

CITY OF WATERTOWN RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE GUIDE

Place **only** the items in grid on this page in recyclable blue cart- no debris on top or next to cart. For safety & cleanliness - lids must be CLOSED!

The carts are owned by the city and must stay with the residence. **Carts must be placed at curbside by 6am the day of pick-up.**

DO'S ...	QUESTIONS?	CALL: 262-4080	... and DON'TS
Material	Required Preparation	Recommendations	
Corrugated Cardboard, chipboard & glossy chipboard, all cardboard from food products – examples: cake boxes, cracker boxes, tissue boxes, clean pizza boxes, rinsed orange juice containers, etc.	- Cut to fit in Recycling Cart if needed - Keep Free of debris	If you want to bundle use paper bags.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carts are picked up weekly, according to schedule. • Plastic store shopping bags should be returned to the stores or placed into garbage cart. • DO NOT PLACE THESE ITEMS IN GARBAGE!!! • No Food Waste Should Remain in the Aluminum, Paper or Tin. • Our recycler contractor will only accept items on this page in the recycle carts. You may have other items that need to be recycled but cannot be placed in the carts – see lower pages. • Only paper/shredded paper should be bagged
Plastic Containers – #1Δ - #7Δ This includes oil containers, #2 bulky rigid plastics (five-gallon buckets, laundry baskets, plastic crates, children's toys, etc)	- Loose - Rinse	Flatten (Optional, to save space)	
Glass Bottles and Jars	- Rinse		
Aluminum cans, aluminum & tin foil, aluminum baking pans, metal cooking/baking pans (cookie sheets, fry pans, pots and pans, etc)	- Rinse - Flatten (Optional, to save space)	Flatten (Optional, to save space)	
Newspaper, magazines, mixed paper, wrapping paper & tissue paper, mail items, books	- Place in Recycling Cart - Keep dry, if possible	If you want to bundle use paper bags.	
Aerosol spray cans	- Must be empty		
Tin cans - Any and all types	- Rinse	No scrap metal, bumpers	
Propane cylinder - #1	- Must be empty		
Shredded Paper	- Please place in secured clear plastic bag.		

Expired or unwanted chemicals and hazardous waste **MUST** be brought to a Clean Sweep Event.

Visit watertownwi.gov or jeffersoncountywi.gov/cleansweep or call 920-262-4080 for details.

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Prescription Drop Off: Watertown Police Department: 920-261-6660

HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Place in gray garbage carts – debris on top or next to carts will not be picked up. Carts must be 3' apart and 3' from ANY obstacle at pick-up.

DESCRIPTION OF WASTE	WHO PICKS IT UP?	FREQUENCY	DETAILS
All wastes resulting from the normal operation of a household; <i>including old clothing, diapers, animal waste (MUST be bagged)</i> , plastic film, plastic wraps, garden hoses and plastic shopping bags.	City DPW Team Gently used clothing and baby items can be “recycled” by donating it to a thrift store.	Weekly, according to schedule	<u><i>Does Not Include:</i></u> landscape waste, construction debris, appliances, waste oil, tires, lead acid batteries, or recyclables as noted in this guide.
Styrofoam, packing peanuts and bubble wrap	City DPW Team	Weekly, according to schedule	Since 2019 – The City’s Recycler will no longer accept Styrofoam

Carts may be placed on the boulevard for pick-up by noon the day before and off the boulevard by 8pm the day of pick-up.

LANDSCAPE WASTE

DESCRIPTION OF WASTE	WHO PICKS IT UP?	WHERE DOES IT GO?	DETAILS
LANDSCAPE WASTE I: Grass clippings, vines, garden plants, flowers, wood chips, apple tree droppings, corn stalks, etc. Absolutely NO garbage, paper or plastic bags. Compost/paper bags may only be deposited at the site during the Fall. The bags MUST be filled with leaves ONLY.	WI State Law prohibit yard waste from being placed in the garbage or recycle carts.	Residents take to Yardwaste Drop-Off Site: 1507 Boomer Please separate into yardwaste/garden/leaves OR twigs/branches/brush to drop-off at appropriate area. Bags must be emptied and disposed of properly. NOTE: Operates from April – November (weather permitting)	Open: Monday 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (fall hours: 3:30 – 6:00 after Daylight Savings) Wednesday 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (fall hours: 3:30 – 6:00 after Daylight Savings) Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. An attendant will be there for questions.
LANDSCAPE WASTE II: Branches, hedges and tree limbs. Maximum Diameter: 6 inches Minimum Length: 4 feet Maximum Length: None	City DPW Team Full truckloads of compost and wood chips available to city residents at no charge. Complete paperwork at 811 S First St.	The City Crews DO NOT do storm damage or special pickups outside the normal scheduled routes.	Stacking requirements: Cut ends facing street except in a sidewalk area please place parallel as not to block sidewalk. No grass, fabric, rocks, stumps or debris mixed with branches. Once per month – according to schedule posted to website.
LANDSCAPE WASTE III: Autumn Leaves – Street Dept. will announce when pickup starts	City DPW Team	Monthly Oct & Nov – Guaranteed one pickup, however, if time and weather allow, there could be more than one pickup	Two choices: Rake leaves to edge of curb or place in a closed, compostable paper bags at curbside. DO NOT rake leaves into the street or park vehicles in front of/near the piles.
Concrete and bricks		Residents take to the Yard Waste site to concrete bunkers	

WHITE GOODS/ SMALL APPLIANCES/ELECTRONICS

DESCRIPTION OF WASTE	WHERE DOES IT GO?	DETAILS
WHITE GOODS: Stoves, Washers, Dryers, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, most metal items, etc ELECTRONICS: Copy Machines, TVs, Computers, Monitors, Key Pads, Printers, Mouse, Fax Machines, VCR Player, DVD Player, Phones, cords and chargers, etc SMALL APPLIANCES: Microwaves, Mixers, Blenders, Sump Pumps, Fans, Vacuums, Toasters, Toaster Ovens, Holiday Decorative String Lights, etc	Residents must bring all items to DPW Street/Solid Waste Division at 811 S. First St. For City of Watertown & Village of Clyman Residents ONLY!!! WI state mandates we recycle e-waste/items	Stop at office upon arrival! Hours Monday thru Friday: 6:30 am–3:30 pm Saturdays: 2026 – April 11, June 6, August 1 and October 3: 8 am – Noon Fees may apply, see price chart

BATTERIES

DESCRIPTION OF WASTE	WHERE DOES IT GO?	DETAILS
Lead acid batteries – automobile batteries	Drop Off at 811 S. First Street, Clean Sweep or a certified recycler	Hours above
Household alkaline dry cell batteries (C,AA, etc...)	Gray Garbage Cart	
Batteries – Button & Rechargeable Nickel cadmium (nicad), Lithium ion (rechargeable), Lithium metal (non-rechargeable) and mercury batteries	Deposit at a Clean Sweep Event These batteries create a health and safety issue (fire!!) if placed in the curbside carts/trucks!	Most vape pens have lithium batteries sealed inside. The pens MUST be recycled at a Clean Sweep event.

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

DESCRIPTION OF WASTE	WHERE DOES IT GO?	DETAILS
Small residential projects: Wood (including non-hazardous painted, treated and coated wood and wood products), wood furniture, wall coverings, plaster, drywall, plumbing fixtures, non-asbestos insulation, roofing shingles and other roof coverings – NOT from an entire roofing job, NO plastics that are not sealed in a manner that conceals waste or contaminates. Residential use only. Not intended for large construction projects.	Residents must bring items to 811 S. First St. Call the DPW Street/Solid Waste Division BEFORE you bring your items in to confirm pricing and availability. Nothing longer than 6’ No concrete/bricks	Hours above Carpeting: \$1/Sq Yd – Should be rolled and taped/tied, no wider than 4 foot rolls

Sharps Disposal: Watertown Health Department: 920-262-8090

FURNITURE

DESCRIPTION OF WASTE	WHERE DOES IT GO?	DETAILS
<p>Couches, recliners, love seats, sectionals, upholstered rockers, dresser, futon, tables, lawn furniture, etc..</p> <p>NOTE: Steel frames must be removed from roll-a-way/hide-a-bed couches</p>	<p>Residents must bring items to DPW Street/Solid Waste Division, 811 S. First St.</p> <p>Fees apply, see price chart</p>	<p>Monday thru Friday: 6:30 am–3:30 pm <i>(Closed for Holidays)</i></p> <p>2026 Saturdays: April 11, June 6, August 1, and October 3: 8 am – Noon</p> <p>Fees apply, see price chart</p>
Mattress & Box Springs	<p>Residents must bring all mattresses and box springs to DPW Street/Solid Waste Division</p> <p>City of Watertown & Village of Clyman Residents ONLY!!!</p>	<p>Fees apply, see price chart</p> <p>Hours above</p>

TIRES

DESCRIPTION OF WASTE	WHERE DOES IT GO?	DETAILS
Car, truck, tractor, trailer, etc...	Residents should check with facilities that sell tires.	The City of Watertown does not accept tires.

ITEMS WITH MERCURY

DESCRIPTION OF WASTE	WHERE DOES IT GO?	DETAILS
Fluorescent Bulbs, high pressure sodium or metal halide bulbs	Residents bring to DPW Street/Solid Waste Division, 811 S First Street.	Fees may apply, see price chart. Residential incandescent light bulbs and halogen bulbs may go into the garbage as they contain no hazardous material.
Thermometers, thermostats, etc...	Residents bring to Street Dept or a Clean Sweep Event	

DRAIN OIL AND FILTERS

DESCRIPTION OF WASTE	WHERE DOES IT GO?	DETAILS
Drain Oil and Oil Filters	Bring oil and filters to DPW Street/Solid Waste Division, 811 S. First Street. Filters must be placed into the proper dumpster. The container the oil was purchased in can be put in the Recycling Cart if it is completely empty.	Place oil in a sealed five quart or one gallon container (milk jugs work well). No oil mixed with: anti-freeze solvent, gasoline, paint thinner, other flammable liquids.

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2025**DROP OFF FEES**

*** Residents Living Outside City of Watertown city limits, that get our services or we have a contract with the township, will be charged an additional \$5.00 per item for certain items.*

ALL ELECTRONICS/EED's: Cell Phones & Televisions ALL Power Cords, Chargers, Light Strings Laptops & Tablets Monitors and Televisions DVD, VCR and Blue Ray Players, Fax Machines, Gaming Systems/Accessories, Printers, Scanners. Projectors, Remote Controls, Modems, Speakers Desktops & Servers External Computer Accessories - Keyboards, Mice, Speakers, Cameras, etc	No Charge	Contracted Townships
ALL SMALL APPLIANCES: Vacuum Cleaners, Carpet Cleaners, Coffee Maker, Toaster Oven, all fans, torpedo heaters, space heaters, answering machines, stereos, diffusers, battery chargers, electric and battery operated tools, etc.	No Charge	
Microwave	No Charge	
Dehumidifier, Air Conditioner	\$15.00	
Large Appliance: Washer, Dryer, Dishwasher, Stove, Refrigerator, Freezer	\$20.00/each	
BULBS & BALLASTS: Bulbs Fluorescent Bulbs – less than 4' Fluorescent Bulbs – 4' or larger Ballasts	\$.50/each \$.50/each \$.75/each \$3.00/each	
Copy Machines (Stand Alone)	\$10.00/each	
<i>It is dangerous and against the law to place any of the above items in your recycle or trash cart.</i>		
FURNITURE: Chairs – Kitchen Table Chairs, etc. Entertainment Centers, Dressers, Bed Frame, Futon Loveseat, Recliners Couch (Hide-A-Bed Frame & Mattress removed, extra charge for mattress) Sectional Hot Tub Piano, Organ	\$10.00/each \$10.00/each \$15.00/each \$25.00/each \$35.00/each \$30.00/each \$30.00/each	\$20.00/each \$30.00/each \$40.00/each \$35.00/each \$35.00/each
BOXSPRINGS	\$5.00/each	
MATTRESSES	\$10.00/each	
CARPET	\$1.00/Sq Yd	
CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS: Small Load (Car) Large Load (Pickup Bed OR Trailer up to 8' Length - no items over 8') Punch Card – 5 drop offs per year	\$25.00/each \$50.00/each \$100.00/each	
OTHER: Batteries, Metal, Oil, Oil Filters	No Charge	
CURBSIDE BULK PICKUP ITEMS: Recliner or Loveseat Couch (no mattress) Stove, Washer, Dryer, Refrigerator, or Freezer Piano or Organ PICKUP DAY: MONDAY	\$30.00 \$50.00 \$40.00 \$60.00	

Payable with cash or check. A transaction fee will apply if paying with a Debit/Credit Card.