



Rubbish REVIEW

WHO CARES ABOUT PAINT CARE? YOU?(WE HOPE.)

Paint disposal can be a problem. After all, it comprises 50% of all household hazardous waste. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency also estimates 500,000 gallons of paint sit in basements or are illegally dumped in landfills. Heartening is that 700,000 gallons of paint are recycled per year. However, the MPCA's goal is to improve these numbers. So, what can YOU do to become part of that solution? Plenty.

REMEMBER: Do not pour latex or oil-based paints down your drain. It's illegal. These paints are comprised of chemicals hazardous to your health and should not leech into ground water used by humans and animals. And FYI: latex will clog your septic tank.

WATCH for the rollout of the PaintCare® Program this summer. This "paint stewardship organization" serves states that have passed industry-supported paint stewardship laws. (Visit: <http://www.paintcare.org>.) Last year, Minnesota became the fifth state in the U.S. to pass this legislation, implemented through PaintCare. Consumers may soon see voluntary recycling activities allowing them to drop their paint waste with hardware and paint stores for free. Since the law also requires a collection infrastructure, consumers will hear more from paint retailers, municipal household hazardous waste programs, waste transfer stations, etc., and the educational materials and messages they will produce.



Reuse recycled paint from Amazon Environmental. www.amazonpaint.com. Buy recycled paint from the Minnesota facility at 7180 Commerce Circle W., Fridley, MN 55432, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 763.572.0800 for information. Martin Bergstedt is the General Manager. "Amazon processes 400,000 gallons of paint each year to be sold to apartment managers, contractors,

reuse stores, and Habitat for Humanity." As the PaintCare® program ramps up, this manufacturer should see more recycling activity.

Reduce leftover paint waste by planning your project. Multiply the height x width of your project to arrive at the square footage needing to be covered. One gallon of paint covers approximately 400 square feet. Use an online calculator at:

<http://156.98.19.245/home/index.html#paint>, or visit Benjamin Moore, Pittsburgh Paints, Sherwin-Williams, and Valspar websites for their calculators.

Recycle your unopened paint with these "green-conscious" organizations: Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity's Restore, 3335 W. St. Germain, St. Cloud, MN. Call 320.656.8890 or visit the website at: <http://www.cmhfh.org/restore/about-restore/>

Minnesota Materials Exchange – www.mnexchange.org. Did you know you can exchange or buy paint from Minnesota folks who are as environmentally conscious as you are? Check the site.

Dispose of your leftover liquid paint properly. Liquid paint can be disposed of with these waste industry entities:

Benton County Department of Development's Household Hazardous Waste drop-off, September 13
Total Disposal, 1741 SE 3rd St., St. Cloud, MN, 320.255.0425

Tri-County Hazardous Waste, 3601 S. 5th St., Waite Park, MN, 800.450.6140

Use the garbage can for dried paint and cans (non-aerosol). Eric Heipel, owner of Freshcoat Painters, St. Cloud, suggests if you have less than 1" of paint left in the can, allow the paint to dry out, and place the can in the trash. Also, there are chemical additives that will help to dry out latex and oil-based paints so you can toss the cans. Heipel is also watching the MPCA's activity with regard to the development of paint waste repositories for residential customers. "As I understand it, the goal in the next several years is to have access within eight miles of each person," said Heipel.

Sources:

1. "Law shifts paint recycling costs from counties to manufacturers," Dee DePass, StarTribune, July 2013
2. "Minnesota Paint Stewardship Program," <http://www.PaintCare.org>
3. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) website: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/topics/>

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 13

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 13, 2014, 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

- 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 2013 residents recycled or disposed of 134 pounds of aerosol, 462 pounds of flammable liquids, 314 fluorescent bulbs, 3,063 gallons of paint, 228 gallons of solvents, 45 pounds of acids, 63 pounds of bases, 13 pounds of ballasts, 2 pounds of mercury, and 3 pounds of oxidizers.

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 800.450.6140, to make other arrangements.

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

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RECYCLE AT RURAL AMNESTY DAYS SEPTEMBER 6TH

The Benton County Department of Development's second 2014 Rural Amnesty Days will take place on **Saturday, September 6th, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. in 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 fee that may be charged to you. However, fees are charged only if the number of dropped items exceeds the guidelines.

Amnesty Days costs 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 \$15,804.94.

Also last year's event collected 6.48 tons of e-waste, 8.02 tons of demolition debris, 2.78 tons of scrap metal, 12.43 tons of tires, 13.85 tons of trash, 0 lbs. of vehicle batteries, and 119 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
- Fiberglass boats

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 – \$5.00 ea. add'l.

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 ea. add'l.

EVENT RECYCLING CONTAINERS AVAILABLE FREE IN TRI-COUNTY LOAN PROGRAM

Mounds of plastic bottles and aluminum cans remain after a school or public event. Smart and environmentally conscious event organizers in Benton, Sherburne, and Stearns' counties plan for beverage container collection and recycling. They can now rent at **no charge** from Tri-County Solid Waste Management Commission event containers simply by calling **320.257.8605**. **The only cost to users is the cost of the plastic bags, which is minimal.**

Benton, Sherburne, and Stearns counties share the cost for the program. The cost was \$3,740.20 in 2013; the cost was \$4,344.88 in 2014. Stearns paid 72%. Benton paid 16%. Sherburne paid 12% of the cost for the containers.

The ClearStream® BeverageMax container is comprised of a blue plastic lid with three round, bottle/can receiving holes, mounted on a folding metal frame



(much like a tray-table).

A clear plastic garbage bag hangs between the "legs" of the frame. Up to 20 containers can be held in a transporter unit for setup. **The system is simple and efficient to use and store, and it's effective.**

"Reviews have been very positive," says Doug Lien, Planner at Tri-County.

"Whether existing maintenance staff, volunteers, or WACOSA staff are doing the setup and servicing, users have been enthusiastic in their responses that the containers are easy to set up and change the bags."

In fact, response has been so enthusiastic that Tri-County doubled its initial purchase for 2014 to 100 containers, with the corresponding number of bags

and transporters. And after using St. Cloud's Apollo and Cold Spring's ROCORI high schools as pilot schools in 2012, the program is now available to Foley, Sauk Rapids, Sartell, and St. Cloud Technical high schools.

Other tri-county area events have also used the containers successfully, notes Lien. **Seventy-five percent of all waste generated** at the Lake Wobegon Trail Marathon this May 10 was recycled or composted. Also, the Scheels Earth Day Half Marathon Run at St. Cloud State University on April 18 and 19 **recycled 65.7% of its waste—11.5 cu. yds.** of garbage, cardboard, mixed recyclables, and food waste. "Summertime By George" concert series in St. Cloud, conventions at The River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, St. Cloud Rox baseball and hockey games at the MAC, and more have promoted responsible bottle disposal with ClearStream®.

"People want to do it (recycle) if you give them an opportunity, but it's got to be convenient and easy—next to the garbage can," says Lien.

DUMPING THAT CHAIR IN THE LANDFILL? COMMUNITY FURNITURE PROGRAM



What are you going to do with the old chair in the shed? Is it time to chuck junior's bedroom set, now that he's vacated the nest? Pat Bednarz, Project Director of the Central Minnesota Re-Entry Project, asks that you recycle your cast-off furniture to the organization's Community Furniture Program. It will help your neighbors in Benton, Stearns, Sherburne, and Wright counties and your global environment.

So, your discarded sofas, kitchen tables and chairs, dressers, and even beds with clean mattresses will help fill the program's warehouse. (Tax-deductible monetary donations are appreciated, too.) **Please call 320.656.9004 between 11 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.,**

Monday through Friday, to reach the east St. Cloud headquarters and arrange for free pickup of your furniture items.

"We provide gently-used furniture to individuals and families transitioning from poverty to a more stabilized, improved life," says Bednarz. The non-profit organization serves eligible clients referred from 19 local agencies, including Anna Marie's Alliance, Catholic Charities, Central MN Mental Health, Independent Lifestyles, Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army, and more. "Five hundred households were helped in 2013, but 2014 is on track for a projected 20% increase in that number," says Bednarz.

The program staff calls the client and arranges for a trip to the warehouse in Waite Park. Once there, a client can pick out the furniture he/she needs for a maximum program fee of \$50. The selected furniture can be transported home by the client, or for an additional \$50, the program will drop-off the items in its distinctive delivery truck. The truck was purchased with a grant from the Benton Telecommunications Foundation, and the graphics were donated by Franklin Graphics. "You can't miss it," says Bednarz. "It is truly a rolling billboard!"

Many community volunteers donate their time to this effort. The program also gives ex-offenders in the Re-Entry Project an opportunity for community service as they provide "muscle" for the hauling and hands to work the furniture drives, notes Bednarz. The Re-Entry program helps to create safer communities by offering ex-offenders opportunities to transform their lives. Many impoverished families of ex-offenders also use the Community Furniture Program.

Bruce Campbell founded the program in 2009, soon after the Bridging Program in Sauk Rapids closed its doors. The St. Cloud Housing Coalition managed it until that agency closed; the Salvation Army also operated it for one year. Finally, Campbell and Bednarz decided to incorporate it into the Central Minnesota Re-Entry Program.

"It was/is a good fit," says Bednarz.

DUELM LION'S CLUB SCORES WITH PARK FUNDING



After 10 years of wishful thinking and serious planning...SUCCESS. The Duelm Lion's Community Park building and playground were completed this summer, thanks to the generosity of individuals, club members, and businesses, plus money from various sources, including two grants equaling \$9,046.00 from Benton County SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and Waste Education)

"Everything worked really well with our application to Benton County," said Ralph

Schmitz, Chairman of the Park Committee for the past two years. "We want to thank the county for the SCORE grant and Mark McNamara from the Department of Development who helped coach us through the grant preparation and submission process."

SCORE grants are Minnesota State dollars allocated to Benton County for distribution to groups or businesses undertaking projects that support environmentally responsible waste

management. Four times a year the Solid Waste Advisory Committee reviews the applications, making recommendations to the Benton County Board for final decisions and the awarding of SCORE grants. Applicants then must carry out the project and are reimbursed the grant amount. The State Statute provides Benton County with requirements for the distribution and application of the funds.

The Duelm Lion's Club community park project included the purchase of traditional products created from nontraditional and/or recycled materials—plastic interior tables (at the cost of \$7,139) and four outdoor benches (at the cost of \$1,907).

East Central Energy Trust and Knife River Partners for Parks also granted \$2,000 each to the effort.

Cost for the entire project was approximately \$202,000, which included

\$170,000 for the building and \$33,000 for the playground equipment. In 2012, St. Lawrence Church generously signed over the deed on 3.5 acres to the club for the location of the new park. With the support of 78 active members of the club, the park was completed in June. Individuals or groups interested in using the park and facilities should contact **Wendell Hansen at 320.968.7532**

"We're very happy with the grant money from the county, and I encourage anyone with an important project to consider applying for a SCORE grant," said Schmitz. "Feel free to contact me with any question you might have or to get a second opinion. Call 320.267.0455."

Interested individuals/organizations may access the 4-page application at: https://www.co.benton.mn.us/Dept_of_Development/documents/scoregrantapplication.pdf and contact **Mark McNamara, Solid Waste Lead, at 320.968.5074.**

QUESTION: WHAT DOES THAT SOLID WASTE FEE COVER?

Some of you may wonder what that \$10 residential, or \$25 commercial, item marked "Special assessment-Solid Waste" on your property tax statement covers. Right? Well, the Solid Waste Fee collected by Benton County is put to many uses. Here are a few, according to Joe Janish, Director, Department of Development.

1. **Amnesty Day**—Free items of household trash, this year on September 6
2. **Household Hazardous Waste Day**—"No cost" item disposal, this year on September 13
3. **SCORE Grant**—Part of the county's matching monies for the state government's grant to projects that support environmentally responsible waste management. (See our story, "Duelm Lion's Club SCOREs with Park Funding.")
4. **Solid Waste Education**—according to the Benton County Solid Waste Management Plan (Visit: https://www.co.benton.mn.us/Dept_of_Development/documents/SW_Plan.pdf) Activities include: a. distribution of "Trash Talk" quarterly newsletter to 4th–6th graders; b. publication of the "Rubbish Review" newspaper; c. arranging for speakers to schools and service clubs; d. arranging for CLIMB theatre Company school performances; e. handouts at "cleanup" days, etc.
5. **Benton County Soil & Water Conservation District's "Take It To The Box"**—pharmaceutical collection drop boxes, in partnership with the Benton County Sheriff's Office (Foley location) and the Sauk Rapids Police Department (Sauk Rapids Government Center location)—a convenient, safe, and secure manner for the public to dispose of un-used prescription drugs year-round at no charge. (See "Benton County collaboration plans for drug drop sites" in the 2012 Rubbish Review.)
6. **Landfill Abatement**—Benton County can be responsible for the monitoring of closed landfills and may be liable in the future should any problems occur with the landfill. Fees provide a reserve in response to that possibility.
7. **Tri-County Solid Waste Management Commission and the Pope/Douglas Waste-to-Energy facility in Alexandria**—Under a "put or pay" agreement, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Commission, of which Benton County is a member, must pay Pope/Douglas County Solid Waste Commission a fee if the amount of waste it sends to the burner is less than the agreed upon amount. This fee is split among Benton, Sherburne, and Stearns counties.
8. **Tri-County HHW Facility**—Benton County helps fund this facility so residents can utilize it and recycle their household hazardous materials for free. **Contact 320.255.6140 for times and a list of materials accepted.**

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A "GREEN" JOB? RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE INDUSTRIES PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES

Today, "reduce, reuse, recycle" messages are sinking into our consciousness AND conscientiousness. And as our awareness as a society increases—who hasn't heard about global warming?—more people choose careers in solid waste management and recycling industries.

Here are some numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics showing participation in Minnesota's waste industry for the first quarter of 2013.

	# entities	# employed	average weekly wage
Waste management & remediation services			
Private	633	5,964	\$1248
Public	15	184	\$ 915
Solid waste collection			
Private	268	3,531	\$ 880
Solid waste landfill			
Private	26	212	\$1095
Public	7	89	\$1070
Other nonhazardous waste disposal			
Private	30	254	\$1248
Materials recovery facilities			
Private	25	101	\$ 719

Here are some examples of the jobs they are choosing:

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT CAREERS/JOB

1. Landfill Laborer/Material Handler
2. Equipment Operator (small & heavy equipment)
3. Collection Manager
4. Project Manager
5. Solid Waste Manager
6. Solid Waste Technician
7. Solid Waste Engineer

Source:

"Careers in the Solid Waste Sector," by Rick LeBlanc, <http://recycling.about.com/od/Solid-Waste-Management/f/Careers-in-the-Solid-Waste-Management-Sector.htm?p=1>

DID YOU KNOW?

According to a recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) study, between 1960 and 2009, municipal solid waste (MSW) generation (e.g., trash or garbage) increased from 2.68 to 4.34 pounds per person per day. However, the EPA also documented that in 2009, 61 million tons—25% of MSW—was recovered through recycling. Compare this to the 6.4% of recycled MSW in 1960. Our society has become more environmentally aware. Many of us would like to see 100% of MSW recovered through recycling.

Source:

"Careers in Recycling," by Drew Liming, <http://www.bls.gov/green/recycling/recycling.pdf>

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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, button, rechargeable. Also bulbs.
	27 N Benton Dr. Sauk Rapids	230.2332	
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, household batteries
Recyclers			
Czarnetzki Hardware.....	8 Benton Drive N	251.5383.....	fluorescent bulbs
Hank	Sauk Rapids		
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
Hank			
Henkemeyer	5045 Lark Rd NW.....	252.6487.....	grass, leaves, garden waste, dirt, tree brush, shrubs, treated and non-treated wood, insulation, shingles, sheet rock, tile, ceramics, metal, drywall, concrete, asphalt, bricks, masonry
Demolition Landfill	Sauk Rapids		
Light Bulb Recycling.....	1101 River Ave. S.....	492.5443.....	commercial collection of fluorescent bulbs, ballasts, light bulbs
Company	Sauk Rapids		
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
Recycling			
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
Advanced Disposal	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.....	3601 5th St. S Waite Park.....	800.450.6140	paint, solvents, pesticides, cleaning chemicals
Waste Facility			
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/icy 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.

TEACH THE 3R'S IN THE GROCERY STORE



Moms, Dads, and kids can work together to **REDUCE, REUSE, & RECYCLE** for the good of our environment today and for future families. The grocery store is a good place for parents to educate their kids on environmentally conscious buying...or for kids to educate their parents!

Using smaller amounts of products and paying attention to packaging is a way to reduce waste and the amount of garbage put in the landfill. Parents, you can make this a game with your kids, too. **First, look for packaging that has been made of recycled, or recyclable, materials.** The RRR symbol would be your clue. Choose packages that can be easily recyclable, such as cardboard versus Styrofoam, or recyclable plastic instead of non-recyclable. And if a manufacturer is using non-recyclable plastic, don't buy the product. (Really, there's no excuse for this anymore.) *TIP: Make sure you know, before you go, what type of garbage and recycling pick-up services your city offers.* **Second, avoid convenience, single-serving packaging.** This includes juice boxes and pouches, pudding and yogurt cups, chips, Lunchables® and Gerber® Graduates lil' Meals, kids' breakfast cereal, etc. Instead, use sealable plastic containers, taking the individual portions from a bulk supply, and measuring the servings. **Third, invest in fun, colorful water bottles,** and fill them with tap water. Bottled water is expensive, and those plastic disposable bottles will need to be recycled. **Fourth, choose durable items over the disposable.** Instead of using disposable razors, choose the "old-fashioned" razor with disposable blades. Use plastic sandwich boxes instead of Ziplock® bags. Invest in a bag of cotton rags, and use them instead of paper towels. They're easily tossed into whatever type of load is in the washing machine. **Fifth, use cloth grocery bags, or reuse the store's paper and plastic bags.** Cloth bags are sturdier than paper, too, so they won't break as you unload the car. **Fifth, bring paper and plastic bags back to the grocery store for its recycling box.** Many stores offer this service, and if they don't, maybe your family can speak to a manager about beginning the practice.

When you make these "green" grocery practices a habit as a family, you'll help the environment, save money, and teach your children good lessons they can pass on to their kids, thus, developing a whole new cycle of REDUCE, REUSE, & RECYCLE.

NOTE: The National Institute of Environmental Science Kids' Pages is a good website for kids' activities: <http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/explore/reduce>

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