



2019 RECYCLOPEDIA

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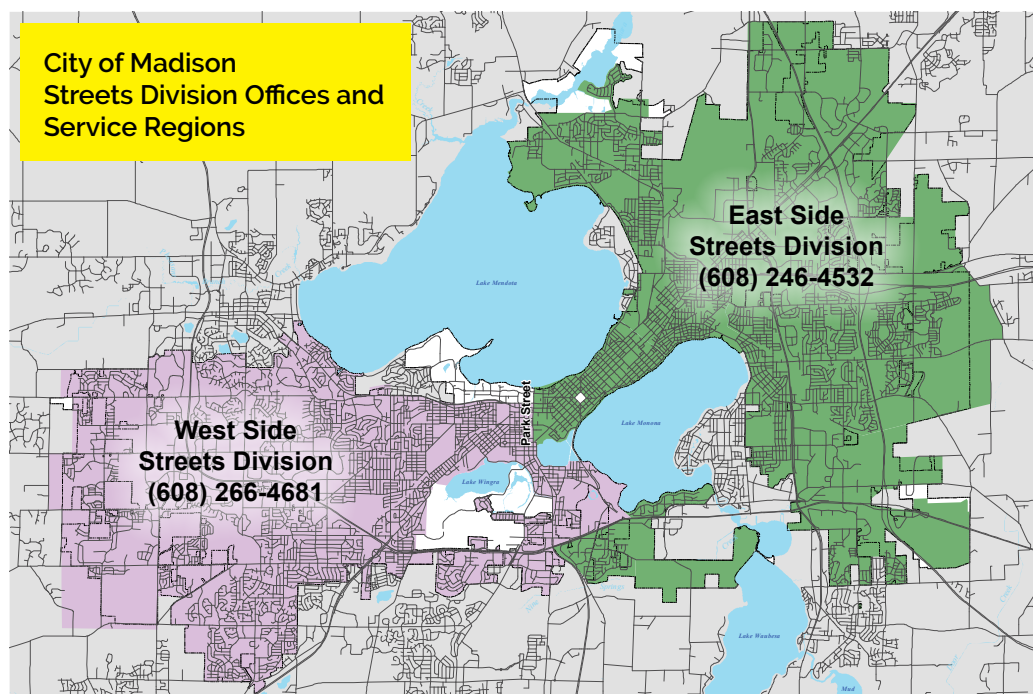
WHAT DOES THE STREETS DIVISION DO FOR YOU?

The Streets Division provides a variety of services for the residents of the City of Madison. If you have questions about any of our services, feel free to contact us and we will help. Our crews do the following for you:

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| » Recycling collection | » Drop-off site services | » Graffiti removal (from City property) |
| » Refuse collection | » Pothole and curb repair | » Mowing of certain City properties |
| » Large item collection | » Stump removal (for trees on City property) | » Trimming alleyways |
| » Brush collection | » Snow plowing City streets | » Removing general debris from the streets |
| » Leaf/yard waste collection | | |
| » Street sweeping | | |

Have a question, comment, concern, or request about our services?

Use the map below and call the office that services your neighborhood.



Office Locations & Hours

- » East: 4602 Sycamore Ave., Monday-Friday, 7:30am-4:00pm
- » West: 1501 W. Badger Rd., Monday-Friday, 7:30am-4:00pm

For hours and locations of drop-off sites, turn to "Drop-Off Sites" on page 17.

Contact

- » East Office: 608-246-4532
- » West Office: 608-266-4681
- » Recycling Coordinator: 608-267-2626
- » Brush Processing Center: 608-266-4911
- » Brush & Yard Waste Hotline: 608-267-2088
- » Winter Parking Hotline: 608-261-9111
- » Report A Problem: www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem
- » Email: streets@cityofmadison.com

DIRTY CARTS

Residents are responsible for cleaning their collection carts. Carts will not be exchanged because they are dirty or have an odor.

HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

Days Closed

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day (4th of July)
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving & the day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

Only residents with scheduled collections that fall on the day of the holiday are impacted. The regular scheduled collection will occur on the following day (except for Thanksgiving - turn to ["Thanksgiving" on page 3](#)).

Half Days

- Christmas Eve
- New Year's Eve

Streets Division collections will be performed as normal. However, work in the field will be done by 11:00am. The drop-off sites will also close at 11:00am on these days.

USING YOUR COLLECTION CARTS

These guidelines are for all collection carts provided by the City for curbside collection.

- » Put appropriate items in the correct cart.
 - For recycling instructions turn to [page 6](#).
 - For refuse instructions turn to [page 4](#).
- » Be sure you are placing the correct carts curbside on your scheduled collection day.
 - Obtain your collection schedule online: www.cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule.
 - You can also contact the Streets Division office that services your neighborhood to have a calendar mailed to your home.
- » Carts must be out for collection by 7:00am on their scheduled day. Carts out late may not be collected.
- » Cart lids should be closed when out for collection. Carts with material sticking 18 inches or more above the lid may not be collected.
- » Carts should not exceed 100 pounds. Carts that are too heavy may not be collected.

Collection Cart Storage

- » After carts have been emptied, residents have 24 hours from the day of collection to remove them from the curb.
- » Carts should be stored in the garage, or at the rear of the building.

Cart Exchanges, Repairs, and Purchases

- » Residents can request a larger or smaller cart at no charge. Contact the Streets Division office that services your home, or use www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem.
- » Missing or damaged carts can be replaced or repaired. Depending on the situation, residents may need to purchase a replacement. Contact a Streets Division office for more information.
- » Residents who need an additional cart or carts can also purchase them.

How to Place Your Cart for Collection

Improperly placed carts may not be collected.

- » Carts should be positioned at the road edge at your driveway, terrace, or driveway apron.
 - Do not place carts in the gutter unless absolutely necessary to ensure collection. Carts in the gutter line interfere street sweeping, snow plowing, and traffic. In stormy weather, carts in the gutter tend to roll away.
- » White serial numbers on the body of cart must face the roadway.
- » Carts should be positioned side-by-side and when possible they should have at least four feet of space between them.
- » Carts should be four feet from any obstruction, such as mailboxes, trees, street signs, fire hydrants, and so on.

Note: Special Sweep Areas: If you live in a Clean Streets/Clean Lakes zone, do not place your carts in the gutter during scheduled sweeping times.

How to Place Your Cart for Winter Collection

- » Use your driveway apron or driveway after it has been cleared of snow.
 - Or use a cleared area of your terrace or road edge.
- » Do not place carts on top of snow banks.
- » After your street has been plowed, carts can be placed in the gutter immediately next to the driveway apron. If you put your cart in the gutter before the street has been plowed, large sections of your street will not be plowed as trucks will need to drive around the carts.

How to Place Your Cart for Alley Collection

- » Carts must be at the alley edge.
- » Carts on private property will not be collected.

Collection Carts are City Property

If you move, leave the city-supplied carts behind at the residence. Your new home should have carts waiting for you. If your new home does not have carts, contact the Streets Division.

The only carts that belong to residents are the additional ones they have purchased.

HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving

The Streets Division is closed both on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, and the following Friday. The double holiday requires the following changes to the collection schedule.

- On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving: Residents with Wednesday & Thursday scheduled collections will be collected.
- On the Monday after Thanksgiving: Residents with Friday & Monday scheduled collections will be collected.

WHO PICKS UP YOUR RECYCLING?

Did you know that some areas of Madison are collected by private companies? If you don't know who collects your recycling or refuse, check the cart at your home. The carts will either have the City of Madison or the company that provides the collection.

BUILDING MATERIAL

- Debris created by contractors will not be collected. Curbside pickup is restricted to minor home projects performed by the resident.
- The maximum amount of material that will be collected from resident-perform projects is at one time is 240 pounds (or the equivalent to six 30-gallon bags of material that do not weigh more than 40 pounds apiece).
- Tan refuse cart can also be used. Be sure to follow all cart usage rules as outlined on [page 4](#).

What is "building material"?

- Lumber, drywall, tile, and other similar construction debris
- Shingles will not be collected by the Streets Division. Shingles must be hauled to a shingle recycler.

Recycling Building Material

- Residents can recycle building material by hauling it to the Dane County Construction and Demolition Recycling Center at 7102 US Highway 12. Private contractors can haul material here as well.
- Private companies like Royal Container and Waste Management also offer construction and demolition recycling services.

Special Building Material Considerations

- All projects with a value of \$20,000 or more are required by ordinance to recycle the building material debris
- Other major projects such as new construction and demolitions require recycling as well. Visit the Construction and Demolition page of the Streets Division website for more information or contact the Planning Department at 608-266-4635.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The Dane County Landfill has roughly 15 years of usable space left. Everything you place into the tan refuse cart fills up that space. So before sending your unwanted stuff to the landfill, double check to see if it can be reused, resold, or recycled. Use this guide for assistance, or go to Recyclopedia.org, or call the Streets Division offices.

Refuse Collection Basics

- » Tan refuse cart is collected weekly on your scheduled day.
- » Consult your collection schedule calendar to learn when to place the cart out for pickup. Calendars are available at www.cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule.
- » Be sure to follow all guidelines on ["Using your Collection Carts" on page 2](#).

Do Not Place the Following Materials into the Tan Refuse Cart

Carts containing these items will not be collected.

- » **Recyclable items**
Turn to ["Recycling Collection" on page 6](#).
- » **Electronics banned from the landfill**
Turn to ["Electronics Recycling" on page 12](#).
- » **Leaves, yard waste, weeds, etc.**
Turn to ["Leaf, Yard, and Garden Waste Collection" on page 15](#).
- » **Brush**
Turn to ["Brush Collection" on page 13](#).
- » **Explosives, fireworks, ammunition, etc.**
Contact 608-266-4275 for the Dane County Non-Emergency law enforcement dispatch center.
- » **Fluorescent bulbs/tubes**
Take to any retailer that sells these items. Some may charge a small fee.
- » **Bricks, dirt, rock, concrete, etc.**
Check the Dane County Public Works website or contact the Streets Division for disposal options.
- » **Paint, stains, varnishes, etc.**
Take to Dane County Clean Sweep (www.danecountycleansweep.com)
Call at 608-838-3212 for more information.
- » **Hazardous, flammable, or other chemicals**
Take to Dane County Clean Sweep.
- » **Infectious waste**
Contact the Public Health Department at 608-266-4821.
- » **Motor oil**
 - Take to public drop-off sites. List of locations can be found on [page 18](#).
 - Many motor oil change businesses may accept this as well for a small fee.

- » **Lead acid batteries** (including vehicle batteries)
Take to Streets Division drop-off site. For more information on drop-off sites, turn to [page 17](#). Private metal recyclers and other automotive stores may also accept the batteries for recycling
- » **Propane, helium, and other pressurized tanks**
Empty containers with the valve open must be taken to the drop-off sites or a private metal recycler.
- » **Camp-stove propane tanks, isobutene canisters, etc.**
Take to Dane County Clean Sweep.
- » **Medication**
Take to MedDrop location. Visit <https://safercommunity.net/meddrop> for for a list of locations, hours, and restrictions.
- » **Medical needles, syringes, lancets, or other medical "sharps"**
Take to area pharmacy or clinic. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for special handling instructions.
- » **Gas cans**
Dry, empty containers without the cap on will be collected as a large item. For more information, turn to "[Large Item Collection Guidelines](#)" on [page 9](#).

Special Handling Instructions for Refuse Items

- » **Dog/cat waste**
Double bag it and place into tan refuse cart at home. Do not place into public litter containers.
- » **Ashes, sawdust, vacuum cleaning dust, etc.**
 - Double bag it so it does not cloud when dumped and creates hazard for operators.
 - Be sure ashes are cold prior to placing them into the tan cart
- » **Deer carcasses**
Double bag them.
- » **Dried solid latex paint**
Latex paint that is dried solid can go into the refuse. Liquid latex paint, and other paints like oil and acrylic, must go to Dane County Clean Sweep.
- » **Cardboard stained with food, oil, or grease**
Only clean, stain-free cardboard can be recycled. Place stained material into the refuse.

Disposal and Recycling Guide

Still searching for how to handle a particular item? Check the disposal guide that starts on [page 22](#). If it's not in the guide, feel free to call our offices for advice.

HAVE MORE REFUSE THAN WILL FIT INTO THE CART?

The Streets Division will collect excess bagged refuse outside of the collection cart if you meet the following guidelines. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in your excess refuse not being collected:

- You must have 6 or more bags of refuse outside the cart.
 - Refuse in boxes or other containers will not be collected.
 - Debris that is small enough to be bagged.
- The bags should be 30-gallon bags and each one must weigh less than 40 pounds apiece.

The Streets Division will perform this service for a residence on two consecutive weeks only, or at the discretion of Streets Division staff. If the excess refuse is a persistent issue at your home, consider these alternatives:

- Exchange your refuse cart for a larger size by contacting the Streets Division that services your neighborhood.
- Purchase an additional cart by contacting the Streets Division that services your neighborhood.
- Alter your consumption habits to consume fewer goods that must be landfilled on a weekly basis.
- If performing a large household cleanup that will last for several weeks, rent a dumpster from a local private vendor to facilitate the large volume of material.

MORE OPTIONS FOR EXCESS REFUSE

- Check with a neighbor to see if they will allow you to place your excess refuse in their refuse cart.
- Hold the excess refuse until the next collection day.
- Take the excess refuse to one of the Streets Division drop-off sites.

MANDATORY RECYCLING

Did you know that recycling is mandatory in the City of Madison? It is! Of course, we all know how important recycling is for our planet, but City ordinance 10.18 does make recycling a requirement. And this is not just for single-family homes.

Each apartment building and commercial enterprise should provide adequate recycling services.

If your apartment building, or workplace, is not providing adequate recycling services, then you can contact Building Inspection at 608-266-4551 and their inspectors can investigate.

WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR RECYCLING AFTER THE STREETS DIVISION COLLECTS IT?

Go to www.youtube.com and search for "Kipp Street Recycling" to find the video titled "Kipp Street Station MRF – A Division of Pellitteri Waste Systems." This video shows the recycling process for your recyclables. Pellitteri Waste System is the company that sorts recycling for the City of Madison.

MAKING HISTORY

Did you know that Madison has been collecting curbside recycling since 1968? It's true! Madison was one of the first communities in the United States to have this service.

RECYCLING COLLECTION

All material in your home's green recycling cart will be transported to a facility to be sorted and then recycled. Much of the sorting procedure is performed by hand, so it is very important you follow these guidelines to ensure a safe collection and also safe and efficient processing of the material.

Recycling Collection Basics

- » Green recycling cart is collected every other week on your scheduled day.
- » Consult your collection schedule calendar to learn when to place the cart out for pickup
 - Calendars are available at www.cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule.
- » Be sure to follow all guidelines on "Using your Collection Carts" on [page 2](#).
- » Only place appropriate recyclables in the cart.
 - Carts containing other material will not be collected.

General Recycling Guidelines

- » Recyclables must be clean of food debris, dirt, and other contaminants.
- » Recyclables should be loose in the cart and not bagged.
- » Exceptions:
 - Shredded paper must be bagged in a clear or white bag, and the bag must not be larger than a basketball.
 - Plastic bags must be bagged in a clear or white bag and the bag must not be larger than a basketball.
- » If you absolutely must bag your recycling for your unique situation, use clear or white bags that do not have drawstrings in order to minimize tangling hazards at the sorting facility.

Keep the Lid Closed

Be sure to keep the recycling lid closed when out for collection. Snow and rainwater can ruin the paper and cardboard inside the cart.

WHAT RECYCLING ITEMS SHOULD GO INTO THE GREEN RECYCLING CART

Clean Paper Products

What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?	» Cardboard cores from paper towels, bathroom tissue, etc. » Cardboard-sided cans » Cereal and cracker boxes » Corrugated cardboard » Envelopes » Gift wrap (no tissue or foil paper) » Greeting cards » Juice boxes, TetraPaks, and other aseptic/gable top cartons	» Junk mail » Magazines and catalogs » Newspapers and all the inserts » Office and computer paper » Outer frozen food boxes » Paper egg cartons » Paper grocery bags » Paper milk and juice cartons (even if they have a plastic spout)	» Paper/cardboard backing off retail packages » Phone books » Receipts and bills » Soda cases etc. » Shredded paper must be in a clear or white bag. Bag of shredded paper should be no larger than a basketball.
What's TRASH?	» Diapers » Photographs (i.e., Polaroids)	» Sanitary napkins » Soiled and/or stained cardboard & paper products	» Tissue paper

Clean Glass Products

What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?	» Bottles - remove the lids (metal bottle caps should be recycled as noted below in Metal Products)	» Jars - remove the lids (metal lids can be recycled loose in cart if they are roughly the size of a dairy tub lid, same with most plastic lids)	
What's TRASH?	» Baking dishes » Bottles & jars with food or other products still inside them » Ceramics » Chemical bottles	» Dishes & bowls » Drinking glasses » Flower pots » Incandescent & LED light bulbs (fluorescent bulbs/tubes must be taken to retailer that sells them)	» Laboratory glass » Windows & mirrors

Clean Plastic Products

What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?	» All plastic clamshell containers » All plastic containers #1 thru #7 » Berry & deli containers » Blister packs (the difficult to open packaging for electronics, toys, etc.) » Bottles (soda, water, etc.) - leave on lids	» Condiment bottles/jars (catsup/ketchup, mustard, etc.) - leave on lids » Cups if they are #1, #2, or #5 » Dairy tub lids » Dairy tubs (cottage cheese, etc.) - lids do not need to be on » Frozen juice containers	» Jugs (milk, juice, etc.) - leave on lids » Laundry bottles - leave on lids » Most plastic bags - must be bundled into another plastic bag and the resulting bag-of-bags should be approximately the size of a basketball before placing it into the cart.
What's TRASH?	» Any plastic container with food or other products still inside them » Bubble wrap	» Cups if they are #3, #4, #6, #7 » Dark green or black bags » Drawstring bags	» Food wrap (i.e., Cling Wrap) » Motor oil bottles » Wrapping from meat products

Clean Metal Products

What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?	» Aluminum foil (balled up to about the size of baseball) » Aluminum, steel, and tin cans (including clean paint cans & empty aerosol cans) » Metal lids from jars & bottles	» Metal pipe 18" and less » Metal items weighing less than 10 pounds » Pots & pans » Small metal appliances, such as toasters (please remove glass)	» Small metal items like bottle caps, bolts, old keys should be placed into an empty tin can and the top tightly pinched close
What can be RECYCLED at the drop-off site?	» Metal items weighing more than 10 pounds » Car parts, like brake pads » Wire hangers	» Chain link fencing » Any metal item too big, too heavy, or too wiry for the collection cart	

RECYCLING OPTIONS FOR MORE CARDBOARD THAN WILL FIT INTO YOUR CART

- Check with your neighbor to see if they will allow you to place your excess cardboard in their recycling cart, or
- Bring the excess cardboard to a Streets Division drop-off site, or
- For curbside collection of excess cardboard on your scheduled recycling day, do the following steps:
 - Step 1: Flatten all boxes
 - Step 2: Cut or fold the cardboard to a 3' x 3' size
 - Step 3: Tie the loose cardboard into bundles 6" in height or less
 - Step 4: Place the bundles next to the recycling cart or under the lid of your green cart on recycling day.
- And if excess cardboard is a recurring problem, purchase an additional recycling cart by contacting the Streets Division office that serves your neighborhood.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR COLLECTION WAS MISSED?

Contact the Streets Division office that services your home by phone or go to www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem and fill out the form for a missed collection.

Recyclable Items that SHOULD NOT go into your Green Recycling Cart:

In Madison, we are fortunate to have a robust recycling system for curbside collection. However, there are items that we should recycle, but can't be sorted from the curbside cart. Here's what to do with them:

» Electronics

- For more information, turn to "[Electronics Recycling](#)" on page 12.

» Extension cords, holiday lights, etc.

- These are recycling alongside electronics at the drop-off sites.

» Household batteries, drill batteries, computer batteries, etc.

- Take to drop-off site or private recycler. Be sure to separate lithium batteries from other battery types. Also, please tape the ends, or terminals, of the lithium battery with packing tape prior to arriving at the drop-off site.

» Styrofoam

- Molded "chunks" of styrofoam packaging can be recycled at drop-off sites.
- Styrofoam peanuts can be taken to a shipping store for reuse or placed into the refuse
- Sheets of insulation belong in the refuse

» Fluorescent bulbs/tubes

- Take to any retailer who sells fluorescent bulbs and tubes. Some may charge a small fee to accept these items.

Still Looking for an item?

Don't forget to check the disposal and recycling guide that starts on [page 22](#).

RECYCLOPEDIA.ORG

In collaboration with the iWasteNotSystems, the Streets Division maintains the website recyclopedia.org/wi/madison.

This site provides a friendly mobile-enabled guide on how to handle a variety of material. We're working on making the site better and it will eventually provide links to alternative donation and reuse options available in our community.

LARGE ITEM COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Large Item Collection Basics

- » Large items are things that cannot fit into your collection carts. Examples include:
 - Furniture,
 - Mattresses & box springs,
 - Carpeting,
 - Exercise equipment,
 - Toilets,
 - Pianos,
 - and so much more.
- » Items set out for large item pickup that should have been placed into their appropriate collection cart may not be collected.
- » Consult your collection schedule calendar to learn when to place large items curbside for pickup.
 - Calendars are available at www.cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule.
- » Some large items require a recycling fee sticker for collection.
 - Turn to [page 11](#) for which items require a sticker and the cost
 - Do not place an item that requires a sticker into your collection carts
- » Use the refuse cart for items that can fit inside it, such as a toilet broken into pieces, small pieces of lumber, and so on.

Large Item Collection Guidelines

Items failing to meet these guidelines may not be collected:

- » Large items must be out for collection prior to 7:00am on the day of collection, and they should be out no earlier than 7:00pm the day before the scheduled collection day.
- » Position large items at least four feet away from curbside collection carts, trees, utility poles, mailboxes, street signs, fire hydrants, and parked cars so your large items can be picked safely without damaging anything.
- » Position appliances and other metal items away from non-metal large items so the metal items can be recycled.
- » Large items must be less than 8 feet long in order to be picked up. Items may be cut down or folded to meet this requirement.

Televisions, Monitors, Computers, and Laptops

Do not place televisions, computer monitors, CPUs, and laptops to the curb for collection. Most of these items contain hazardous material like lead and mercury that require special processing for safe recycling. These items must be taken to a drop-off site for recycling. They also require a recycling fee sticker.

If these items are set to the curb, they will be removed by Streets Division staff. The property owner will be assessed the recycling fee plus an administrative fee for each item collected that had been set out contrary to this rule.

DELAYS

Large item collection will likely be delayed during weeks with holidays, during fall leaf collection, and during snow plow operations due to a lack of available personnel. Severe weather events, such as wind storms, may also cause delays in large item collection as the personnel to perform large item collection will instead be needed to respond to the conditions brought by the weather.

WHAT IF SOMEONE ILLEGALLY DUMPS AN ITEM ON YOUR PROPERTY?

Step 1

Report the crime by contacting the Madison Police Department to file a report at 608-266-4275 or through their Self Reporting line at 608-245-3662.

Step 2

Contact the Streets Division that services your neighborhood and provide the MPD case number provided to you after your report.

ILLEGAL METAL SCRAPPING

People scavenging metal (and other items) from the curb is an ordinance violation in Madison. Also some items, like air conditioners, require careful handling to ensure the chemicals within them are processed safely, and it is unknown how scrappers are handling these harmful substances.

Help prevent scrappers by placing large items for pickup within the guidelines. And if you see someone illegally gathering items from the curb, contact the non-emergency police number at 608-266-4275 to report the activity.

HOW TO PURCHASE A RECYCLING FEE STICKER

Large item fee stickers can be purchased by the following methods:

In Person

- City Treasurer's Office
Room 107, CCB
210 Martin Luther King Blvd.
- Streets Division offices
1501 W. Badger Rd.
4602 Sycamore Ave.
- Madison Public Libraries

Online

- www.madisonpay.com
Stickers do not print on demand. Stickers will be mailed after a successful purchase.

Mail

- Mail a check and a note explaining your request to Streets Division
1501 W. Badger Rd.
Madison, WI 53713
or
- Streets Division
4602 Sycamore Ave.
Madison, WI 53704

TELEVISIONS

Televisions, and other electronics, have a different set of rules due to the hazardous material within them. Rules for electronics like televisions can be found on [page 12](#).

What will not be collected for large items?

- » Concrete, concrete blocks, poles or other items filled with concrete, bricks, rocks, etc.
 - This material should be hauled by the resident to the Dane County Landfill or another appropriate recycler.
- » Chemical drums or containers
- » Pressurized gas containers, propane tanks, helium tanks
 - Empty containers with the valve turned open must be taken to one of the City drop-off sites, or a private recycler. For more information about the City drop-off sites, turn to "[Drop-Off Sites](#)" on [page 17](#).
- » 55-gallon, 30-gallon, and 25-gallon barrels or drums
 - Also includes other larger barrels or drums.
- » Items longer or wider than 8 feet and cannot be cut down

Special Handling Instructions for Large Items

If these special items are out without following these requirements, they may not be collected:

- » Televisions, computers, computer towers, monitors
 - Must be brought to a drop-off site – do not place at curb
 - Items require a fee sticker for recycling
- » Carpet/carpet padding
 - Should be rolled up and bound with rope, duct tape, etc.
- » Concrete sinks
 - Must be left in 4 or fewer pieces.
- » Fuel oil or gas tanks
 - Must be completely empty and drained.
- » Metal and wood poles
 - Must have concrete removed from the ends and pole must not be longer than 8 feet.
- » Lawnmowers, snow blowers, tillers, other items with similar engines
 - Should be drained of fuel and oil.
 - Items require a fee sticker for recycling.
- » Rootballs
 - Will be collected if dirt is removed.
- » Windows, mirrors, glass tabletops, glass doors, etc.
 - Tape the glass to prevent breakage.

Recycling Fee Sticker Guidelines

Some large items require a recycling fee because the Streets Division incurs additional handling or processing costs for them. These special items should never be placed into the refuse or recycling carts. The appropriate recycling fee sticker must be obtained prior to curbside collection, or delivering it to one of the drop-off sites.

Items that require a fee sticker but set to the curb without one will not be collected. Streets Division staff will provide notification that these items must have a recycling sticker. If the item remains at the curb after notification, the Streets Division will collect the item(s) and the property owner will be assessed the appropriate recycling fee plus an additional administrative fee for each item.

What large items require a fee and how much are they?

Fees			
\$35 Fee	\$15 Fee	\$10 Fee	\$5 Fee
Air Compressors	"Dorm" refrigerators (refrigerators weighing less than 50 pounds)	Computer towers*	Tires - car or small truck & off the rim
Air Conditioners	Fluorescent light fixtures	Computers*	
Boats	Garden tillers	Laptops*	
Copy machines (office sized)	Gas grills	Monitors*	
Dehumidifiers	Items with similar engines to lawn mowers, garden tillers, etc.	Tires - large truck	
Dishwashers	Lawn mowers	Tires - on rim	
Dryers	Leaf shredders		
Freezers (must remove doors)	Microwave ovens		
Furnaces	Snow throwers		
Hot tubs	Televisions* (all sizes and types)		
Ice machines			
Large commercial appliances			
Large medical devices			
Ovens			
Ranges			
Refrigerators (must remove doors)			
Stoves			
Trash compactors			
Washers			
Water coolers			
Water heaters			
Water softeners			
Wood stoves			

*These items **must** be brought to a drop-off site. These items cannot be placed at the curb.

Computer monitors, computer central processing units, laptops, and television, set at the curb will be immediately removed by Streets Division staff. The property owner will be assessed the recycling fee plus an administrative fee per item set to the curb contrary to this rule.

NOT A BANNED ELECTRONICS ITEM?

YOU CAN STILL RECYCLE IT!

You can recycle MP3 players/iPods, stereos, stereo equipment, speaker wire, cameras, landline phones, calculators, gaming systems, electronic toys, Christmas tree lights, power supplies, surge protectors, and so many more electronic gadgets and gizmos. Just bring these items to a Streets Division drop-off site and place them in the appropriate electronics container.

RECYCLE YOUR BATTERIES

Household batteries can be recycled at the drop-off sites. There are containers for both lithium and other batteries, like alkaline, at the sites. Just look at the signs or ask the attendant for help. Be sure to keep your lithium batteries separate from the others, and tape the ends of your lithium batteries before delivering them to a drop-off site. You should also tape the contact points of batteries that are more than 12 volts. Turn to [page 17](#) for more information on Streets Division drop-off sites.

HOW TO TELL IF YOU HAVE A LITHIUM BATTERY

There's some very easy telltale signs. Remember, these are the ones to tape before recycling them at the drop-off site.

1. It says "lithium" right there on the battery, or
2. It has "LI-ION" written on the battery, or
3. It's a small button watch battery

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

To recycle your electronics, you must bring them to a Streets Division drop-off site or a reputable private electronics recycler. Some electronics are banned from the landfill by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and must be brought to the drop-off site or private recycler. Some of these items require an additional fee. For more information about the drop-off sites, turn to ["Drop-Off Sites" on page 17](#).

Electronics Banned from the Landfill

These items **MUST** be brought to a drop-off site or a reputable private recycler for recycling.

- » Cell phones
- » Computers
 - Desktops*
 - Laptops*
 - Netbooks*
 - Tablets
- » Computer monitors (all styles)*
- » Computer peripherals

This means any item sold exclusively for external use for a consumer computer.

 - Mice
 - Keyboards
 - Scanners
 - Computer speakers
 - Modems
 - Routers
 - Web cameras, flash drives, external drives, and other computer peripherals
- » Digital video players/recorders
- » DVD players
- » Blu-ray players
- » E-readers
- » Fax machines
- » Printers
 - Desktop printers
 - Fax/scan/copy printers
 - 3-D printers
- » Televisions[§]
- » VCRs

*Requires a \$10 fee sticker. To learn where to purchase the stickers, turn to ["How to Purchase a Recycling Fee Sticker" on page 10](#).

§Requires a \$15 fee sticker. To learn where to purchase the stickers, turn to ["How to Purchase a Recycling Fee Sticker" on page 10](#).

BRUSH COLLECTION

Brush collection occurs from April through the end of September. Crews rotate through the city again and again during that collection window, giving residents multiple opportunities for curbside brush pickup. The final collection round that usually starts at the end of September is weather dependent and will be announced when that date is known. After the final round, Streets Division workers that had been picking up brush will be reassigned to help collect leaves for the fall pickup season.

You can also take brush to the drop-off sites. For more information turn to ["Drop-Off Sites" on page 17](#).

What is brush?

- » Brush is woody material trimmed from trees and bushes.
 - Other plant or garden debris is considered yard waste. For more information about yard waste, turn to ["Leaf, Yard, and Garden Waste Collection" on page 15](#).
- » Brush must measure at least 18 inches in length.
 - Woody material shorter than 18 inches is considered Yard Waste.
- » Brush may not be longer than 8 feet in length.
- » Brush may not be thicker than 8 inches in diameter.

Brush Collection Guidelines

Following these guidelines keeps the workers safe and equipment functioning. Brush not meeting these guidelines may not be collected.

- » Stack brush with the cut ends facing the same direction.
- » Place brush on the terrace or street edge at least four feet away from trees, parked cars, fire hydrants, utility poles, mailboxes, large items, or other obstructions (where possible).
 - Do not place brush in the street.
 - Do not block the sidewalk with brush.
- » Bundle small amounts of brush with string or twine. Bundles may not exceed 4 feet in length or weigh more than 40 pounds.
 - If you choose to bundle your small piles of brush, you must use string or twine. Do not use any form of wire. Wire damages the chipper blades.
- » Remove all dirt and roots.
- » Do not put brush into bags, boxes, or trash cans.

DO NOT MIX BRUSH AND YARD WASTE

The Streets Division will not collect it.

Brush and yard waste are different materials that are processed differently at different dump locations. Brush is processed into wood chips, while yard waste is taken to a composter.

OVERSIZED BRUSH PILES

When collection crews encounter a pile that will take then more than 10 minutes to feed through their brush chipper, they assign this pile to be collected by a truck-mounted crane vehicle called a "clam truck."

STREETS DIVISION CREWS WILL NOT COLLECT BRUSH CUT BY CONTRACTORS

If a resident or homeowner hires an individual or company to cut brush, they must make arrangements with that contractor to haul away the brush debris they created.

Contractors may not use the Streets Division drop-off sites.

The only City service available for contractors is the Brush Processing Center.

SEE BRUSH COLLECTION IN ACTION!

The Streets Division is working on creating many YouTube videos that show our operations and explain the rules. Go to YouTube, search for City of Madison Wisconsin, and scroll down for Streets & Recycling videos.

AVAILABLE WOOD MULCH

Wood mulch is available to the public at the Brush Processing Center at 121 E. Olin Ave at the hours listed above. The processing center has been certified as a safe shredding site for ash trees by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection. This means wood mulch available from the site will be free of the emerald ash borer and will not transmit it to your property.

Wood mulch is available currently at the following rates. Rate changes will be posted to the Streets Division website when adjustments occur:

- Up to 30 gallons: Free.
- 31 gallons to 3 cubic yards (or one loader bucket): \$17.
- Each subsequent loader bucket of mulch: \$17.
- Semi-loads of mulch will be delivered within a 50 mile radius of the processing center: \$255.

When to Set Out your Brush for Pickup

There are two options:

1. Go to www.cityofmadison.com/brushcollection and click on the Pickup Schedule button. If your neighborhood on the map is marked "Pickup Pending" set your brush to the curb for collection and crews will be by soon.
The Pickup Schedule is updated every workday during collection season, so be sure to check it often to learn when to place the brush out for pickup. This map will have the most current information as to whether or not to set brush out for pickup.
2. Residents can also call the Brush Collection Information Line at 608-267-2088. The hotline provides information on brush restrictions, and also provides estimates on when crews are in a certain area. This recording is updated weekly during the collection season.

What to do with brush when the City is not collecting it at the curb?

Take it to a drop-off site or the Brush Processing Center. For more information about the drop-off site, turn to "[Drop-Off Sites](#)" on page 17.

Do not put this material in your refuse or recycling cart. The Streets Division does not collect brush in the refuse cart, and your cart will not be collected if it contains any. And brush will clog and damage the sorting machinery at the recycling center.

Brush Collection Rounds

Collection crews do not have a fixed collection schedule, and instead rotate through the city again and again during the collection window.

The collection season begins in the area of the city with a Monday refuse collection day. Crews pick up brush from each street within that district. After crews have checked and serviced each street in that district, crews move to the area of Madison with a Tuesday collection district. After the Tuesday district is complete, they move onto the Wednesday district followed the Thursday then Friday districts.

After crews complete the Friday district, they start a new round of pickup beginning again in the Monday district.

BRUSH PROCESSING CENTER

The City of Madison Brush Processing Center at 121 E. Olin Ave. is available for all residents, contractors, and taxpayers who need to have brush processed that has been cut from a City of Madison parcel.

The current rates for processing brush are as follows. Rate changes will be posted to the Streets Division website when adjustments occur:

Brush/Tree Limbs:	Minimum Charge: \$17 \$34 per ton charged in \$17 increments
Wood Chips:	Minimum Charge: \$8.50 \$17 per ton charged in \$8.50 increments

The center is open from 7:30am to 2:30pm, Monday to Friday, 608-266-4911.

LEAF, YARD, AND GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION

The Streets Division conducts curbside leaf, yard, and garden waste collection at two separate times during the year.

The first collection period occurs after the winter thaw in April. Crews will perform at least two rounds of curbside collection. The final spring collection round will be announced when the start date for that round is known. Upon completion of the final spring round, the curbside collection ends until the fall, and the workers transition to other Streets Division duties, such as filling potholes.

The second collection period occurs when the autumn leaves begin to fall. The autumn goal is to perform at least three collection rounds. Weather conditions may allow for more than three rounds, or potentially fewer, pickup opportunities. Curbside collection will continue until winter weather forces crews to transition to snow and ice operations.

What is leaf, yard, and garden waste?

- » Leaves, pine needles, grass clippings, weeds, and other plant debris.
- » Rose canes, corn stalks, sunflower stalks, etc.
- » Vines.
- » Pumpkins, pine cones, black walnuts, crabapples, etc.
- » Sticks and twigs less than 18 inches in length.

Leaf, Yard, and Garden Waste Collection Guidelines

Material not following these guidelines may not be collected.

- » Only place leaf, yard, and garden waste to the curb during collection periods.
- » Do not place leaves and other yard waste into the street or gutter.
 - Material set out for collection must be at the edge out of the roadway.
- » Do not mix brush and yard waste together into the same pile.
 - Brush is a separate operation and processed differently than yard waste, so they should not be commingled.
- » During collection periods, leaves and other yard waste can be bagged at the curb. Please leave the bags open at the top.
 - Leaves and yard waste can be piled loose as well. To prevent material blowing into the street, you can cover your material with a tarp.

Special note: If you elect to bag your yard waste, the Streets Division recommends using compostable paper leaf/lawn bags. These bags are available at most local hardware stores, at general stores like Target or Walmart, or online. Plastic bags slow collection and crews need to leave the empty bags behind at the curb..

- » Piles should be at least 4 feet away from any obstruction such as trees, street signs, fire hydrants, etc. (where possible).

CONSIDER COMPOSTING

Keep in mind you can also compost your leaves and yard waste in your backyard. You can build a bin, or purchase a readymade one. For more information on composting, go to the Composting section of our website, www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compost.

SHARE THE NEWS ON LEAF PICKUP

The Streets Division has created an easy to share video about the guidelines for leaf pickup. You can find it on the City of Madison's YouTube channel. Feel free to share the video through your social media networks so everyone can know the right way to manage their leaves and yard waste.

INVASIVE SPECIES – GARLIC MUSTARD

Garlic mustard does not belong mixed with your other yard debris. After you pull the garlic mustard weed, place them into bags and put them into your refuse cart to be landfilled.

RIPPLE EFFECTS

You can learn more about how you can protect our lakes, rivers, and streams by visiting www.ripple-effects.com.

STREET SWEEPING

Streets Division crews operate street sweepers from the winter thaw in the spring all the way through the autumn leaf pickups until the snows begin again. Since sweepers need water to function, in the winter the water would freeze, so street sweepers cannot be used during the cold months.

During the spring, sweepers work to collect all the accumulated salt, sand, and grit from the winter.

During the summer, crews rotate through the city again and again working to collect curbside debris and prevent it from entering the storm water system.

And during the fall, street sweepers work to trail behind leaf collection crews to vacuum up the debris left in the roads after pickup occurs. Since the leaf pickup crews and sweepers work at different speeds, there will be a gap between when pickup occurs and when sweepers can collect the leaf litter.

How to Help Street Sweepers

- Sweepers work very slowly. They have a maximum speed of 5MPH when actively collecting debris. So, be patient when encountering them on the roads. Do not tailgate them or cut them off.
- For sweepers to be effective, they need access to the curb, so be sure to follow parking rules, and keep items out of the street that do not belong, such as refuse and recycling carts.

When to Set Leaf, Garden, and Yard Waste Out for Collection

There are two options:

1. Go to www.cityofmadison.com/yardwaste and click on the Pickup Schedule button. If your neighborhood on the map is marked "Pickup Pending" set your yard waste material to the curb for collection and crews will be by soon.
The Pickup Schedule is updated every workday during collection season, so be sure to check it often to learn when to place the material out for pickup. This map will have the most current information as to whether or not to set brush out for pickup.
2. Residents can also call the Yard Waste Collection Information Line at 608-267-2088. The hotline provides information on yard waste restrictions, and also provides estimates on when crews are in a certain area. This recording is updated weekly during the collection seasons.

Leaf, Yard, and Garden Waste Collection Rounds

Collection crews do not have a fixed collection schedule, and instead rotate through the city during the collection periods.

The collection season begins in the area of the city with a Monday refuse collection day. Crews pick up brush from each street within that district. After crews have checked and serviced each street in that district, crews move to the area of Madison with a Tuesday collection district. After the Tuesday district is complete, they move onto the Wednesday district followed the Thursday then Friday districts.

After crews complete the Friday district, they start a new round of pickup beginning again in the Monday district.

What to do with leaves, yard, and garden waste when the City is not collecting it at the curb?

Take your yard waste, garden waste, and leaves to a drop-off site. For more information about the drop-off sites, turn to "[Drop-Off Sites](#)" on page 17.

Do not put this material in your refuse or recycling cart. Yard waste, like grass clippings and leaves, have been banned from Wisconsin landfills for over twenty years. And yard waste can clog and damage the sorting machinery at the recycling center.

Protect the Lakes

Protect our lakes and keep the yard waste out of the street. Nutrients in the water runoff from leaves and yard waste in the street leads to algae blooms and weed growth in the lakes.

DROP-OFF SITES

The Streets Division operates two sites where residents or taxpayers of the City of Madison can drop-off their recycling, brush, yard waste, large items and excess refuse. Basically, if the Streets Division can collect it from the curb, you can drop it off at these sites. You can also recycle additional material that cannot be recycled in the carts at home.

Drop-Off Site Locations

- » 1501 W. Badger Rd. (at the back of the dead end on W. Badger Rd.)
- » 4602 Sycamore Ave. (across from the Sycamore Park dog park)

Materials Accepted at the Drop-Off Sites for Recycling or Disposal

- » Appliances*
- » Brush
- » Computers & electronics*
- » Televisions*
- » Cooking oil
- » Empty propane & helium tanks
- » General refuse (material that would be in your refuse cart)
- » Large items*
- » General recycling (material that would be in your recycling cart)
- » Rigid plastic items
- » Scrap metal
- » Scrap wood
- » Clothes and shoes
- » Styrofoam
- » Tires*
- » Wood furniture
- » Vehicle batteries and other lead acid batteries
- » Household batteries
- » Yard waste, leaves, and garden waste

*These items may require a recycling fee. For information on which items require a fee and where to buy them, turn to [page 10](#) and [page 11](#).

What Happened to Rigid Plastic Recycling?

Rigid plastics are items like five-gallon buckets, toys, coolers, and other very sturdy plastic things that are not appropriate for the green recycling cart.

Recycling is an interconnected global marketplace. Changes in the world affect what we can, and cannot, recycle here in Madison. In 2017, China changed what kind of scrap material they would import into their country. That change directly lead to the rigid plastic recycling program ending until another opportunity develops.

FAR WEST SIDE YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE

The Streets Division operates a yard waste only drop-off site at 402 South Point Rd. This site is only open during Expanded Hours from April to the beginning of December.

PAINT AND OTHER CHEMICALS – DANE COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP

Dane County residents and those in the surrounding area can dispose of their liquid paint and other hazardous chemicals at the year round Dane County Clean Sweep facility. All manner of hazardous chemicals are accepted at Clean Sweep, and they accept some electronics as well. Please note that this site is run by Dane County, not the City of Madison.

Clean Sweep Location

7102 US Highway 12 (Dane County Landfill complex across from the Yahara Hills golf course)

Clean Sweep Fees

There is a per household trip fee for using the site. Additional fees for electronics may apply. Additional fees are assessed for businesses or residents from outside Dane County.

Clean Sweep Hours

- Open Monday to Friday, 7:00am to 2:45pm.
- Open Saturday, 8:00am to 10:45am.
- Closed Sundays and holidays.

Clean Sweep Information

Call the Dane County Clean Sweep office at 608-838-3212, or visit their website: www.danecountycleansweep.com.

MOTOR OIL DROP-OFF SITES

There are several waste oil drop-off sites available for the public to dispose their waste motor oil. At the sites listed below, there is a container for oil filters as well. Residents can also dispose of transmission fluid, brake fluid, and power steering fluid at these locations.

Do not contaminate these sites by dumping other chemicals here. A previous drop-off site is now permanently closed due to contamination. These sites are periodically closed for random testing and will generally be open again within 24 hours.

Waste Oil Locations

- 212 N. First St.
City Fleet Service Garage
- 111 E. Dean Ave.
Monona Golf Course
- Northeast Waste Oil Site at
Wheeler Rd. and School Rd.
- 7102 US Highway 12
Dane County Clean Sweep at
the Dane County Landfill

Private Businesses

Several quick lube or other motor vehicle service providers can dispose of waste motor oil. For a list of available locations in Dane County visit this website: www.countyofdane.com/pwht/recycle/public_locations.aspx?type=4.

The good news is that all the plastics that go into your green recycling cart can still go there and are recycled. The only change is to these sturdy plastic items that never belonged in the green cart at your home.

For more information about rigid plastics, go to the Rigid Plastic page on www.cityofmadison.com/recycling.

Drop-Off Site Restrictions

- » Only City of Madison residents or taxpayers may use the site.
 - Proof of residency or taxpayer status is required. Acceptable forms of identification include driver's license, tax bill, utility bill, vehicle registration, signed copy of a lease or closing document with name of the drop-off site user and address, etc.
- » Contractors may not use the drop-off site.
 - Anyone who is paid to perform a job is considered a contractor and must find alternative means to dispose of the material their work generated.
- » Site users are restricted to one pick-up truck or small trailer load of all material a day (including brush).
 - If the load is larger than 5' x 8' then it is too large for our sites and should be hauled to the Dane County Landfill or another proper disposal site.

Drop-Off Site Hours

Drop-off site hours change seasonally, so be sure the site is open before loading your vehicle. Also, the drop-off site has different hours than the Streets Division offices.

Expanded Hours: April to December

- » Monday – 8:30am to 4:30pm
- » Tuesday – 8:30am to 8:00pm
- » Wednesday – 8:30am to 4:30pm
- » Thursday – 8:30am to 8:00pm
- » Friday – 8:30am to 4:30pm
- » Saturday – 8:30am to 4:30pm
- » Sunday – 8:30am to 4:30pm

Limited Winter Hours: December through March

- » Monday – 7:30am to 3:00pm
- » Tuesday – 7:30am to 3:00pm
- » Wednesday – 7:30am to 3:00pm
- » Thursday – 7:30am to 3:00pm
- » Friday – 7:30am to 3:00pm
- » Saturday – Closed
- » Sunday – Closed

MADISON STUFF EXCHANGE

The Madison Stuff Exchange, www.madisonstuffexchange.com, is a website dedicated to connecting people to usable unwanted goods that are otherwise bound for the landfill. Think of the site like a continuous person-to-person yard sale.

If your stuff could have a second life, consider posting it to www.madisonstuffexchange.com.

Who can use the site?

Anyone who lives or works in Dane County is eligible to post an item to the site. Anyone may respond to a post regardless of their residency.

How does it work?

The Stuff Exchange is not unlike any other person-to-person exchange or classified section of a newspaper. Register at www.madisonstuffexchange.com and from there you can post items from your home that you no longer want or need or search for items that you want or need. You can also sign up to receive emails whenever a new listing of an item you are seeking is posted.

What are the rules?

Any listing that violates these rules will be removed from the website. Users can also be banned from the site if violations are repeated or at the discretion of the website administrator.

- » You must live or work in Madison or Dane County to be eligible for the site.
- » You cannot post any item with a price higher than \$99.
- » Businesses, yard sales, church sales or commercial enterprises may not use the site to promote or advertise their activities. This is a venue for person-to-person exchanges to prevent usable goods from being landfilled.
- » You cannot post listings for live animals or pets.
- » You cannot post illegal or hazardous materials.
- » You should not post listings of food.
- » Listings will stay active for three months.

DISCLAIMERS

- The Madison Stuff Exchange is not responsible for the determination of what may constitute a hazardous substance or create a hazardous situation.
- The Madison Stuff Exchange and its sponsors take no responsibility for the transaction or quality of goods received.
- Users are responsible for being familiar with any legal limitations that may exist on the exchange of any listed materials.
- The Madison Stuff Exchange reserves the right to not list a posting, to remove a posting, or to edit a posting.

INTERESTED IN SOLID WASTE OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL OR COMMUNITY ISSUES?

The City of Madison has a number of citizen committees where your interest, input, and expertise are highly valued. Consider applying to join one of these committees and help shape your City.

Committee vacancies and applications can be found here:
www.cityofmadison.com/CityHall/legislativeInformation/apply.cfm.

NOT A STUDENT BUT STILL MOVING?

The student move out period is a special circumstance with nearly 20,000 people moving all at the same time. If you are not a student involved in this yearly tempest of moving trucks, but you are packing up your home for a new residence, the Streets Division can help.

You can learn about furniture and large item collection on [page 9](#) of this guide. And you can learn about the guidelines of having more refuse or recycling that can fit into your cart on [page 2](#). You can also give the office that services your home a call to answer any questions you have.

You, too, can use the same donation opportunities listed on the moving days website, or use the Madison Stuff Exchange to sell usable yet unwanted items. Students aren't the only ones filling up the landfill with usable goods, so be sure to do your part, too.

STUDENT MOVING DAYS

Every year during the August student moving days thousands of residents move from their homes. And this big move generates nearly 1 million pounds of extra material for the landfill every year.

It's very important to follow the below steps for a safe and successful move out. For more information on these August moving days, go to www.cityofmadison.com/movingdays.

Step 1: Plan Ahead

Many downtown leases end on August 14 or 15 every year. In the lead up to those days, be sure to organize your stuff. Make a checklist to figure out what needs to be moved, what should be donated, what can be sold through the Madison Stuff Exchange or other person-to-person exchanges, and then use this guide to learn how to handle the rest.

Step 2: Donate What's Possible

All the furniture and other large items that the Streets Division collects during student move goes to the landfill – which wastes all the usable stuff. Madison has over a dozen different organizations that accept material for donation, and many of them offer home pickup service, so it's very easy and convenient.

Go to www.cityofmadison.com/movingdays for contact information of these organizations and learn what they can accept.

Step 3: Use the Carts

The Streets Division provides extra collection in the move out areas of both the refuse and recycling carts during the lead up to August 15.

Using the carts correctly makes collection faster and safer for our crews. The dates on when the extra collections begin can be found on the moving days website.

Know the Collection Rules

Use this guide and the material index at the back to be sure you are following the rules. If you still have questions, please contact the Streets Division office for guidance. For apartments on the isthmus, call 608-246-4532. For apartments near Camp Randall, call 608-266-4681.

GENERAL WINTER INFORMATION

The Streets Division performs the snow and ice control operations on City roads during the winter. While each storm is different depending on temperature, snow depth, wind, forecasted further temperatures, and even more issues, such as time of year, there are some general guidelines to these important winter operations.

Snow Plow Updates, Free Sand, Text Alerts, & More!

If you would like to know what city crews are doing in response to a snowstorm and how it may impact your commute, sign up for snow plow updates at the City of Madison winter website. On this site, you can also learn the locations of free sand piles, sign up for snow emergency alert texts, and all kinds of other useful winter information. The website is www.cityofmadison.com/winter.

Snow Emergency

When a snow emergency is declared, that means the entire city will be plowed and the entire city needs to follow alternate side parking rules. Following alternate side parking rules makes plowing faster and safer. See the sidebar for more info on alternate side parking rules.

Snow Response Basics

While each storm is different and responses will vary depending on conditions, there are two basic snow fighting responses that are important to know.

» Active Snowing & Snowfalls Less than 3 inches on the Roads

- When vehicles leave tracks through snow on the road, the Streets Division deploys crews to plow and treat the salt routes. These crews will maintain the salt routes throughout the storm.
- Salt routes are the major thoroughfares of Madison, including Metro Bus routes, and roads around schools & hospitals. These are the only roads in Madison that will be salted.
- Most residential streets are not treated with salt or sand during these kind of snow events.

To address slippery spots on residential streets during these events, contact the Streets Division that services your home.

» Three or More Inches of Snow Accumulated on the Roads

- All streets in Madison will be plowed when three or more inches of snow have accumulated on the roads and the storm is at or near its end.
- If all city streets were plowed while actively snowing, all the work would be covered again with snow, meaning a second or even third citywide plowing would be necessary.
- Plowing the entire city curb-to-curb takes 12 to 14 hours from when the plowing begins to when each street receives their initial plowing. The more severe the storm, the slower the plowing will be.
- No one is assigned to be last or first when a citywide plowing is declared

During a citywide plowing, the city is divided into over 60 sub-areas. Each sub-area is assigned equipment for plowing that's either from the city plow fleet or from a heavy equipment contractor. Plowing begins in all areas at the same time. Some areas will be completed before others due to a variety of reasons, but there is no prescribed first or last.

ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING RULES

From November 15 to March 15, the City of Madison enforces alternate side parking restrictions. The restrictions are enforced from 1:00am to 7:00am. These restrictions apply every night for every city street outside of the Snow Emergency Zone.

Those within the Snow Emergency Zone must abide by alternate side parking rules only during declared snow emergencies. The Snow Emergency Zone lies on the isthmus from S. Park Street to the Yahara River.

For more information, including a map of the Snow Emergency Zone, visit www.cityofmadison.com/winter.

The Rules

- On even-numbered days, if you park on the street, make sure your car is on the even side of the street between 1:00am to 7:00am.
- On odd-numbered days, if you park on the street, make sure your car is parked on the odd side of the street between 1:00am to 7:00am.

BE SALT WISE

The salt spread on the roads, sidewalks, paths, and parking lots ends up in our drinking water. The Streets Division is committed to reducing our salt use, and we're finding ways to keep the roads safe while using less and less. For tips on how you can reduce your salt use at your home and business, including a list of certified private salt applicators you can hire, visit www.wisaltwise.com.

DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING GUIDE

Item	Instructions
3-D printers	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Air conditioner	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Air purifier	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites (preferred) or Tan Refuse cart.
Aluminum cans	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Rinse out.
Aluminum foil pans	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Rinse out.
Aluminum foil sheets	Remove food and ball into about the size of a baseball or softball. Place into Green Recycling cart.
Ammunition	Contact law enforcement agencies at 608-266-4275 for disposal.
Antifreeze	Recycle at most instant oil change locations or Dane County Clean Sweep.
Appliances - large	See "Large Item Collection Guidelines" on page 9.
Appliances - Small metal (toasters, slow cookers, etc.)	Green Recycling cart if they are at least 50% metal or drop-off site.
Asbestos	Contact Dane County Clean Sweep for disposal at 608-838-3212.
Ashes (COLD ONLY)	Double-bagged and sealed in Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Bags, bread	Bundle all plastic bags into single "bag of bags" about the size of a basketball and place into Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. See "Recycling Collection" on page 6.
Bags, newspaper	Bundle all plastic bags into single "bag of bags" about the size of a basketball and place into Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. See "Recycling Collection" on page 6.
Bags, paper	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site
Bags, plastic	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Bundle all plastic bags into single "bag of bags" about the size of a basketball. NO black or draw-string bags. See "Recycling Collection" on page 6.
Ballast	\$15 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site. DO NOT place into recycling or refuse carts.
Batteries, alkaline	Drop-off site for recycling (preferred) or Tan Refuse cart curb collection. Also private vendor (Batteries Plus, etc.).
Batteries, lead acid	Battery recycling at drop-off site only. Place with vehicle batteries at drop-off site.
Batteries, lithium/button	Drop-off site for recycling (preferred) or Tan Refuse cart. MUST TAPE ends of lithium batteries prior to recycling.
Batteries, rechargeable	Drop-off site for recycling, or a reputable private vendor (Batteries Plus, hardware stores, etc.).
Bicycle	Large item curb collection or drop-off site. If reusable, donate.
Bicycle tires	Recycle at drop-off site. Alternative: contact bicycle shop of choice to see if they have a tire recycling program.
Blu-ray players	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Boards, wood	No material from contractor work accepted. Small amounts in Tan Refuse cart (total weight 75 lbs, no more than 6" above top of cart). Larger pieces/amount put curb collection for large item collection—NO NAILS.
Boat motors	\$15 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site. All gas and oil removed or metals bin at drop-off sites.
Boats	\$35 fee sticker. No larger than 8' x 8'. Large items curb collection, drop-off site or if larger, Dane Co Landfill. (If reusable, donate or sell www.madisonstuffexchange.com .)
Books - hard and soft cover	Donate to thrift stores or Little Free Library. To recycle hardcover books—Madison Recycling Center (operated by Waste Management) at 2200 Fish Hatchery Rd, 608-251-2115. Or Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Bottles, plastic	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed out. Leave on caps. No motor oil bottles.
Box, cardboard	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. For large amounts—bring it drop-off site or flatten, cut down to 3'x3'; bundle in 6" in height, put one bundle between lid & cart, or stack next to recycling cart.
Box, pizza	Food/grease stained parts go into Tan Refuse cart; clean parts (like the lid) go into Green Recycling cart.
Boxes, cereal, frozen food, tissue, etc.	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Brake fluid	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to oil drop-off sites.
Bricks	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane Co Landfill.
Brush	No material from contractor work accepted. Brush from tree or wood bush, at least 1 1/2' - 8'. Curb collection ONLY April - September; Other months must be brought to drop-off site (one load per day).
Bubble wrap (traditional)	Tan Refuse cart. Do not place with plastic film.
Building material	No material from contractor work accepted. Maximum collected is equivalent to 240 pounds per collection (or volume equivalent to two 95 gal carts). No nails.
Bulbs, fluorescent	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Return to any retailer that sells fluorescent bulbs.
Bulbs, Halogen	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Bulbs, incandescent	Tan Refuse cart wrapped in the garbage or drop-off site.
Cameras (not webcams)	Drop-off site for Electronics Recycling or reputable private electronics recycler.
Camp stove propane or isobutene canisters	Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Visit www.danecountycleansweep.com for more information.
Can, aerosol - EMPTY	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Can, aerosol - FULL OR PARTIALLY FULL	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Can, aluminum	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Can, steel or tin	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Car seats	To recycle, wait for car seat recycling events held periodically around Madison. Besides events, car seats are refuse in the Tan Refuse cart if they fit inside, drop-off site, or large item collection.
Carbon monoxide detector	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off site or Tan Refuse cart.

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Cardboard - not contaminated	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Carpet	No material from contractor work accepted. Small pieces in Tan Refuse cart. Bigger pieces (up to 8' by 8' rolled then tied/taped) put out for Large Item collection or drop-off site. NO storage on terrace.
Carpet padding	No material from contractor work accepted. Small pieces in Tan Refuse cart. Bigger pieces (up to 8' by 8' rolled then tied/taped) put out for Large Item collection or drop-off site. NO storage on terrace.
Carton, aseptic	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Carton, tabletop (i.e., broth or soup containers)	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Carton, juice	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Carton, milk	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Carton, soy milk	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Cassettes, music	Tan Refuse cart or if reusable donate to local thrift store.
Cassette cases	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Cat litter	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site. Must be double-bagged and sealed.
Catalogs	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
CDs	Donate to local thrift store or resell. Can be recycled at drop-off sites in electronics bin or landfilled in Tan Refuse cart. Do not need to remove from case.
CD Cases	Tan Refuse cart.
Cell phones	No fee sticker. Banned from all curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Chainsaw	No fee sticker. Large Items curb collection or drop-off site. All gas and oil removed.
Charcoal - After grilling (COLD ONLY)	Double-bagged and sealed in Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Chemicals - Household & Hazardous	Banned from all curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Christmas lights	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Christmas trees (real)	Collected curb in January as brush, weather permitting. Remove all decorations and stands.
Christmas trees (artificial)	Tan Refuse cart or large item. If plastic separated from the metal pieces, the metal can be recycled in the metals bin at the drop-off site.
Clay flower pots (no cement)	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Comic books	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Donate usable books first to any thrift store or Little Free Library (preferred).
Computer keyboard	No sticker fee. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Computer monitor	\$10 fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Computer mouse	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Computer printer	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Computer printer ink jet cartridge	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Computer tower/CPU	\$10 sticker fee. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Concrete	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Landfill.
Concrete sink	Large Item curb collection or drop-off sites.
Contractor materials	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Landfill.
Coolant	Recycle at most instant oil change locations or Dane County Clean Sweep.
Cooking oil	Cooking Oil recycling at drop-off sites.
Copy machines - commercial size	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site
Couch	Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Cups, paper	Used or dirty, put in Tan Refuse cart. Unused or clean put in Green Recycling cart. Choose reusable instead.
Cups, plastic	#1, #2, #5 Green Recycling cart. All other numbers Tan Refuse cart. Choose reusable instead.
Curling iron	Recycle at drop-off site or send to the landfill in the Tan Refuse cart.
Cutlery (forks, spoons, etc)	Donate to thrift store if usable. Tan Refuse cart at the curb. Metals bin at drop-off site if mostly metal. Do not place into Green Recycling cart.
Dairy tubs & lids	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Deer carcass	Tan Refuse cart. Double-bag it.
Dehumidifiers	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Deli containers & lids	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Desktop printer/copy/scanner	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Dirt	Banned from curb collection. Must be hauled to the Dane County Landfill.
Dishwasher	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Dog waste	Bag it and place into Tan Refuse cart at your home. Alternative: use waste station at designated dog parks. Do not put it public litter containers. And please do not put it in your neighbors' refuse cart while passing by on a walk—this is rude.
Drain cleaner	Banned from curb collection and drop-off sites. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep, 608-838-3212, www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Drill bits	Recycle in metals bin at drop-off site.

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Driveway sealer - dried solid	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Driveway sealer - liquid/solvent based	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Dryers	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Drywall	Homeowners can place into Tan Refuse cart or into wood bin at drop-off site. No material from contractor will be accepted.
DVDs	Donate to local thrift store or resell. Can be recycled at drop-off sites in electronics bin or landfilled in Tan Refuse cart. Do not need to remove from case.
DVD Cases	Tan Refuse cart.
DVD players	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
DVRs	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Egg cartons, paper	Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Egg cartons, styrofoam	Styrofoam Recycling at drop-off site (preferred) or Tan Refuse cart.
Egg carton, plastic	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Envelopes, no window	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Envelopes, padded	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Envelopes, window	Green Recycling cart drop-off site.
E-readers (Kindles, etc.)	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off site.
Evergreen ropes	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Explosives	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Contact the Dane County Non-Emergency Number at 608-266-4275 for disposal.
Extension cords	Electronics Recycling at drop-off site.
External hard drives	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Fax machines	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Fencing (wood)	Tan Refuse cart or collected as large item. Remove concrete from fence posts.
Fencing (metal, chicken wire, etc)	Large item collection or recycled in metals bin at drop-off site. Remove concrete from fence posts.
Fertilizer without herbicide or pesticide	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Fertilizer with herbicide or pesticide	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Fire extinguishers	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Contact Jefferson Fire Safety (608-836-0068) or Cintas Fire Protection (608-241-1993) or Madison Recharging Service (608-249-3360).
Firewood	Small amounts can be collected during Brush collection (April -September); if deteriorating take to drop-off site.
Fireworks	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Contact the Dane County Non-Emergency Number at 608-266-4275 for disposal.
Flammable fluids	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Flash drives, thumb drives, etc.	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Fluorescent bulbs - CFLs or Compact Fluorescent Lamps	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Return to any retailer that sells fluorescent bulbs.
Fluorescent light fixtures	\$15 fee sticker. Large Item curb collection and drop-off site.
Fluorescent tubes	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Return to any retailer that sells fluorescent bulbs.
Food waste	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site or organics cart if in select neighborhood.
Freezer	\$35 fee sticker. Large Item curb collection or drop-off site. Remove doors—state law.
Frozen food boxes	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Furnaces	\$35 fee sticker. Large Item curb collection or drop-off site.
Furniture	Tan Refuse cart if the item fits, Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Gaming systems (Xbox, Playstation, etc)	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Garden hoses	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Garlands	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Garlic mustard	Tan Refuse cart—bagged and labeled.
Gas can	MUST BE EMPTY AND DRY. Collected as large item at curb. If metal, recycled at drop-off site in metals bin or collected as large item at the curb.
Gas grill	\$15 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or a drop-off site.
Gasoline	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Glass, mirrors, dishes, drinking glasses, etc.	Tan Refuse cart, Large Item curb collection (if doesn't fit) or drop-off site.
Glass, bottles	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Glass, broken (not jars or bottles)	Tan Refuse cart. Do not need to place it into a bag or box.
Glass, jars	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Glass, windows	No material from contractor work accepted. 10 maximum collected. Large item curb collection (taped up) or drop-off site (preferred).

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Grass clippings	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
Grill, charcoal	No fee sticker. Large Item curb collection or drop-off site.
Grill, gas	\$15 fee sticker. Large item curb collection or a drop-off site.
Gutters, rain	Large Item curb collection or drop-off site. Must be less than 8 feet in length.
Hair dryers (handheld)	Recycled at drop-off site or sent to the landfill at the curb in Tan Refuse cart.
Halogen bulbs	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site
Helium tank	Drop-off site ONLY. MUST be empty with valve open.
Hot tubs	\$35 fee sticker. No larger than 8' x 8'. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Household chemicals	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Humidifier	Electronics Recycling at drop-off site (preferred) or Tan Refuse cart or Large Item curb collection.
Incandescent bulbs	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Inhalers	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to any Med Drop locations. For Med Drop locations visit https://safercommunity.net/meddrop .
Jack-o-lantern	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
Jar lids, metal	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site (remove from jar). Must be rinsed clean.
Jar lids, plastic	Green Recycling cart if left on plastic jar. Tan Refuse cart if removed from jar. Or drop-off site.
Jars, glass	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Jars, plastic	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Junk mail, including envelopes	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Knives (steak, kitchen, etc.)	Donate to thrift store if usable. Tan Refuse cart at the curb. Metals bin at drop-off site if mostly metal. Do not place into Green Recycling cart.
Laptop computer	\$10 fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Lawn edgers	No fee sticker. Large Items curb collection or drop-off site. All gas and oil MUST be removed or metals bin at drop-off sites.
Lawn mowers	\$15 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site. REMOVE all gas and oil.
Leaves	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
LED bulbs	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Luggage	Donate to thrift stores if usable. Tan Refuse cart, Large Item curb collection (if doesn't fit into the cart) or drop-off site.
Lumber	No material from contractor work accepted. Small amounts, total cart weight 100 lbs, no more than 18" above top of cart should be placed in Tan Refuse cart. Larger pieces/amount put curb collection for large item collection—remove nail or pound flat.
Magazines	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Mattress	Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Medical "sharps"	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to pharmacy. Call your pharmacy before taking the needles or other medical sharp to them.
Medical needles	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to pharmacy. Call your pharmacy before taking the needles or other medical sharp to them.
Medical waste	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Contact the Department of Health: 608-266-4821.
Medication	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to a Med-Drop. For locations, visit: https://safercommunity.net/meddrop .
Mercury - anything	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Metal	Large Item curb collection or drop-off site.
Microwave	\$15 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Modems	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Motor oil	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to oil drop-off sites.
Motor oil bottles	Tan Refuse cart.
Motor oil filters	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to oil drop-off sites.
MP3 player	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Novels, Paperbacks	Tan Refuse Cart or drop-off site. Donate to thrift stores or Little Free Library. To recycle hardcover books—Madison Recycling Center (operated by Waste Management) at 2200 Fish Hatchery Rd, 608-251-2115.
Ovens	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Oxygen tank	Drop-off site ONLY. MUST be empty with valve open.
Packing peanuts (Styrofoam)	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site. Not recycled with Styrofoam.
Paint remover	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Paint, dried solid	WITH lids off Tan Refuse cart or drop-off sites.
Paint, liquid latex	If less than 1/2 full , add kitty litter and paint hardener, let dry, then dispose as noted in "Paint, dried solid." If more than 1/2 full take to Dane County Clean Sweep 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Paint, oil or solvent-based	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .

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Pallets	Large item curb collection or drop-off site. Pallets cannot be larger than 4'x4'. Limit 5 pallets at a time.
Paper bags	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Reuse as much as possible, and choose cloth bags instead.
Paper shredder	Electronics Recycling at drop-off site (preferred) or Green Recycling cart (motor) or Tan Refuse cart (basket if plastic).
Paper, computer	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Paper, copy	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Paper, newsprint	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Paper - shredded	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Put in clear plastic bags no larger than a basketball.
Paper, stationary and envelopes	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Paper, Wrapping without foil	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Foil wrapping paper	Tan Refuse Cart or drop-off site.
Pesticides	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Pet waste	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site. MUST be bagged. DO NOT put it into litter carts or the cart of another resident.
Phone books	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Phones (land line, not cell phones)	No fee sticker. Banned from all curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Photographs	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Pianos	No fee sticker. Large item curb collection or drop-off site. Find a reuse options first (Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Steinway Piano Bank, Madison Stuff Exchange).
Plastic bags	Green Recycling cart of drop-off site. Bundle all plastic bags into single "bag of bags" about the size of a basketball. NO black or draw-string bags. See "Recycling Collection" on page 6.
Plastic bottles and jugs	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Please rinse them out.
Plastic packaging, blister pack/plastic shell	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Please rinse them out.
Plastic packaging, film	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Bundle with other plastic bags for recycling.
Plastic, rigid	Tan Refuse cart or large item collection. Includes plastic trashcans, laundry baskets, storage tubs, toys, plastic pails/buckets, lawn furniture, flower pots, milk crates, etc.
Poles, metal/wood	Large item curb collection or drop-off site. Must be less than 8 feet in length. No cement/concrete. Concrete/cement goes to Dane Co Landfill.
Power steering fluid	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to oil drop-off sites.
Power supplies	Recycled at drop-off site or sent to the landfill at the curb as large item or in Tan Refuse cart.
Power washer	Collected as large item or drop-off site. No fee.
Pressurize tanks - not empty	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Pressurized tank, 1-pound propane tank	Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Visit www.danecountycleansweep.com for more information.
Pressurized tank, 20-pound propane tank	Metal Recycling at drop-off site. MUST BE EMPTY with valve open.
Pressurized tanks, 5 pounds and higher	Metal Recycling at drop-off site. MUST BE EMPTY with valve open.
Rail road ties	Large item curb collection or drop-off site. No more than 8-10 at a time.
Ranges	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Raspberry canes	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
Refrigerator	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site. MUST remove doors—State Law.
Refrigerator - less than 50 pounds	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Remodeling materials	No material from contractor work accepted. Maximum collected is equivalent to 240 pounds per collection (or volume equivalent to two 95 gal carts).
Rigid plastic	Tan Refuse cart or large item collection. Includes plastic trashcans, laundry baskets, storage tubs, toys, plastic pails/buckets, lawn furniture, flower pots, milk crates, etc.
Rocks	Banned from curb collection and drop-off sites. Find a reuse option through www.madisonstuffexchange.com , your social networks, or take to Dane County Landfill or reputable stone recycler.
Root ball	No material from contractor work accepted. Remove all dirt. Curb collection ONLY April - September; Other months must be brought to drop-off site (one load per day). No storage of terrace area.
Rosebush canes	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
Routers (for wireless internet)	No sticker fee. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Sawdust	No contractor work accepted. Double-bag and place into Tan Refuse cart.
Shingles	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Landfill for recycling or another reputable shingle recycler. See https://pwht.countyofdane.com/recycle/categories.aspx .
Shoes	Place in clothing bins at drop-off sites. Please bind the pair of shoes together.
Sinks	No fee sticker. Large item curb collection or a drop-off site.
Smart phones	No sticker fee. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.

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Smoke alarms/detectors	Tan Refuse cart. Some brands can be mailed back to manufacturer for recycling. Check with manufacturer for more info.
Snow blowers	\$15 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site. REMOVE all gas and oil.
Snow throwers	\$15 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site. REMOVE all gas and oil.
Sod	Banned from curb collection. Maximum of a five 5-gallon buckets at drop-off sites. Must remove as much dirt as possible to be accepted. Larger volume must be hauled to the Dane County Landfill for composting or another reputable composter.
Sofa	No fee sticker. Large item curb collection or a drop-off site.
Sofa sleeper	No fee sticker. Large item curb collection or a drop-off site.
Space heater, electric powered	No fee sticker. Large item curb collection or Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Space heater, fuel/oil powered	No fee sticker. Empty fuel. Large item curb collection or as a metal item at drop-off sites.
Speakers - computer	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Speakers - stereo equipment	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites or landfilled as refuse item.
Stone	Banned from curb collection and drop-off sites. Find a reuse option through www.madisonstuffexchange.com , your social networks, or take to Dane County Landfill or reputable stone recycler.
Stoves	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Styrofoam peanuts	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Surge protectors	No fee sticker. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites or landfilled as a refuse item.
Swing set	Dismantle into less than 8' in length, width, or height. No cement/concrete. Large item curb collection or drop-off site.
Styrofoam, molded	Banned from curb collection. Styrofoam Recycling at drop-off site.
Tablet computers	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Take-out containers (paper)	Food/grease stained parts go into Tan Refuse cart; clean parts go into Green Recycling cart.
Take-out containers (plastic)	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Take-out containers (Styrofoam)	Banned from curb collection. Styrofoam Recycling at drop-off site. Must be rinsed clean.
Telephone books	Green Recycling cart.
Televisions	\$15 fee sticker. Drop-off site ONLY. DO NOT SET AT THE CURB.
Tetrapak	Green Recycling cart. Should be rinsed out.
Thermometers - mercury	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Thermostats - mercury	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to Dane County Clean Sweep. Call 608-838-3212 for more information or www.danecountycleansweep.com .
Tires	\$5 fee sticker per tire (off the rim), \$10 fee sticker per tire (on the rim or if the tire is large truck tire). Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Toilets	No fee sticker. Large item curb collection or a drop-off site.
Top soil	Banned from curb collection. Maximum of a 5-gallon bucket at drop-off sites. Larger volume must be hauled to the Dane County Landfill or another private entity that accepts fill material.
Transmission fluid	Banned from curb collection and drop-off site. Take to oil drop-off sites.
Trash compactor	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
TV	\$15 fee sticker. Drop-off site ONLY. DO NOT SET AT THE CURB.
Vacuum cleaner dust	Tan Refuse cart or at drop-off site. Double bagged.
Vacuums	Electronics Recycling at drop-off site (preferred) or Tan Refuse cart or Large item curb collection.
VCRs	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
VHS tapes	Tan Refuse cart or recycled at drop-off site in electronics container.
Vines (grape, ivy, etc.)	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
Washing machines	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Water coolers	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Water heaters	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Water softeners	\$35 fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site.
Web cameras	No fee sticker. Banned from curb collection. Electronics Recycling at drop-off sites.
Weeds	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.
Weed whackers	No fee sticker. Large items curb collection or drop-off site. REMOVE all gas and oil.
Windows	No material from contractor work accepted. 10 maximum collected. Large item curb collection (tapped up) or drop-off site (preferred).
Wood	No material from contractor work accepted. Maximum collected is equivalent to 240 pounds per collection (or volume equivalent to two 95 gal carts).
Wood chips (mulch)	RESIDENTS: Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period. CONTRACTORS: Use Brush Processing Center.
Wrapping paper - with foil	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Wrapping paper - no foil	Green Recycling cart or drop-off site.
Wreaths	Tan Refuse cart or drop-off site.
Yard waste	Take to yard waste drop-off sites. Curb collection ONLY during Spring and Fall leaves/yard waste collection periods. Do not store material on terrace until collection period.

NEW TO MADISON?

Streets Division services are covered by your property taxes and there is not a separate Streets Division bill.

TRY THE MYWASTE APP

The Streets Division has a free mobile app. You can get your collection calendar, receive updates, and learn how to dispose of items all from the convenience of your phone. To download it, go to your app store and search for "My Waste" or visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets.

STREETS DIVISION INFORMATION

Contacts

- » East Office: 608-246-4532
- » West Office: 608-266-4681
- » Recycling Coordinator: 608-267-2626
- » Brush Processing Center: 608-266-4911
- » Brush & Yard Waste Hotline: 608-267-2088
- » Winter Parking Hotline: 608-261-9111
- » Report A Problem: www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem
- » Email: streets@cityofmadison.com

Questions about services not performed by the Streets Division?

- » **City parks refuse, recycling, or lost items:**
Contact the Parks Division at 608-266-4711.
- » **Beltline, and Beltline on/off ramp, and State Highway issues:**
Contact Dane County Highway at 608-266-4261.
- » **Dead animal collection from City right of way:**
Contact the Engineering Services Division at 608-266-4430.
- » **Ordinance violations such as not shoveling the sidewalk, inadequate lawn maintenance, or improper collection cart usage or storage:**
Contact the Building Inspection Division at 608-266-4551.
- » **Paint or other hazardous chemical disposal:**
Contact Dane County Clean Sweep at 608-838-3212.
- » **Parking regulations:**
Contact Parking Enforcement at 608-266-4624.
- » **Sidewalk repair or replacement:**
Contact the Engineering Services Division at 608-266-4430.
- » **State Street refuse, recycling, or lost items:**
Contact Mall/Concourse at 608-266-6031.
- » **Storm drains blocked or repairing manhole covers:**
Contact the Engineering Services Division at 608-266-4430.
- » **Street reconstruction projects:**
Contact the Engineering Division at 608-266-4751.
- » **Traffic lights, traffic signs, curb or street markings/painting, or street lights:**
Contact Traffic Engineering Division at 608-266-4761.
- » **Trees on City property, including the terrace:**
Contact the Forestry Section at 608-266-4816.
- » **Water main breaks:**
Contact the Water Utility at 608-266-4661.

Want to report the problem online instead of calling?

Go to www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem and use the online form to share your question, comment, concern, or request with City staff.