



Examples of Unacceptable Waste:

- Rolls of carpet
- Large automotive parts, tires, or bicycles
- Furniture and mattresses
- Rocks, concrete block, and plaster
- Large sections of pipes, scrap metal, fences, and pallets
- Waste larger than four feet in any dimension

These don't belong in your dumpster. Check with your waste hauler for further instructions.



Acceptable Waste Is:

“Solid waste, garbage, trash, rubbish and refuse” generated by residential, commercial, and institutional establishments and certain types of industrial and construction wastes.

- Smaller than four feet long, wide, or deep
- Less than 100 pounds in weight
- Not hazardous or explosive
- Not masonry, brick, concrete or stone
- Not burning or smoldering



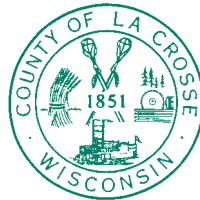
FOR MORE INFORMATION

For answers to your solid waste questions, call the La Crosse Disposal System 24-hour Recycling/Solid Waste Hotline at (608) 785-9999. If calling after business hours, leave a message and your call will be returned.



La Crosse Disposal System

A publicly managed, integrated solid waste disposal system provided through public/private partnerships, and committed to a responsible approach to solid waste management.



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To Do *What*

WITH MY

WASTE?





THINK ABOUT IT:

Recently the state of Wisconsin raised the tipping fees it charges landfill operators, including La Crosse County, from \$5.90 to \$13.00 per ton in an effort to find new sources of revenue to repair the state's budget deficit. Some communities that rely solely on landfilling immediately passed along the higher costs to residents through property tax hikes, new special use fees or other assessments. After soliciting feedback from system stakeholders, La Crosse County decided to pass along only a portion of the increase to its customers. The following tipping fees will become effective Jan. 1, 2010:

- \$61/ton at Xcel Energy's French Island Resource Recovery plant (increase of \$1/ton)
- \$68/ton at the La Crosse County landfill (increase of \$2/ton)
- \$48/ton for construction/demolition waste at the La Crosse County landfill (increase of \$9/ton)

If you are interested in minimizing costs, avoiding penalties and limiting charges collected through taxes, follow these simple waste management steps:

- Review the lists of wastes that are acceptable and unacceptable at the Xcel facility
- Consider which wastes your business generates.
- Require your hauler to deliver acceptable wastes to Xcel
- Direct wastes that are unacceptable at Xcel to the La Crosse County Landfill.
- See the next panel for tips on establishing a program to manage unacceptable wastes.



MANAGE IT:

- Developing a program may be as simple as adding a separate dumpster for waste that should not go to Xcel.
- Talk to your business neighbors about their unacceptable wastes. Discuss whether it is possible to share a dumpster. If you do share, identify who will pay the waste hauler and how you will pay costs.
- Clearly label all dumpsters so both employees and haulers know which types of waste are in each dumpster.
- Ask the La Crosse County Solid Waste Department or a hauler for help with difficult or special wastes. Work with the hauler to arrange container size, location, and collection frequency.
- Educate all employees about the change.
- Remember to use these steps for short term projects like remodeling as well as for your regular business waste.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Much of the solid waste from La Crosse County and its neighbors is sent to Xcel on French Island, where it is turned into fuel for generating electricity. When deliveries of acceptable waste fall below 73,000 tons per year, La Crosse County incurs financial penalties. For this reason, it is important that La Crosse County businesses continue to direct acceptable wastes to Xcel.

Xcel can assess other penalties if unacceptable waste is delivered to the French Island plant. The penalty is charged to the hauler, who passes it on to customers, or in some cases, to the County. As a waste generator, you are most able to keep acceptable and unacceptable wastes separate and help us avoid such penalties. ***We need your help.***

