Public Works Department: Recycling Center

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SUBJECT: Woodland Compost Site Temporary Closure

The Woodland Compost Site is temporarily closed due to being overwhelmed with brush/branches from the recent storm. The site will reopen once the material can be processed and removed during the upcoming weeks.

The compost sites are designed for a normal amount of brush and branches that area residents generate throughout the year, including some mild to moderate storm damage. They can easily become overwhelmed after severe storms that affect large regions like we are experiencing now.

The Basswood Compost site, located at 3000 Basswood Road in Manitowoc, is currently open and residents can divert their material there.

Both Compost Sites and the Main Office are closed on Sundays and holidays. Visit **Recycling.manitowoccountywi.gov** for additional information.

Acceptable Items

- Brush, branches and Christmas trees less than 6 inches in diameter and 5 feet long
- Leaves
- Grass and lawn clippings
- Garden waste including pumpkins, fruit and vegetables
- Woodchips and sawdust from untreated wood
- Flowers and plants
- Weeds
- Sod with the soil removed

Unacceptable Items

- Ashes
- Treated and Untreated Lumber
- Branches wider than 6 inches in diameter or 5 feet long
- Logs and Stumps
- Animal waste or carcasses
- Kitchen waste
- Sod with the soil attached
- Sand, Soil, Gravel, Rocks or Concrete
- Construction and Demolition Waste
- Trash, Garbage Bags or Plastic
- Any Non-residential materials without authorization

All contractors using the Basswood and Woodland Compost site are required to obtain and display a permit.

Placing materials outside the designated areas or placing anything besides accepted items inside designated areas is considered illegal dumping and subject to fine per Manitowoc County Code Section 6.17.