Public Works Department: Recycling Center

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SUBJECT: Manitowoc County Compost Site Hours

Beginning November 1, 2026, the Recycling Center Main Office closes on Saturdays and will reopen on Saturdays beginning April 2027.

Beginning November 16, 2026, the Basswood Road and Woodland Drive Compost Sites hours will change. The Basswood Road Compost Site will be open Monday-Friday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am until noon. The Woodland Drive Compost Site closes until April 2027.

Both Compost Sites and the Main Office are closed on Sundays and holidays.

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

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.

Wood mulch and compost are available for a fee at the main office. Loading is generally available for small loads with trailers or open truck beds M-F from 7:30 to 3:30 only. Delivery and loading availability depend on weather, staffing, and site conditions. For current pricing, availability, or other questions visit Recycling.manitowoccountywi.gov or call the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 920-683-4333.