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CLIP 'N' SAVE THIS BENTON RECYCLING DIRECTORY

Recycling Facility	Address/City/Town	Phone	Materials accepted
Batteries Plus.....	2710 2 nd St. S St. Cloud	240.2332	batteries: auto, rechargeable, button
BFI Waste Systems.....	700 40 th Ave. Sauk Rapids	252.9608	curbside pick up as part of garbage service
Central Appliance.....	3107 Hwy 10 SE St. Cloud	252.3221	appliances, air conditioners, Recyclers household batteries
Czarnetzki Hardware.....	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.....	160 4 th Ave. N Foley	968.7262	fluorescent bulbs
Henkemeyer	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.....	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*	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	3601 5th St. S Waite Park	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 THE S.C.O.R.E.?

Since 1989 the State of Minnesota has provided grants amounting to \$14 million annually from the Select Committee on Recycling and Waste Education (SCORE) for distribution by counties to businesses and groups taking measures to "reduce the amount of solid waste generated, to recycle the maximum amount of solid waste technically feasible, and create and support markets for recycled products."

If you're interested in applying for a SCORE grant, please contact the Benton County Department of Development at 320.968.5065 for information and an application. Or visit http://www.co.benton.mn.us/Dept_of_Development/Applications_and_Forms.php for an application.



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KIDS' CORNER

REINFORCE KIDS' EFFORTS TO REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE WITH MUSIC



Here is a listing of websites and videos you can access as parents and use to teach your children about the Three R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Kidsbegreen.org Western-style electric guitar music greets your kids on this site. An animated incandescent light bulb, cloth bag, and plastic soda bottle also share some fun facts with kids.

Have Fun Teaching's "Going Green Song" for kids and their families is a FREE DOWNLOAD. Find it at <http://havefunteaching.com/songs/science-songs/going-green-song> YouTube **"The Three R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"** -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtoeZ9Nkeqk> This site uses some snazzy, jazzy music, colorful graphics, and cool kid photos to engage kids, ages 7 to 11, and to make suggestions about how KIDS can reduce, reuse, and recycle. Here's an example of a teaching lyric:

"If you're goin' to the market to buy some juice? You gotta bring your own bags, and you learn to REDUCE your waste. **We gotta learn to reduce.** And if your brother or your sister's got some cool clothes you could try them on before you buy some more of those. REUSE. **We gotta learn to reuse.** And if the first two R's don't work out and if you gotta make some trash, well don't throw it out. RECYCLE. **We gotta learn to recycle.** Because THREE, it's a magic number." - Source: Project of The Ecology of Business class in the Business Management course in Algonquin College, Canada.

DO YOU KNOW? Greenplanetforkids.com features all sorts of everyday things kids (and parents) can do to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Some ideas for reducing water use: 1) Use a cup instead of running the water when brushing your teeth because a running faucet uses up to three gallons of water per minute; 2) Don't use the toilet as a garbage can; 3) If you have an older toilet, fill a plastic soda bottle with water, cover it, and put it into the toilet's tank to reduce the amount of water you flush.



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RECYCLE AT RURAL AMNESTY DAYS SEPTEMBER 8TH



Vehicles line up along Osauka Road in anticipation of the start of Amnesty Days in 2009.

The Benton County Department of Development's 2012 Rural Amnesty Days will take place on **Saturday, September 8th**, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Benton County Public Works facilities, located at 7752 Highway #25 N.E., one mile north of the intersection of Highways 23 and 25.

This collection is popular, drawing plenty of crowds, so, please be patient with the process. Every effort will be made to handle your delivery swiftly, says Department of Development Program Lead Mark McNamara. **REMEMBER, site personnel have the final say regarding an**

item's acceptability and any possible fee that may be charged to you for the service.

However, fees are charged only if the number of dropped items exceeds the guidelines.

Costs associated with Amnesty Days are covered by Benton County's Solid

Waste Service Fee, which appears on your resident tax statement. Last year the total cost for the event was \$53,131.76.

Also last year's event collected 16.71 tons of e-waste, 14.69 tons of demolition debris, 14.41 tons of scrap metal, 28.58 tons of tires, 46.38 tons of trash, 0 lbs. of vehicle batteries, and 507 appliances.

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 - \$30 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 GAS and OIL from all motors.

Electronics (TV's/DVD's/Computers) - ONE free per residence - \$30.00 ea. add'l.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 15

Bring your flammable, corrosive, reactive, and toxic waste. Benton County Department of Development, in cooperation with Stearns County, will hold this year's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on **September 15, 2012, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Benton County Public Works building at 7752 Highway #25 NE, Foley, one mile north of the Highway 23 intersection.**

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 personnel will decide which items will be accepted and which will incur a small drop-off fee.

Please note, business hazardous waste will not be accepted.

Questions? Call the Benton County Dept. of Development at 320.968.5065.

ACCEPTED HOUSEHOLD WASTE PRODUCTS

- 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

In 2011 residents recycled or disposed of 289 pounds of aerosol, 11 pounds of asbestos, 763 pounds of flammable liquids, 619 fluorescent bulbs, 806 pounds of pesticides, 468 gallons of paint, and 55 gallons of solvents.

If you cannot make the Benton County drop-off date, call Ross Detert, Stearns County Environmental Department, at 320.656.3613, or contact the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Commission at 320.255.6140 or call 800.450.6140, to make arrangements.

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DISPOSE OF YOUR JUNK CAR — FOR CASH OR FOR CHARITY



Junkers are processed at Northern Metal Recycling.

That old junker you've got sitting in the backyard isn't just an eye sore. It can be dangerous. Not only is it rusting and losing fluids in a polluting stream of chemicals that could potentially leach into ground water, but it's also providing a breeding ground for mosquitoes and the illnesses they carry. And, if it becomes a playground

for small children, they could get injured. Dispose of that junk car.

1. Donate it to charity. If your car still runs, think about donating it to charity. Locally, Catholic Charities in St. Cloud works with Cars With Heart. Contact Kathy Sherrard at 320.650.1654. Also, Make-a-Wish® Minnesota runs its Wheels

for Wishes program in the St. Cloud area. Call 866.601.5640 or fill out a donation form at www.wheelsforwishes.org/car-donation-form/. The organization will contact you in 24 hours to arrange for pickup, and it provides a donation receipt. *CarsForVeterans.org* also accepts autos in working order and will pickup within 24 hours of your call. Fill out a form online at: <http://www.carsforveterans.org> or call 800.409.3274.

2. Sell it to a metal recycler. You could also take or tow your vehicle to Northern Metal Recycling (Phillips Recycling, Inc.) The company will take complete cars as well as parts. If you're selling the complete car, you'll have to arrange for it to be towed to the facility. According to Buyer Neil Satterness, the company buys by the ton, typically at \$150 per ton, although the prices change everyday, depending upon what the metal is selling on the Market and the quantities a seller presents. The vehicle is taken to an end-of-life (EOL) vehicle station at one of the company's other locations, where it is drained of all

fluids. Satterness notes that the company would rather people NOT DRAIN the fluids and that they keep the gas tank intact. Contact Phillips Recycling, Inc./Northern Metal Recycling at 119 Sixth Avenue NE, St. Cloud, or by calling 320.251.5971. Or check the website at: <http://www.northernmetalrecycling.com/BuySellPage.html>

3. Take it to the junkyard, or call for a free pickup. Check the Yellow Pages for companies that buy old cars. Here are a few in the area:

- Cotton Picker Wrecking Yard, 3105 Highway 23 S., Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 320.251.9340
- Countryside Auto Salvage, 2714 Mayhew Lake Rd, NE, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379, 320.251.2979
- Huntington Automotive, 1325 29th Avenue NE, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379, 320.253.4343
- Rick's, 121 Hwy. 10, Royalton, MN, 320.584.5586 – "We buy junkers and car parts."
- Rusty's Auto Salvage, online site at: <http://www.rustysautosalvage.com/minnesota/benton-county.html>

Remember, there are no benefits to leaving your junker car sit. Take care of it.

COUNTY COLLABORATES FOR DRUG DROP SITES

There's a right way and a wrong way to dispose of expired or unwanted prescription drugs. For the sake of a healthy environment for humans, wildlife, and plants, conscientious individuals at the Benton County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), Benton County Sheriff's Department, and the City of Sauk Rapids' Police Department are working to install two permanent pharmaceutical waste drop sites this fall – one at the Benton County Sheriff's Department and the other at the Sauk Rapids Police Department. Hopes are that these sites will make it more safe, convenient, and secure for the public to dispose of their drugs responsibly year-round.

The SWCD applied this August to Benton County for a **SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and Waste Education) grant of \$2,750.00** that would be used to purchase and install the drop boxes. Once installed, the boxes would be available to the public, emptied daily, and the contents stored in law enforcement's evidence lockers until their transport to the Pope/Douglas Waste to Energy incinerator in Alexandria. Costs of the transport and incineration of the drugs would be shared by the Sheriff's and Police departments, if all goes according to plan. There is also the potential for a collaboration with Stearns and Sherburne counties to transport the pharmaceuticals more efficiently and reduce disposal costs, says SWCD Water Plan Technician Adam Beilke.

"Most people throw their leftover prescription drugs into the trash or flush them down the toilet or drain," says Benton SWCD District Manager Gerry



Maciej. "Surveys suggest that up to ninety-percent of these pharmaceuticals are disposed of in this way." There are two problems with disposing of pharmaceutical waste incorrectly, notes Maciej. **One, the drugs don't break down, so they contaminate the environment.** They are buried with the trash, but, when subjected to water, the drugs leach out into ground

water. Eventually, plants and wildlife use this contaminated water.

City waste treatment plants don't treat flushed drugs at all, nor is the bacteria in private septic systems able to break down the drugs, so humans are ingesting all sorts of residual drugs via ground water, notes Maciej. **Two, some people who abuse drugs have taken to "dumpster diving," that is, they search the trash for medications.** Especially popular are narcotics, stimulants, depressants, and pain killers such as codeine, morphine,

oxycodone, diazepam (Valium), hydrocodone/acetaminophen (as in Vicodin) and methylephenidate (sold as Ritalin.)

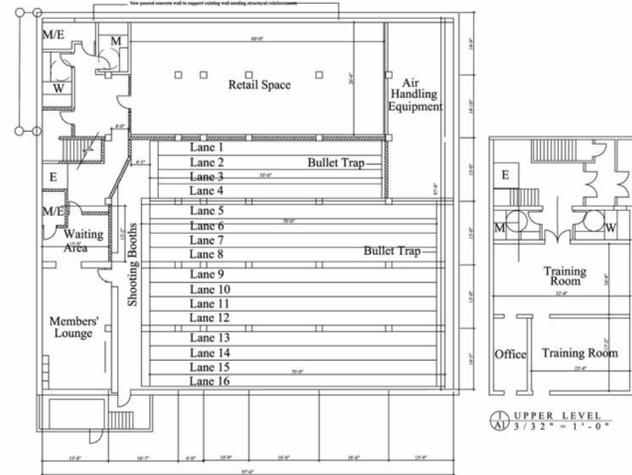
The Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010 allows the "ultimate user" of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities such as the Sheriff's or Police Departments. This same act authorizes long-term care facilities, as "ultimate users," to dispose of their residents' controlled substances. "There are certain pharmaceuticals that are relatively harmless, but narcotics and other more dangerous drugs will need to go in the same (collection) pile ... Law enforcement is qualified to handle and store these prescriptions," says Beilke.

In past years, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has held nationwide prescription-drug pick-up days that have been very successful. The SWCD has also been involved with Stearns and Sherburne counties in their pharmaceutical pickups. Hopes are that this current collaboration will be successful as well. Both Maciej and Beilke are happy they can focus on water quality and public safety in their county with this project.

When the drop sites are installed and ready for use, there will be announcements in the local newspapers.

Questions? Contact Gerry Maciej at the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District at gerry@soilandwater.org or call 320.968.5300, extension 3.

BUSINESS OWNERS TARGET BUILDING'S REUSE WITH INDOOR FIREARM SAFETY RANGE



Partners Rand Schaper and Dave Lopez, of Valley Rice, LLC, have a vision for the former Rapids Locker Plant building, located at 109 South Benton Drive in downtown Sauk Rapids. They've received approval from the City of Sauk Rapids to recycle the structure for an indoor shooting range with space for retail sales (below ground level) and meeting rooms (street level) for youth firearm safety training, permit-to-carry classes, home invasion defense instruction, and other courses.

There is a need in Central Minnesota for a public indoor shooting range to be used by private citizens as well as law enforcement to practice their shooting and firearm safety skills, according to Schaper.

Currently, the only shooting range available to the area is in Monticello.

The restoration and refurbishing is being handled in two phases. Phase I construction on 9,000 square feet is projected to begin this summer. The space will accommodate a 16-lane pistol range/retail center, along with a conference

center/offices/entry lobby with on-site parking. Phase II will include a 6,000 sq. ft. building proposed for retail and office space. The above ground space, totaling approximately 9,600 sq. ft., is projected to include an environmental tourism enterprise, conference center, and professional offices.

Schaper is an environmentally conscious architect and owner of FMS, Inc./Schaper Architecture, Rice. He and Lopez, whose background is in construction, real estate, and finance, are obviously pleased to be recycling on such a large scale. In addition to preserving the building, which has 16" thick walls and a 10' roof slab of poured concrete, resting on 18"x18" poured concrete columns, Schaper notes that by saving the building, the project will keep tons of the debris out of the landfill.

In addition, the project reduces, reuses, and recycles at another level. Benton County awarded three SCORE grants to Valley Rice for the use of recycled materials in the structure.



Rapids Locker Plant building, built in 1920 by the Pappenfus brothers to sell Dart and Elgin Six autos.

A \$23,850.75 SCORE grant is being applied toward the \$84,000 price tag on Action Target's Rubber Berm Trap™ (RBT), a bullet stop made of 100%

recycled truck tires. Action Target, headquartered in Provo, UT, is the leading global supplier of shooting range products. Its RBT is "approximately two feet of chopped rubber spread on top of an angled support structure to create a backstop, or 'berm,' to catch bullets fired into it." Rubber reduces the number of ricochets and the amount of lead dust generated during shooting. (Lead, of course, is harmful to people and the environment. A lead filtration system is included in the design.) Plus, the rubber is treated with a fire retardant to reduce the potential for a fire. **A SCORE grant in the amount of \$7,095.26 covers 50% of the cost of wall-to-wall 100% recycled Prime Sports® rubber mats from Flexco,** supplied by MCI/Carpet One.

At the front of the site and on the ground level parking lot Grid System Pavers™ from Vast Pavers® will be installed. **The valuable SCORE grant award covers \$27,537.84 of the \$70,000 cost of these composite resurfacing paver "stones," made from pop bottles and recycled tire rubber.**

From an environmental standpoint, Schaper and Lopez are working closely with SCR and Xcel Energy to design an HVAC system that will filter the lead and gas associated with a firearms range. Certified professionals will remove and recycle the lead trapped in the bullet stops and replace the 10% of bullet stop material lost over approximately two years of use. Energy-wise, Schaper and Lopez would like the building "to be a Net-zero energy facility." **A Net-zero energy building is one that annually generates enough energy on site from renewable sources to equal or exceed the demand for energy.**

Lopez and Schaper, who feel they are very close to moving ahead with construction, are very thankful for the SCORE Grants approved by Benton County.

"The SCORE Grants we have been awarded are a clear sign that Benton County is serious about reducing the amount of materials going to our landfills by offering incentives (grants) for developers to incorporate recycled content materials into their projects. We hope this project will be a local landmark project exhibiting environmentally responsible design and the benefits of re-using, recycling, and re-purposing," said Schaper.

SCHOOL KIDS PLAY ON RECYCLED RUBBER NUGGETS



School kids at Pleasantview Elementary, 1009 Sixth Avenue North in Sauk Rapids stay cleaner and safer on the playground because of a little recycled NuPlay® rubber nugget and playground edging

made by the International Mulch Company, Minneapolis.

While the teachers appreciate the cleanliness and safety of the kids, the administration appreciates how much

more cost-effective the reclaimed rubber nuggets and mats are than wooden mulch and the fact that it provides an opportunity for students to learn about recycling.

"It (using recycled playground surfacing) has worked out very well for us," says Business Manager Kim Eisenschenk. "It saves money in the long run because (the rubber mulch) is not breaking down and it doesn't need to be replaced as often as the wood."

Sauk Rapids ISD #47 used a **2010 Benton County SCORE grant of \$21,995.25**, submitted by Building and Grounds Director Don Benoit, who is now retired. The award allowed the District to resurface Pleasantview Elementary's 1,298 sq. ft. and 649 cu. ft. of playground with 6" of the NuPlay® Loose Rubber mulch. Rubberific® mats

were used below swings and slides because they stay in place.

"The District is always looking for different ways to fund projects," says Eisenschenk. "This one also provided education (about saving our environment) as well as exercise for the students."

There are benefits to using this recycled product in addition to the exercise. The surface treatment is much cleaner for the kids since it dries fast, doesn't decompose, isn't dusty, doesn't get kicked around, and insects have no desire to live in it. Because of its pliable softness, recycled rubber is considered the safest mulch in the market for playgrounds. And, of course, the product is a responsible response to the call to recycle products and reduce dependency on natural resources like wood chips. The nuggets and mats are made of 100% EPA-approved recycled rubber.