

# 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).







## 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

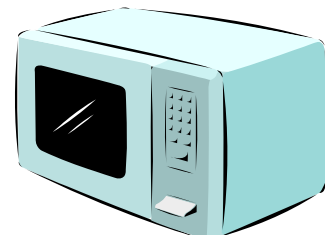
Call **AAA Universal Heating** at 328-1423 if still on property and tank is full.

- \$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 12/26/06. 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 **UPS Store or Mail Boxes Etc.** 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](http://www.mat-ex.org).

### WIRE COAT HANGERS

Some dry cleaners will accept wire coat hangers for reuse.

