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Recycling Facility	Address/City/Town	Phone	Materials accepted
Batteries Plus	2710 2 nd St. S. St. Cloud	240.2332	batteries: auto, rechargeable, button
BFI	700 40 th Ave. Sauk Rapids	252.9608	curbside pick up as part of garbage service
Central Appliance Recyclers	3107 Hwy 10 SE St. Cloud	252.3221	appliances, air conditioners, household batteries
Czarnetzki Hardware Hank	8 Benton Drive N Sauk Rapids	251.5383	fluorescent bulbs
East Side Oil	625 Lincoln Ave. SE St. Cloud	252.9711	used oil & filters, antifreeze
Foley Hardware Hank	160 4 th Ave. N Foley	968.7262	fluorescent bulbs
Henkemeyer Demolition Landfill	5045 Lark Rd NW Sauk Rapids	252.6487	grass, leaves, garden waste, dirt, tree brush, shrubs as well as non-treated wood, insulation, shingles, sheet rock, tile, ceramics, metal, drywall, concrete, asphalt, bricks, masonry
Light Bulb Recycling Company	1101 River Ave. S. Sauk Rapids	492.5443	commercial collection of fluorescent bulbs, ballasts, light bulbs
Midway Iron	648 Lincoln Ave. St. Cloud	252.4002	aluminum cans, various metals
Minden Transfer	3490 2 nd St. SE St. Cloud	252.0711	aluminum cans, glass plastic, paper, cardboard, tin
Northern Metals* Recycling	119 6 th Ave. NE St. Cloud	251.5980	brick, block, wood, concrete, dirt, plaster, plastic pipe, conduit, tin, iron, rock, glass, tile, shingles, insulation, sheet rock, fiberboard, siding, non-CFC containing appliances
Pythons**	550 4-1/2 St. NE St. Cloud	253.2054	aluminum cans, glass, plastic, paper, cardboard, magazines, newsprint, phone books, tin, paper milk cartons, drink boxes
Rice Hardware Hank	2333 125 th St. NW Rice	393.3117	fluorescent bulbs
Superior Services	2355 12 th St. SE St. Cloud	251.8919	curbside pick-up as part of garbage service
Total Disposal	1741 SE 3 rd St. St. Cloud	255.0425	curbside pick-up as part of garbage service
Tri-County Hazardous Waste Facility	601 N 20 th Ave. St. Cloud	800.450.6140	paint, solvents, pesticides, cleaning chemicals
Waste Management	650 NE Hwy 10 St. Cloud	253.6491	curbside pick-up as part of garbage service

* Unacceptable materials include: appliances, asbestos, batteries, brush, cardboard, carpet, fuel tanks, hay, leaves, paper, plastics, straw, tires, trees, whole containers.
 ** Unacceptable materials include: burnt cans, clay, dirty-wet/cy cans or tin, caps, ceramics, dishes, food containers, glassware, hard plastic, hose, light bulbs, mirrors, pipes, plastic bags, porcelain, safety glass, scrap metal, toys, windshields, windows.

DO YOU KNOW? "Time is of the essence" when recycling appliances caught in floodwaters. DISPOSE of them before dangerous mold sets in. DRAIN the appliance and REMOVE the food items before recycling. NOTE: There is no need to duct tape doors on newer model freezers/refrigerators. They are not a hazard to children since they can be pushed open from the inside.

DO YOU KNOW? It is dangerous to break the TV console to get to the bare tube (cathode ray tube). DO NOT expose the tube to potential breakage and subsequent lead contamination. Let Central Appliance Recyclers handle the dismantling.

DO YOU KNOW? "Circuitry is a big hazard for ground water," says Jamie Phenow, of Central Appliance Recyclers. Mercury, lead, silver, polyvinyl chloride (PVC)'s, bromine and more in ground water cause many health problems.

**KIDS' CORNER
TALKIN' WITH THE KIDS
'BOUT 'MERGENCIES**



Benton County's Emergency Management department offers helpful resources at www.co.benton.mn.us/Emergency_Management/Flood_Information/toolkit.html for before, during, and after an environmental emergency. Especially important for families is the "Create a Family Emergency Plan" from FEMA. The two-page information page can be downloaded, printed, and cut-to-size to fit into a wallet or purse. Parents should fill in the blanks with emergency contact information, (kids' names, birth dates, social security numbers, and medical information), emergency contacts, school and work addresses and numbers, location of a neighborhood meeting place, out-of-town emergency contacts and more.

Scroll further down in the "Toolkit," until you find the "Resources for Children" section, which addresses the topic of "floods." The Center for Disease Control (CDC) offers three fliers for kids: "Be Careful in Your Home," "Be Careful Outdoors," and "Be Careful with Food and Water." The colorful fliers can be downloaded from the website and printed. Then, families can display the information so kids will be reminded of how to stay safe. It is also a good idea for families to have a discussion around flood safety. Print the fliers in black and white, and have the kids color them with markers while the family has its talk.

**LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP PROTECTS WASTE STREAM
CENTRAL APPLIANCE AND BENTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**



It's been a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship. Central Appliance Recyclers in St. Cloud has taken the County's cast-off appliances, e-waste and more since around 1990, after a law was passed prohibiting appliances from entering the normal waste stream. In turn, the company has received SCORE grants from the County. Throughout the past 17 years, the company has accepted between 600 to 800 appliances per year from Benton County, says operations manager Jamie Phenow. The county has been cleaner and healthier for it. The recycler breaks down and removes ozone-depleting refrigerants such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's) and hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC's) in refrigerators and freezers made prior to 1995, and ozone-friendly but greenhouse gas producing hydrofluorocarbons (HFC) in refrigerators and freezers made after 1995. It also breaks down polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) in capacitors, mercury-containing components, and oil, which cause cancer, damage organs, and impair neurological development, according to EPA. Central Appliance then disposes of all appliances, many collected during the Department of Development's Amnesty Days.

Central Appliance accepts roughly 20 tons of electronic waste per year from Benton County. E-waste includes TV's, computers and electronic equipment. These contain cathode ray tubes (CRT's), lead, and mercury, materials hazardous to humans.

Central Appliance has received three Select Committee On Recycling and the Environment (SCORE) grant awards through the County. The largest grant covered the purchase of five pieces of refrigeration recovery equipment that extract four types of refrigerants. An additional grant facilitated the purchase of collection containers, called "cages," that hold up to 70 appliances at sponsor collection sites across the tri-county area. Another grant allowed the company to purchase a forklift for moving these cages and other products.

For a fee, Central Appliance will come to your home or business to pick up appliances, e-waste, and more (Check www.centralappliance.net). Call 252-3221 to arrange pick-up. Or email Phenow at Jamie@centralappliance.net. Drop off items between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday.



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**2011 RURAL AMNESTY DAYS I AND II
JUNE 11 AND SEPTEMBER 10**

There are two chances for you to dispose of household trash at Benton County Department of Development's 2011 Rural Amnesty Days. Amnesty Day I is Saturday, June 11th, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Sauk Rapids/Rice High School Parking Lot, located at 1835 Osauka Rd. NE, Sauk Rapids. (Enter from Cty. Rd. #1.) Amnesty Day II is Saturday, September 10th, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Benton County Public Works building, 7752 Hwy. 25 NE, Foley (one mile north of the intersection of Highways 23 and 25).

Benton County's Solid Waste Service Fee covers costs associated with Amnesty Days. The fee appears on residents' tax statement. Last year's cost for both Amnesty Days was \$53,751.00.

The 2010 events drew 1,383 residents. Residents recycled or disposed of 27.71 tons of demolition debris, 14.9 tons of scrap metal, 34.36 tons of tires, 47.5 tons of trash, 22 tons of electronics, and 606 appliances.

Please be patient with the crowds. "All efforts will be made to process your delivery quickly," says Mark McNamara, Department of Development Program Lead. NOTE: Site personnel have the final say regarding an item's acceptability and any possible fee that may be charged to you for the service. Fees are charged only if the number of dropped items exceeds the guidelines.

Call Benton County Department of Development at 320.968.5065 for disposal options or more information.

- We do not accept the following:
- Business/commercial/medical waste
 - Garbage
 - Household or other hazardous waste
 - Mercury-held products
 - Oil and oil filters
 - Paints/stains/thinners/sealers
 - Poison/pesticide/agricultural waste
 - Pressurized tanks
 - Recyclables
 - Snowmobile tracks
 - Whole vehicle hulks
 - Yard waste

ACCEPTED HOUSEHOLD TRASH

- Appliances** – ONE free per residence – \$25 ea. add'l. (NO ammonia-held AC units. NO gas refrigerators.)
- Demolition debris** – ONE free cu. yd. per residence
- Furniture** – ONE free per residence – \$5.00 ea. add'l.
- Motor Vehicle and Re-chargeable Batteries** – free
- Auto/light-truck Tires (off-rim)** – FOUR free per residence – \$3 ea. add'l. off-rim tire. Note: \$2 added if tires are on-rim. Subject to change
- Scrap metal** (pipe, wire, sheet/cast iron, etc.) – free REMOVE tires/tubes from bike frames and tire rims. DRAIN ALL FLUIDS, GAS and OIL from all motors.
- TV's/Computers** – ONE free per residence – \$25.00 ea. add'l.



HHW COLLECTION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Benton County Department of Development, in cooperation with Stearns County, has scheduled this year's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Saturday, September 17th, 2011, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Benton County Public Works building at 7752 Hwy. 25 NE, Foley, located one mile north of the intersection of Highways 23 and 25.

personnel will decide which items will be accepted and which will incur a small drop-off fee. In 2010 residents recycled or disposed of 408 pounds of aerosol (up from last year's numbers), 7 pounds of asbestos (down), 827 pounds of flammable liquids (down), 1449 fluorescent bulbs (up), 539 pounds of pesticides (up), 687.5 gallons of solvents (up), and 110 gallons of solvents (up). "Thank you, Benton County residents, for making the 2010 Household Hazardous Waste Collection a success," said Mark McNamara, Department of Development Lead.

Each year county property owners/renters pay a Solid Waste Service Fee that helps provide state-mandated waste abatement activities such as the "free" HHW collection days. Drop-site

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FLOODS: PREPARE. CLEAN UP. DISPOSE OF DEBRIS.

Floodwaters do plenty of damage. Here's some important information for you to keep for future reference.

PREPARE

In anticipation of spring flooding, the Benton County Emergency Management department has set up a website at www.co.benton.mn.us/Emergency_Management/Flood_Information/index.html. Consult this site to find the information you need to prepare and properly respond to a flood emergency.

"Preparedness can make the afterwards easier," said Benton County Emergency Management Director James McDermott. "Initially, home and business owners should make sure that everything in the way of

floodwaters is raised up and out of the way so it won't be damaged."

Here are a few other recommendations: **Keep an eye on the floodwaters** with regular "situational overview" updates from the National Weather Service on the Benton County website.

Sign up for ENS. If you have an unlisted, unpublished, or cell phone number; you cannot be contacted or found by emergency responders unless you register with the "Emergency Notification System" (ENS). Find it at: www.co.benton.mn.us/Emergency_Notification_System.php.

Buy flood insurance. Homeowners insurance doesn't cover flood damage, according to the National Flood Insurance

Program www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/. So, it's important for you to buy flood insurance. Remember, it takes 30 days for approval, so the sooner you apply, the better, said Agent Jodie Volker of the Apollo Agency, St. Cloud. If you are flooded, call your agent to report the incident, and an adjuster should be assigned the same day. Owners should prevent further damage and pump standing water out of the structure, said Volker. Take photos of all damage prior to any cleaning.

Check out Benton County's 2011 Flood Toolkit on the emergency site. Here you'll find links to dozens of articles from organizations poised to handle a flood emergency.

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RESIDENTIAL RENOVATIONS NEED EPA LEAD-CERTIFIED CONTRACTORS

Lead dust and chips created by the disturbance of lead-based paint during renovation is a concern for homeowners and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Breathing lead dust is harmful. So, the EPA now requires all renovators (including carpenters, contractors, painters, HVAC, plumbers, electricians, property managers and others) working on homes built prior to 1978 to be lead certified, according to David Barsody, Benton County Building Official.

The federal rule went into effect in April 2010; the Minnesota Legislature passed a law, effective August 1, 2011, intended to work in conjunction with this Federal law.

"Under Minnesota's law, I now must check EPA's website to verify a contractor's lead certification prior to issuing a residential building permit," said Barsody, noting it's important contractors follow up with EPA **after their lead renovation training** to get the proper EPA certification. This includes filling out a form,

paying a fee, and having EPA post the firm's name on its website.

Contractors must complete a two-step process – Pre-Renovation Education (PRE) Program and Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP). Coursework includes how to contain the dust, reduce the amount of dust created, and clean up. "Application and Instructions for Firms Applying for Certification to Conduct Lead-Based Paint Activities and Renovations," can be found on EPA's website: www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/firmapp.pdf. The certification filing fee is \$300.

Homeowners with homes built prior to 1978 should use contractors educated and certified in lead renovation. **Access:** http://cfpub.epa.gov/fpp/searchrhp_firm.htm to locate a contractor. A homeowner should ask to see a copy of the contractor's certification and receive the EPA's "Renovate Right" brochure. In addition, the contractor will have the homeowner sign a form, acknowledging receipt of the lead certification information.

Barsody noted that homeowners are exempt from the training and certification if they are doing their own renovation.

However, they should educate themselves about the dangers of working with and in lead dust.

Homeowners and contractors commit fraud if the homeowner takes out a building permit and allows the non-certified contractor to complete the renovation. A heavy fine would be levied against the contractor, said Barsody.

EPA Accredited Renovation Training Programs for contractors are offered by: Midwest Environmental Consulting, Cambridge, (763.691.0111) gammec@earthlink.net or visit <http://midwestenvironmentalconsulting.com/home.htm>; ZOTA Safety Services, Ham Lake (763.350.3397) bobzak@zotasafety.com; Green Environmental Company, Minnetrista (952.491.1892) info@greenenvironmentalco.com, and Kaplan Professional Schools, St. Paul, (651.641.1000) www.prosource.com.

For further information, contractors and homeowners may visit the Minnesota Department of Health's website at:

www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/lead/proffprel/rpfaq.html to view "Lead Professionals PRE and RRP Frequently Asked Questions," or the EPA's site at: www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm.

Questions about residential building permits should be addressed to David Barsody, Benton County Building Official, at 612.219.2252 or djbarsody@frontiernet.net.

"The EPA requires that all contractors must be registered for Lead RRP-Certification by September 30, 2010

in order to perform renovation, repair and painting projects in homes, rental facilities, child-occupied facilities, and schools built before 1978. For any contractor performing this work without the Lead RRP Certification, the EPA may seek penalties of up to **\$37,500** per violation, per day."

Sources: Environmental Protection Agency and the Minnesota Department of Health

FLOOD: CLEAN UP CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE



The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and University of Minnesota Extension Service also have some ready advice for victims of flooding. Read on...

Safety First – Human safety is priority. Check the structure of your house, garage, or business for soundness before work begins. Disable gas and electrical connections. Wear waterproof gloves, goggles, boots and overalls. Also, keep clean water and soap nearby for frequent hand cleaning. The MDH recommends, **when in doubt, throw it out.**

Cleaning Products – Typically, ammonia and tri-sodium phosphate work for hard surfaces covered in mud, silt, or grease – Ajax, Spic 'n' Span, Top Job, etc. Washable textiles can be cleaned with all-purpose detergents like Cheer, Tide, Wisk, etc. Those that are chlorine safe could be disinfected with chlorine bleach and water

(10 parts water to one part bleach) or chlorine bleach disinfectants in diluted form. **Never mix ammonia with chlorine bleach because the fumes are poisonous.**

Food Items – Throw canned goods if the cans are rusted, pitted, swollen, leaking, or creased or dented at the rims or seams. If the can looks good, clean it in warm water and detergent, and sanitize it in a solution of one tablespoon of bleach to one gallon of water. Re-label with a permanent magic marker. Don't save beverages with screw or twist caps but, corked wine bottles sealed in foil or wax can be reused, according to MDH. If a plastic container has been submerged, it must be tossed.

Furniture and Textiles – Throw away items that have had excessive contact with floodwaters, including upholstered chairs and sofas, carpets and rugs. These

absorbent items trap bacteria and mold. Wooden and metal furniture can be cleaned and disinfected. Some items like silk and wool will need a professional dry cleaner or restoration professional.

Equipment – Stainless steel and nonabsorbent equipment can be saved and sanitized. If your freezer or refrigerator contains non-absorbent insulation, it should be OK, but check with the manufacturer. Equipment with water connections (dishwashers, ice machines, coffee makers, beverage machines, etc.) should be flushed (lines, screens, strainers) and purged of any standing water, says MDH. Sanitize equipment, fixtures, and sinks with detergent and one tablespoon of bleach to a gallon of water.

Structures – Cleanup on a building should begin within 24 to 48 hours after the floodwaters have receded, advises

MDH. Cavities in walls, floors, and ceilings should be opened, cleaned, decontaminated and dried out to prevent mold. Absorbent ceiling tile or bath/kitchen tile, plaster, wallpaper, wallboard, paneling, insulation, and linoleum should be discarded. **Asbestos needs special handling.** (See page 3.) Scrub floors and walls, using water, detergent, sanitizer, and a stiff brush.

Dangerous Fuel Oil – Keep children and animals away from the spill. Turn off the gas and appliances, and extinguish all pilot lights. Ventilate the area. Protect your skin with oil resistant gloves. Remove all porous building materials and furniture. **Report the spill to the Duty Officer at 651.649.5451.** See MDH's Fact Sheet "Contamination of Buildings by Fuel Oil Due to Flooding."

Dangerous Mold – Any item sitting in water from 24 to 48 hours will develop mold, which can be hazardous to humans. Floors and wood surfaces can be disinfected by cleaning with a solution of ¼ cup of bleach to one gallon of water. A stronger solution of 1-3/4 cup bleach to a gallon of water is needed if mold can be seen. **Add bleach to the water, rather than vice versa.** See MDH's Fact Sheet "Dealing with Mold Problems After a Flood."

Dangerous Sewage – Avoid sewage backup in your system by reducing your usage of it. Flush only when necessary. Take the laundry to the laundromat. Eat off disposable plates and utensils. Buy bottled water. Don't use your water softener. Check for leaky faucets and pipes. If a backup happens, remove all floor drain covers and use mechanical metal grip plugs from a plumbing supply store to seal the drains. Clean and disinfect. Check MDH's Fact Sheet "Preventing and Solving Sewage Treatment Problems During a Flood."

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SCHOOL FOOD RECYCLING FOCUS OF STUDY



Planner Doug Lien, of the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Department, has been working with area schools on a School Recycling Project, funded in part with a \$9,999 Pollution Control Agency grant. Lien will make his recommendations, resulting from the nine-month study project, to stakeholders at a meeting in June, when the grant expires. At that time, each of the five participating schools will receive a customized recycling plan that allows it some flexibility for fine-tuning.

"The next course of action will be the implementation of our findings district-wide," said Lien. "We're hopeful that this is

a money-saving prospect (for the schools) and that it is helpful to the environment."

Ultimately, Tri-County Solid Waste Management would like to reduce the quantity of food that goes into the waste stream and save the schools the cost of hauling waste.

The schools involved in the study are: Kennedy Elementary in St. Joseph; Lincoln and Oak Hill Elementary schools in St. Cloud; and St. Cloud's North Junior High and Technical High schools.

The project studies: 1) how organic materials (lunchroom scraps) are recycled;

2) analyzes the waste stream and the current recycling setup; 3) works with school staff to consider changes; and finally, 4) uses grant money to buy additional bins, garbage cans, signage, and other miscellaneous materials.

Results of the project are of great interest to School District 742, Waste Management, and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the three area counties (Benton, Stearns, Sherburne) and to the cities of St. Cloud, Waite Park, and the city of St. Joseph.

Lien is currently looking at the feasibility of either releasing the organic waste to hog farming interests or composting it. Each option presents challenges with expense (contract cost/materials), maintenance (staff time), logistics (space), and effectiveness (whether the food can be processed with paper napkins, towels, and plates).

"And, of course, there's always the matter of changing behavior," said Lien. "Recycling is not the main focus of school staff or of students... However, it is nice to see some folks get really fired up about this project."

Lien notes that some recommendations have been as simple as the placing of a garbage can next to a recycling bin, or pulling the recycling bin out from under a teacher's desk.

COUNTIES STRIKE AGREEMENT ON WASTE-TO-ENERGY PROTECTION

Beginning on June 1, almost half of the current 90,000 tons of home and business garbage produced across Benton, Stearns, and western Sherburne counties will go to the Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management Waste-to-Energy Facility in Alexandria. The recent agreement between Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management and Tri-County Solid Waste Management Commission will be in effect for 20 years. It replaces a previous contract with Great River Energy of Elk River that expired in 2009.

Tri-County Solid Waste Management Director Jerry Johnson said the change should be "relatively seamless," although residents may see a possible rescheduling of garbage pick-up days. He anticipates the three counties will save during the initial years of this new contract since the cost of shipping waste to Pope/Douglas counties is actually \$20 per ton less than with Great River Energy.

The Alexandria burner – originally built in 1986 – will accept the tri-counties' garbage into its recently constructed

addition. The garbage will be separated, and various items will be recycled. The rest will be burned, generating steam energy for 3M, the Alexandria Technical College, Douglas County Hospital, and the waste combustor itself.

"We're happy with the results of our negotiation," said Johnson. "I think the relationship created between our respective counties will be mutually beneficial over these next 20 years."

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- **Ask your curbside handler first.** Use, these other resources, if needed:

- **Benton County's Recycling Directory,** visit Benton County Department of Development's website at: www.co.benton.mn.us/Dept_of_Development/index.php or clip 'n' save the Recycling Directory in this newsletter:

- **Appliances,** contact Central Appliance Recyclers at 320.252.3221.

- **Asbestos,** call MDH at: www.health.state.mn.us/asbestos or call 651.201.4620 to find a disposal company. Or, call MPCA at 651.757.2304. Also call MPCA at 651.296.6300 for a list of asbestos landfills or visit: www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/asbestos_p.html

- **Chemicals and other household hazardous waste,** call Tri-County Solid Waste Management at 320.255.6140.

- **Debris (oil/sewage soaked),** call Henkemeyer Demolition Landfill 320.252.6487 for **construction materials.** Call Tri-County Solid Waste Management at 320.255.6140 about **personal belongings, carpets.**

- **Furniture, mattresses,** check with your regular garbage handler, such as Waste Management (part of garbage services) Call 320.253.6491, Total Disposal, 320.255.0425, or Superior Services, 320.251.8919.

- **Oil floating in basement/leaking oil tanks,** call the Minnesota Pollution Control

Agency (MPCA) in Brainerd at 218.828.2492 or 800.657.3864 or visit the MPC website: www.pca.state.mn.us

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Can't make the County's date? Call Ross Detert, Stearns County Environmental Department, 320.656.3613, or Tri-County Solid Waste Management Commission, 320.255.6140 or 800.450.6140, to make arrangements.

Please note, business hazardous waste will not be accepted.

ACCEPTED HOUSEHOLD WASTE PRODUCTS – corrosive, reactive, toxic

- Adhesives
- Aerosols
- Cleaning products
- Flammables
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Mercury
- Mothballs
- Paint/thinners
- Poisons
- Pool chemicals
- Pesticides
- Rechargeable batteries
- Roofing tar
- Sealers
- Solvents
- Stains/varnish
- Waste oil

WASTE PRODUCTS NOT ACCEPTED

- Agricultural waste
 - Appliances
 - Batteries
 - Business/commercial waste
 - Explosives
 - Furniture
 - Garbage
 - Hazardous waste – Items with "caution," "poison," "combustible" and "warning" labels
 - Medical waste
 - Oil filters
 - Pharmaceutical waste – Bandages, sharps, prescriptions and nonprescription medications
 - Tires
 - Unknowns
- Questions? Call the Benton County Dept. of Development at 320.968.5065.

