot be put in the trash. Bring them to an electronics recycler.

**First Choice Recycling**

525 Park Ridge Court
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 833-2005
Website

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**Steel or Tin Cans**

In addition to curbside and drop-off collections, metal cans can be brought to scrap metal dealers. Cans should be rinsed. Crush cans whenever possible.

**Aerosol Cans**

Empty aerosol cans can be recycled curbside or at a drop-off location. Some curbside haulers may not accept these. Please contact your hauler for additional information.

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**Tires**

Tires should not be put in the landfill. They can be recycled at several locations that sell tires. There is a fee for disposal. Fees vary based on size of the tire, and the company recycling them.

**All Season Tire**

1102 Menomonie Street
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 835-7555

**Youngstedts Eau Claire Automotive Service and Tire**

3330 Mall Drive
2521 N Clairemont Avenue
Eau Claire, WI
(715) 834-2661
(715) 830-2000

**Auto Care Center**

1712 N Clairemont Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 834-8040

**Tires Plus**

3440 E Hamilton Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 834-8711

**Bauer Built**

3014 Mall Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 834-4106

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**STYROFOAM**

There are no options in the region to recycle Styrofoam. Put this material in the trash.

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**Steel, Tin, and Aerosol Cans**

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Thermostats and Thermometers

Thermostats
Mercury
Eau Claire County residents can recycle these as part of the county’s Clean Sweep program or at the following locations:

First Supply Eau Claire
596 Cameron Street
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 832-6638

Gustave A. Larson Co.
2456 Morningside Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54751
(262) 542-0200

Digital Thermostats
Drop them off at First Choice Computer Recycling.

Thermometers
Alcohol
You can tell the difference by the color, an alcohol thermometer is either red or blue. Alcohol thermometers are safe to throw away in the trash.

Mercury
The only option available to residents to recycle thermometers is to take them to one of the Clean Sweep events held annually each year. Visit the EPA’s website to learn how to properly clean-up mercury spills. (Never use a vacuum cleaner!)

Yard Waste, Brush, and Mulch

Pickup
Twice per year, in the first full weeks of May and November, the haulers will pick up yard waste if you have a curbside contract. Rules:
- Bags MUST be paper or compostable plastic, acquire from a local hardware store
- Twigs and branches must be bundled separately
- Limit for free pickup is 10 bags, additional bags have additional fees
- Leaves, grass, and weeds only, no rocks or soil

Drop Off
Eau Claire County has contracted with Boxx Sanitation to operate the Jeffers Road Brush Site. Opening/Closing dates are subject to change based on weather. The site is typically open mid-April to mid-November.

Located 3/4 mile north of North Crossing on Jeffers Road (has no physical address).

The Yard Waste Directory, a list of individuals in the county who will accept certain yard waste materials, including pine needles, logs, brush, grass, leaves, and branches can be found on the county recycling website.
There are 5 hauling companies who provide recycling and trash pickup services in the county. Not all haulers may service all regions of the county.

Accepted
- Aluminum cans
- Tin/steel cans
- Glass bottles & jars
- #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #7 plastic containers
- Cardboard
- Mixed paper

Not Accepted
- Plastic bags or film *
- Toys or hangers
- 5-gallon buckets
- Motor oil or transmission fluid bottles
- Polystyrene (Number 6 plastics): Packing peanuts, egg cartons, cups, etc.
- Cookware or dishes
- Light bulbs *
- Some freezer and refrigerator food boxes (check package for options)
- Wax coated boxes: Milk and juice cartons
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Napkins, tissues, gift wrap
- Electronics *

* Items should be recycled in other locations

There are several sites throughout the County where residents can bring their recyclables for disposal, at no cost. The materials accepted are the same as the curbside haulers listed above. Bridge Creek, Drammen, Ludington, and Union accept residential garbage for a fee. Contact the town directly for additional information and fees.

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