

**COMPOST SITE SPRING UPDATE**

Beginning April 1st the Basswood Road and Woodland Drive Compost Sites will have new hours. The Basswood Site yard material drop off area will be open Monday-Friday, 7am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am until 6pm. The Basswood Site is located at 3000 Basswood Road in Manitowoc. The Woodland Site, located at 4191 Woodland Drive in Two Rivers, will be open Monday-Friday, 10am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am until 6pm. The Recycling Center Main Office will be open on Saturdays from 8am to Noon beginning April 1st.

When using the sites please follow the posted guidelines. Remove items from plastic bags. Take your empty plastic bags home with you to dispose of in your garbage or reuse. Acceptable items for the compost pile include leaves, grass, garden waste, fruits, vegetables, weeds, flowers, woodchips, sawdust from untreated wood, and sod that has had the soil removed. Acceptable items for the brush pile include brush, branches and trees cut less than 6 inches in diameter and 5 feet long.

Items that are NOT ACCEPTED include soil, sand, rock, ashes, animal waste and lumber. Leaving these items at either compost site is considered illegal dumping.

Wood Mulch and Screened Compost are available for a small fee at the Basswood Site during the Recycling Center Main Office hours. Deliveries can be arranged at the Main Office or by calling 920-683-4333. Loading is generally available for small loads with trailers or open truck beds Monday-Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm only. Compost and Wood Mulch are available while supplies last and as weather and site conditions permit.

SCREENED COMPOST PRICES

- 1 bushel: \$2.50
- 1 cubic yard: \$13.00
- 6 cubic yards including Delivery Charge: \$108.50

UNSCREENED COMPOST PRICES

- 1 bushel: \$0.50
- 1 cubic yard: \$1.50
- 6 cubic yards including Delivery Charge: \$39.50

WOOD MULCH PRICES

- 1 bushel: \$0.75
- 1 cubic yard: \$8.00
- 6 cubic yards including Delivery Charge: \$78.50



**HOME COMPOSTING**

Gardeners and homeowners, turn your household food scraps into rich compost for your garden or plants. Mix kitchen scraps and grass clipping with leaves and turn the pile occasionally until it breaks down. Not only does home composting provide excellent compost, but you can reduce the amount of materials going into your garbage. Large, 13-cubic foot compost bins with locking lids are available at the Recycling Center for only \$60.00 (tax included).

*Stop by the Recycling Center at any time during normal business hours and take a look at our floor model. Educational resources for home composting are available as well.*

**CLEANING UP GLASS RECYCLING** Recycling one glass bottle can save enough energy to keep a light bulb lit for several hours! Many people know that glass must be recycled in the state of Wisconsin. Glass items that can be recycled are clear, brown and colored bottles and jars. This includes beer and soda bottles, glass food containers, and wine bottles. The types of glass that **cannot** be recycled are window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex, drinking glasses, and dishes. Items that appear to be glass such as ceramics, porcelain, clay pottery, and ovenware cannot be recycled because they are made from, or contain additives, that are different materials than bottle glass. These types of items can contaminate a load of bottle glass and make recycling difficult or impossible. The Manitowoc County Recycling Center has recently had an increase in the amount of these types of contaminates in the drop off sites and urges residents to follow the recycling guidelines for acceptable items.

Recycled glass can be dropped off at the Manitowoc County Recycling Center drop off site, at your local municipal drop-off site or put out for curbside pickup by your local haulers (check with your hauler for guidelines). The proper way to prepare acceptable glass bottles for recycling is to make sure they are empty and rinsed. Rinsing them is important because it makes the process more efficient and sanitary. It is also necessary to remove the container caps, corks, and lids. Items such as corks, lids, and caps are considered contaminates that interfere with glass recycling and lowers the quality of the recycled glass. Removing container labels is not necessary. For questions or more information, call the Recycling Center at 683-4333 or visit [www.manitowocrecycles.org](http://www.manitowocrecycles.org).

**Acceptable glass:**

- ♦ Clear Bottles
- ♦ Brown Bottles
- ♦ Green Bottles
- ♦ Blue Bottles

**Unacceptable glass:**

- ♦ Window Glass
- ♦ Mirrors
- ♦ Light Bulbs
- ♦ Ceramics
- ♦ Porcelain
- ♦ Clay Pottery
- ♦ Drinking Glasses
- ♦ Ovenware
- ♦ Pyrex
- ♦ Dishes