

Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep 2026



Many common items like automotive products, household cleaners, pesticides, and home improvement products are hazardous when used, stored, or disposed of improperly. Look for items that contain the following on their labels: **Danger, Warning, Caution, Poison, Combustible, Flammable, Corrosive, and Toxic.**



Thanks to our participants and volunteers, since our collection started in 1985, we have collected 1,260,093 pounds of unwanted chemicals.

NEW—Residents can bring acceptable household hazardous waste items to the Brown County Hazardous Waste Facility **free** of charge throughout 2026. For more information on the Brown County partnership program visit our website at Recycling.manitowocountywi.gov.

MANITOWOC COUNTY EVENT

Residents

- Saturday, **May 16**, 9am - Noon
Manitowoc County Highway Shop
3500 HWY 310, Manitowoc
NEW—Truck bed full and trailer full loads must register by May 8 (see back)

Farms and Businesses

- Friday, **May 15**, 2pm - 4pm
Manitowoc County Highway Shop
3500 HWY 310, Manitowoc
Must register by May 8 (see back)

FREE!
For Households
and Farms

SAVINGS!
For Businesses

REDUCTION IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE!

Before you buy:

- Read the labels
- Choose safer alternatives
- Buy smallest amount needed for the job

After you buy:

- Follow directions for safe use
- Store properly in the original container
- Share what you can't use
- Dispose of leftovers properly

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Pesticides

- Insecticides/Rodenticides
- Herbicides/Fungicides
- Other poisonous repellents and banned chemicals (DDT)

Paints/Solvents

- Varnishes/Shellacs
- Turpentine /Thinners
- Lead Based Paints
- Oil Based Paints
- Aerosols
- Wood Preservatives
- Paint Strippers

Cleaners/Cleaners

- Oven Cleaners
- Spot Removers
- Polishes

Other Materials

- Nicotine Vape Pens
- Contaminated Oil
- Hydraulic Oil
- Gasoline
- Bulk Mercury, Mercury Devices and Compounds
- Acids/Bases
- Mothballs
- Pool Chemicals
- Photographic Chemicals
- Used Oil and Filters (consider using local options for used oil and filters)
- Antifreeze

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

• LATEX PAINT*

- Explosives such as ammunition
- Radioactive materials like smoke detectors
- Compressed gas tanks and high pressure cylinders such as fire extinguishers and propane tanks
- Unknown chemicals
- Tires
- Infectious and biological waste including sharps and needles
- Electronics including light bulbs, ballasts, televisions, batteries
- Appliances
- Freon gases
- Pharmaceuticals
- THC/Cannabis Vape Pens

Manitowoc County may modify guidelines at any time to meet the needs of the program.

Other disposal or recycling options exist for many unacceptable items. Contact the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 683-4333 or visit Recycling.manitowocountywi.gov

***All residents are encouraged to dispose of latex paint in their regular trash. Just take the lid off and let it dry or add paint hardener or cat litter. Once hardened, latex paint can be disposed of in the trash.**





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HOUSEHOLD GUIDELINES

- Households may dispose of acceptable hazardous waste items on May 16 between 9am and noon.
- **NEW**—Large loads (truck bed full or trailer full) must register by May 8 or may face delays being unloaded. Call the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 920-683-4333 to register.
- Participants must be residents of Manitowoc County.
- Do not come before or after the listed times.
- Wastes must be brought in the original containers. Do NOT mix chemicals.
- Unknown substances and commercial waste will not be accepted.
- To prepare materials for transport, place in a leak proof tote or plastic lined cardboard box. Cushion as necessary to avoid breakage.
- When arriving at the Clean Sweep disposal site, slow down and follow traffic directions.
- **NEW**—Manitowoc County residents can bring acceptable household hazardous waste items to the Brown County Hazardous Waste Facility free of charge. For more information on the Brown County partnership program visit our website at Recycling.manitowoccountymi.gov.

FARM GUIDELINES

- Farms and agricultural businesses must pre-register by May 8. Call 683-4333 for instructions.
- Farmers and rural property owners from Manitowoc County may bring chemicals from active and abandoned farms on May 15 between 2pm and 4pm.
- Many types of agricultural operations are eligible for disposal service including: livestock, grain, holiday trees, poultry, fruit, vegetable and aquaculture.
- Non-agriculture operations with farm chemicals should register as a business and may be eligible for a 50% disposal subsidy.
- Drums that have contained, or still contain agricultural chemicals will be accepted.

BUSINESS GUIDELINES

- Businesses must register by May 8. **NEW**—Information and registration forms are available online at Recycling.manitowoccountymi.gov in the Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep webpage. Send your registration/inventory form via e-mail to colin.barrington@veolia.com or call 262-875-7014 for assistance.
- Registered businesses will be sent an estimate and scheduled for May 15 between 2pm and 4pm.
- Businesses must qualify as a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) to participate. VSQGs produce less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month and store less than 2,205 pounds. Other limits may apply.
- Businesses can be retail, wholesale, manufacturing, commercial real estate, non-profit, schools, municipalities, churches, golf courses and restaurants.
- Acceptable items include all those previously listed and chemicals associated with:
 - ◊ Building and grounds maintenance such as pesticides, cleaners, disinfectants, and vehicle chemicals.
 - ◊ Manufacturing and process chemicals such as oxidizers, acids, caustics, technical grade chemicals, laboratory reagents, polymers, reactive metals, mercury-based products, etc.
 - ◊ All sludges (weight scale pits, sump pits) are eligible for Clean Sweep. Agrichemical sludge (pesticide containing sludge from mixing and loading operations) is eligible for a 50% disposal subsidy.

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Program Coordinators and Sponsors: Manitowoc County Public Works Department, Manitowoc County Recycling Center, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Waste Management Inc., Manitowoc County UW Extension.