Material the County's Curbside Recycling Program Does Not Include

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AEROSOL CANS

The **County HHW Facility** accepts **all** types of full or partially full aerosol cans for recycling (call 753-7600-option 3 for an appointment). Only **empty** aerosol cans **(except paint or pesticide cans--trash)** can be placed in the **recycling bin.**

APPLIANCES CONTAINING FREON (Refrigerators, Freezers, Dehumidifiers & Air Conditioners)

Call your refuse hauler – there may be a charge for service (usually between $30 and $50).

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH OLD APPLIANCES?

Suburban Towns – contact town or hauler, some haulers will pickup for free but usual charge is around $35.00.

City – refrigerator, freezers (doors removed) and other appliances may be placed between sidewalk and curb on their pickup day with space in front of curb clear.

ASBESTOS

Asbestos fibers that become airborne (friable) when disturbed are dangerous if inhaled—disposal must be done professionally. Call one of several contractors listed in the phone book under "**Asbestos Removal and Abatement Services**."

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH NON-FRIABLE ASBESTOS?

Again, judgements whether asbestos waste poses a health hazard is best left to professionals. Residents may take non-friable asbestos (shingles, flooring, etc.) to **Mill Seat Landfill**—call first at 494-3000. Questions pertaining to health issues contact the Monroe County Health Dept. at 753-6000.

AUTOMOTIVE CARE ITEMS

CAR BATTERIES

Automotive batteries (lead acid batteries) go back to retailers and service stations. State law requires retailers to accept free of charge, up to two used batteries per month from any individual. Vehicle batteries can also be taken to most town DPWs (call town first) or scrap yards. ***If acid spills on any material – neutralize with baking soda.***

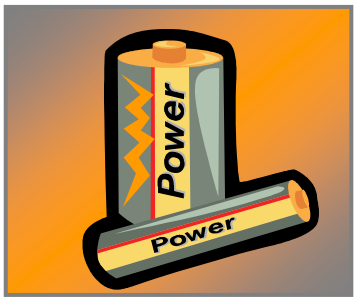
USED MOTOR OIL

Take used motor oil to a retailer or service stations where oil is changed. State law requires them to take 5 gallons per day, per person free of charge. Empty oil containers are not recyclable and should be placed in the regular trash because of the oil residue inside the container. Motor oil mixed with gasoline is accepted at the **HHW Facility**.

ANTIFREEZE, BRAKE FLUID, TRANSMISSION FLUID

These automotive fluids may be brought to the **Household Hazardous Waste Facility**—753-7600 (option 3).

BATTERIES



ALKALINE BATTERIES (Household batteries)

Alkaline or zinc batteries can be disposed of in the trash.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cad) and Lithium Ion can be brought to several drop off sites. They include: Circuit City, Cingular Wireless, Home Depot, HORC Hobbies, Lowe's, Office Max, Office Depot, Sears, Sam's Club, Staples, Target, and Verizon Wireless. The **County HHW Facility** will also accept them. Call 753-7600 (option 3) for an appointment.

BUTTON BATTERIES

Some small button-shaped batteries from cameras, computers and hearing aids contain mercury—a hazardous material that should not be disposed of in the garbage. These batteries can be taken to the following drop off sites: Target, Home Depot, Sears, Circuit City, and Lowe's. The **Monroe County HHW Facility** will also accept button batteries for recycling—753-7600 (option 3).

NOTE: For batteries bought before 1993, or if you have corroded or leaking batteries, make an appointment at the **HHW Facility** by calling 753-7600 (option 3).

BUSINESS (Hazardous) WASTE

The **HHW Facility** will accept wastes from businesses if they meet Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) status. CESQG Program ***Exempt Form #7*** explains the policy and procedures and can be downloaded from the HHW pages of this web site. The form can also be mailed to you by calling 753-7600 (option 3).

CELLULAR PHONES

Cell phones can be recycled locally at the Seneca Park Zoo, Circuit City (1575 Marketplace Dr.), Sunnking, Inc. (637-8365), and at the **Monroe County HHW Facility** (call 753-7600 – Option #3 for an appointment). Cell phones can also be recycled as a donation by contacting Recycle for Breast Cancer at www.recycleforbreastcancer.org.

COMPUTER RECYCLING

While it is legal for residents to place old computer equipment at the curb for disposal, identity thieves can steal personal information from old hard drives. It is illegal for businesses to dispose of computers in the regular trash. Businesses and residents interested in properly disposing of this equipment should call **Rochester Computer Recycling and Recovery** – 546-6620, **Sunnking, Inc.** – 637-8365 or **Maven Technologies** – 548-2640. There may be $15-$30 charge (each computer) for residents.

CONFIDENTIAL PAPER

Copy and computer paper with confidential information can be recycled after shredding. Businesses can call Metro Waste Paper (527-8110) for certified document destruction or a list of other companies can be found under the **"Paper-Shredded"** section of the Yellow Pages.

ELECTRONIC DATA STORAGE MEDIA (and its packaging)

Visit www.greendisk.com to responsibly and securely dispose of all of your electronic data storage media (hard drives, CDs, DVDs, Zip disks, floppy disks, etc.) and their cases—for a fee. For more information call 1- 800-305-3475. Residents should also call local computer recycling companies to see if they provide similar services.

FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS / TUBES / BALLASTS

If discarded from a household, call 753-7600 (option 3) to set up an appointment for drop-off at the **Monroe County HHW Facility**. Please purchase fluorescent tubes with green ends—they have reduced mercury in them. CFLs should be taken to Home Depot for recycling.

FOOD WASTE PRODUCTS

Certain inedible food waste (meat, fat, cooking oil, etc.) from restaurants or businesses can be recycled into products like animal feed. For information contact **Baker Commodities** at 482-1880. County residents may bring home-use cooking oil/fat to the county's Household Hazardous Waste Facility (753-7600 Option 3) for disposal—please **do not** dispose of it down the drain.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Every year, over 300 million printer cartridges are thrown away. Approximately 90 percent of these printer cartridges are recyclable but only 20 percent are recycled. While printer cartridges can be thrown in the trash (if discarded from a household), there are recycling options. Contact *Imagine it* at 872-5802 (www.imaginerecyclingit.com) for details.

OIL-CONTAMINATED SOIL

Contact the Health Department at 753-6000.

OLD TIRES

Call your refuse hauler, if they do not accept them, call:

Northside Salvage Yard – 954 Linden Ave., E. Rochester – 381-9667 ($2 per tire on/off rim)

Tire Trax – 558 Atlantic Ave. – 482-2940 – ($1 per tire off rim/$3 per tire on rim)

Uneeda Tire Shop – 180 Hudson Ave. – 546-3860 – ($2 per tire off rim/$5 on rim).

MERCURY

Mercury (from thermometers, thermostats, etc.) should be packaged in secondary containment (i.e. jug inside of pail) for transport and brought to the county's Industrial Waste section or the **HHW Facility**. Call 753-7600 (option 3) for details and directions. If you have a very large quantity of mercury (10 lbs. or more) please call HHW Coordinator Tom Sinclair at 753-7553.

METAL TANKS (propane, fire extinguishers, helium, gas, fuel oil, etc.)

PROPANE TANKS

- **Suburban Propane –** 3325 Chili Ave., Chili Center 889-3770 – (1 lb. and 20 lb. - $5.50 + tax).
- **Taylor Rental** – 205 North Ave., Webster – 872-2770. Will take 20, 30, 40 and 100 lb. tanks (free).
- **Jackson Welding Supply** – 535 Buffalo Rd. – 235-2920. Will take 20, 30, 40 and 100 lb. tanks ($5.00 disposal fee)
- One or 20-pound tanks (full or empty) can be dropped off at the **Monroe County HHW** facility for disposal (no charge). Call 753-7600 (option #3) for appointment.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

The **County's HHW Facility** will accept fire extinguishers; call 753-7600 (option 3).

HELIUM TANKS

Helium tanks are accepted at the **HHW Facility**, call 753-7600 (option 3).

HOME HEATING FUEL OIL TANKS

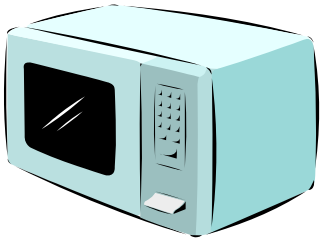
Call **AAA Universal Heating** at 328-1423 if still on property and tank is full.

- $385 – they will pump the tank,
- $485 – pump, remove and dispose of it (an additional $85 if the tank has to be cut out).

You can bring the old oil to the HHW Facility -- call HHW Coordinator Tom Sinclair 753-7553. Prices are effective as of 5/26/08. Prices are subject to change.

MICROWAVE OVENS

Residents may bring microwave ovens to Regional Computer Recycling & Recovery (546-0095) at 395 Central Avenue for recycling (free-of-charge).



PLASTIC CONTAINERS #3-7

These containers should be placed in the regular trash. Because of their consistent quantities and long-term market stability, plastics (#1 & 2) have been a mainstay of the county plastic recycling program. Plastics (#3 to 7) have not been added to the recycling program for the following reasons:

- A consistent, reliable market is needed. This market has been historically unstable and, at times, non-existent.
- Education is crucial to the recycling program. The message must be consistent and not flux with the markets.
- A significant capital investment for processing equipment, justified by the revenue generated, would be needed.
- If not properly separated from HDPE (#2) and PET (#1), plastics 3 to 7 would become contaminants to our program mainstay. Many of these plastics are food contaminated and are not readily or economically cleaned.

For more information on plastics, call the American Plastics Council at 1-800-243-5790.

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

Plastic grocery bags should be **returned to the store** for recycling. Please **DO NOT** put plastic bags in your recycling box. If you must use something, brown paper bags can be used to contain your paper items.

SHARPS (syringes, lancets, etc.)

Sharps must be in an approved sharps container OR in a two-liter plastic pop container, or a rugged laundry soap bottle with cap taped on, and labeled “sharps” and may be brought to the county’s Industrial Waste section or the **HHW Facility** with or without appointment. Call 753-7600 (option 3) for details and directions. You can get labels from the **Department of Environmental Services** by calling 753-7600. Additionally, area hospitals and nursing homes accept sharps for proper disposal.

SMOKE DETECTORS

Although some smoke detectors contain a small radioactive component, they may be placed in the regular trash. The manufacturer may also be contacted for recycling options. First Alert and BRK brands can be recycled by mailing them to First Alert, Radioactive Waste Disposal, 3920 Enterprise Court, Aurora IL, 60504.

OTHER RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

Contact Monroe County Health Dept. 753-5600 – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (business hours only) or State Health Dept. (24-hour number – 1-518-465-9720). Also call 911.

STYROFOAM PACKAGING

For Styrofoam packing peanuts, call your local **mail/packing store** for reuse information. Styrofoam egg cartons can be recycled at Dolco Packaging, PO Box 1005, 2110 Patterson Street, Decatur, IN 46733-5005. Call 260-728-2161 for details. Thermal Foams, Inc. (247-0324) is accepting large pieces of expanded polystyrene for recycling.

UNWANTED /USABLE PRODUCTS

MAT-EX was established as a reuse program for a 19-county region. MAT-EX typifies the adage that “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure.” MAT-EX can help a business or individual locate users for surplus materials or to find free or inexpensive materials. For more information, call 344-2580 x 5463 – or go to www.mat-ex.org.

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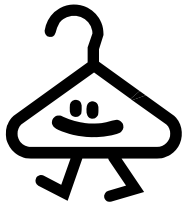
Some dry cleaners will accept wire coat hangers for reuse.