

Please don't throw me away!

This Is Your 2011 Recycling/Trash Pickup Information

Thirteen La Crosse County communities have joined to provide information about their recycling and trash pickup programs. Inside you'll find community-specific information on disposing of your household trash and recyclables.

City of La Crosse	608-789-7508	www.cityoflacrosse.org
City of Onalaska	608-781-9500	www.cityofonalaska.com
Town of Burns	608-486-4272	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfBurns
Town of Campbell	608-783-0050	www.frenchislandwi.com
Town of Farmington	608-857-3139	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfFarmington
Town of Greenfield	608-788-6885	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfGreenfield
Town of Hamilton	608-786-0989	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfHamilton
Town of Holland	608-526-3354	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfHolland
Village of Holmen	608-526-4336	www.holmenwi.com
Town of Medary	608-781-2275	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfMedary
Town of Onalaska	608-783-4958	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/townofonalaska
Town of Shelby	608-788-1032	www.townofshelby.com
Village of West Salem	608-786-1858	www.westsalemwi.com

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Sustainability in La Crosse County

What Is Sustainability?
Sustainability can be defined in several ways, including: *Using resources in ways that meet our needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.* Sustainability is sometimes referred to as a whole systems approach addressing the Environment, social Equity, and the Economy—the three “E’s” of sustainability. It is crucial to recognize that they are all mutually dependent, and it is important to consider all three E’s when evaluating program effectiveness.

Sustainable decision-making must be based upon this triple bottom line. This means that it must consider environmental performance, economic viability, and social inclusion. The diagram at right illustrates this idea.

The County of La Crosse has chosen to follow these principles and has incorporated them throughout our system:

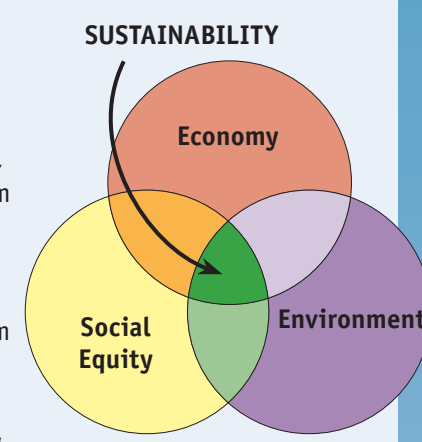
- Our Information Technology department is currently saving several thousand dollars a year by putting in programs that automatically shut down computers when they're not in use.
- Our Purchasing Department is incorporating sustainable principles when requesting services from contractors who supply the county with materials and services.
- Our Facilities Department is replacing older lighting technology with more efficient and better lighting that uses less electricity.

- And our Solid Waste Department has worked on several projects this year that incorporate sustainable practices. One of those projects is our **Solid Waste Evaluation**. In this joint effort, the cities of Onalaska and La Crosse took a look at the current recycling and solid waste programs for each of the cities and compared their existing collections systems with those of other cities of similar size and scope. The study found that there are many ways both cities could modify the way they collect recycling and solid waste today. Implementing these modifications could increase the amount of material recycled and reduce the amount of solid waste currently used in the waste-to-energy plant or land-filled. If you'd like to review the plan, go to the Solid Waste Department's Web site at <http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/SolidWaste/> and click on the *Solid Waste Evaluation Final Report* icon.

Another project the department is working on is the **landfill gas-to-energy project**. This joint effort between the solid waste department and Gundersen Lutheran Health System is a unique opportunity to turn landfill gas that is currently burned off at the landfill into valuable energy that Gundersen's Onalaska Campus can use to offset its electrical and heating needs. By using this renewable energy resource, the county has found a way to reduce its own waste and help a neighbor reduce its energy costs, thus benefiting the entire community with cleaner air, less pollution, and maybe even stabilized health care costs too.

If you'd like to talk about these efforts or any other sustainability practices please feel free to give me a call at 608-785-9768.

Nick Nichols, Sustainability Coordinator



NEW! These electronics are BANNED from disposal in Wisconsin landfills or incinerators—they MUST be recycled:

- Computers (desktop, laptop, and netbooks)
- Printers, copiers, fax machines, and scanners
- Computer monitors
- Televisions
- DVD players, VCRs, and DVRs
- Computer mice and keyboards
- Other computer accessories such as hard drives, speakers, flash drives, and modems
- Cell phones

For more information, call 785-9999 or visit our Web site, www.lacrossecounty.org/hhm.

E-Waste Recycling

You may recycle electronic waste (e-waste) for a small fee at the Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) site (see hours above). Acceptable items:

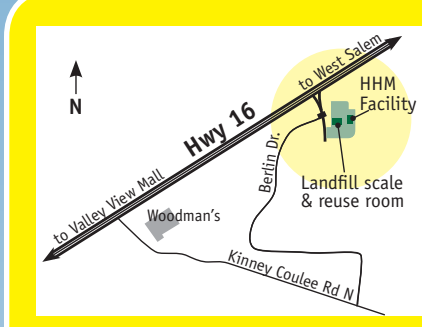
- Printers
- CPUs
- Circuit boards
- VCRs/DVD players
- Microwaves
- Fax machines
- Laptops
- Computer accessories
- CB and ham radios
- Copiers
- Keyboards/Mice
- Cable/satellite TV equipment
- Computer gaming items
- Computer monitors
- Disk drives
- Cameras
- Stereos
- Television set

Fee: \$0.20/lb. for TVs; \$0.10/lb. for other e-waste

Not accepted: appliances, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, anything with coolant or Freon

Why Recycle Electronics?

- **Electronics are fastest-growing part of our waste stream today.** Millions of TVs, computers, and other household electronics become obsolete each year.
- **Many electronics contain valuable, reusable materials like gold, steel, silver, copper and glass.** Recycling old devices reduces the need for new materials and cuts down on greenhouse gas emissions associated with manufacturing.
- **Recycling electronics protects human and environmental health.** Electronics that are landfilled, incinerated or illegally dumped can release toxic materials like mercury, lead, and cadmium into the air, water, and soil.
- **E-cycling is an important part of product stewardship.** By recycling our old electronics, we share responsibility for the products we buy and use from the beginning to the end of their useful lives.



Public Use of County Landfill

La Crosse County's easily accessible public drop-off site at 6500 Highway 16 is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. We accept waste from homeowners, renters, and businesses located around the region. There are eight numbered and labeled containers so that you can separate your waste appropriately. To ensure that costs are allocated equitably among system users, disposal fees are

5¢ per pound, payable at the site (minimum \$2). Your vehicle will be weighed upon entering and leaving the landfill site to determine cost. There is a 3% convenience fee (minimum \$2 per transaction) for the use of credit or debit cards. **You must stop at the scale to be weighed, and you must provide your own labor.**

What Can Be Dropped Off?

Large Items: Furniture and furnishings including upholstered items, general household materials, toys, bikes, grills, lawnmowers (without gas and oil), mattresses, stoves, hot water heaters, washers, dryers, small appliances, etc.

Demolition/Construction Debris: Wood, drywall, doors, windows, sinks, toilets, tubs, roofing, bricks, carpets, tile, flooring.

Garbage: Normal household waste like bagged waste, paper, and food waste. Place in the Xcel waste-to-energy bin.

Other: Yard waste/grass clippings, shingles, brush, and animal carcasses.

Tires: May be dropped off for a higher fee.

What Cannot Be Dropped Off?

Hazardous waste, propane tanks, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, air conditioners, and anything else with Freon or coolant cannot be accepted.

No Salvaging

Only people authorized by site attendants may use the facility. Security cameras are in use, and violators will be referred to law enforcement.

If you have questions, call 785-9572 or visit the Solid Waste Department Web site: www.lacrossecounty.org/solidwaste.



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La Crosse Disposal System
6500 State Road 16
La Crosse, WI 54601
608-785-9572
www.lacrossecounty.org/solidwaste

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Household Hazardous Materials Collection

LOCATION

La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials (HHM)
6502 State Road 16, La Crosse

Directions: The HHM facility is at the La Crosse County Landfill Complex. Take State Road 16 east toward West Salem. The facility is approximately 1/2 mile east of Interstate 90 on the south side of State Road 16 (see map on back).

HOURS

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 am–4:00 pm
Call 785-9999 for an appointment.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
Wednesday, 10:30 am–6:00 pm
1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9:00 am–noon

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

For answers to questions, call **La Crosse County HHM program, 785-9999** or visit our Web site: www.lacrossecounty.org/hhm

Garage & Workshop	
Acetone	H
Artist's paint & media	H
Antifreeze	H
Autobody repair products	H
Automobile oil	H
Battery acid	H
Brake fluid	H
Car wax, solvent-based	H
Compressed gas cylinders (propane)	H
Contact cement	H
Driveway sealer	H
Explosives	U
Fiberglass epoxy	H
Fluorescent light bulbs	H
Gasoline/oil mixtures	H
Gasoline & other fuels	H
Glue, solvent-based	H
Glue, water-based	H
Joint compound	H
Kerosene	H
Lighter fluid	H
Nonautomotive oils	H
Oil filters (see back)	H
Paint, latex	H
Paint, oil-based	H
Paint thinner	H
Paint stripper	H
Parts cleaner	H
Photographic chemicals	H
Rust remover	H
Shellac	H
Stain	H
Transmission fluid	H
Turpentine	H
Varnish	H
Windshield washer solution	D
Wood filler	H
Wood preservative	H

Pharmaceuticals Drop-Off

The Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) site still accepts most unwanted pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter medications.

However, because of regulations, the HHM site can no longer accept pharmaceuticals regulated as controlled substances. These include

- prescription painkillers
- stimulants
- strong sedatives
- muscle relaxants
- steroids
- codeine

Home & Garden	
Hair remover	H
Medicine (liquid)	H
Nail polish	H
Nail polish remover	H
Oven cleaner	H
Permanent wave solution	D
Skin cream	T
Thermometers (mercury)	H
Toilet bowl cleaner	H
Tub & tile cleaner	H
Window cleaner	D
Aerosol cans, full	H
Batteries, alkaline	T
Batteries, button	H
Batteries, rechargeable	H
Dry cleaning solvent	H
Fertilizer (without pesticides)	T
Fertilizer (with pesticides)	H
Fungicide	H
Furniture polish	H
Insect spray	H
Light ballasts	H
Metal polish, solvent-based	H
Mothballs	H
Pesticides	H
Pool chemicals	H
Rat poison	H
Shoe polish	H
Spot remover	H
Stump remover	H
Thermostats (mercury)	H
Weed killer	H

Other	
Infectious/biological waste	H
Radioactive materials	U
Shock- or heat-sensitive materials (peroxide, picric acid)	U
Hazardous waste from businesses*	U

KEY	
H	Take to HHM
D	Pour down drain (if connected to sanitary sewer)
T	Place in trash
U	Unacceptable waste

NEW! Oil Filters Banned from Landfills—MUST Be Recycled

Starting January 1, 2011, used oil filters, oil dry, and other oil absorbents will be banned from Wisconsin landfills. This ban applies to businesses and households. Oil and the metal exterior of the oil filter are very recyclable.

Discarding oil absorbents and filters wastes valuable resources and can contaminate groundwater and surface water. Businesses and individuals that fail to comply with the law may be fined up to \$50 for a first violation.

The HHM site recycles oil, oil absorbents, and oil filters at no charge to La Crosse County residents and for a fee to area small businesses. For more information call 785-9999 or check out our Web site, www.lacrossecounty.org/hhm.



* **Note:** Businesses that qualify as Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG) can use the HHM program for a fee. VSQGs must pre-register and schedule an appointment before bringing materials to the collection facility. Call 785-9999 to receive a pre-registration and VSQG qualification packet.

Use of the Town of Hamilton's Drop Off Site

- Xcel Energy Burnable Compactors
- Commingled Recycling Bin
- Appliance, Tire, E-Waste & Used Oil Building
- Metal Dumpster
- Landfill Dumpster
- Wood Ash Receptacles
- Yard Waste Bin

Remember: To use the Drop Off Site, your vehicle must display a Town of Hamilton sticker. Stickers may be obtained from the attendant at the site.

Xcel Energy Burnable Compactors

- These compactors are for burnable refuse. Please **BAG BURNABLE ITEMS IN CLEAR OR SEMITRANSSPARENT BAGS** before placing them in the compactor.
- **NO pallets, carpet, tarps, silo storage bags, twine, glass, or metal.** Wood items up to 4 feet in length are acceptable.
- **NO wood ash or burning materials** (see Wood Ash Receptacles below).

Commingled Recycling Bin

- Place clean glass bottles, metal cans with labels removed, and aluminum in the commingled bin.
- Aluminum cans are also accepted separately for recycling.

Appliances, Tires, E-Waste, & Used Oil Building (prices are subject to change; see list at site)

- Fees are charged for appliances, tires, and e-waste. The fees must be paid before you unload the materials.
- **Appliance: \$25.00.** Appliances accepted: refrigerators, ovens, dishwashers, dehumidifiers, furnaces, water heaters, stoves, freezers, clothes washers and dryers, air conditioners, boilers, microwave ovens.
- **Tires:** Car tires: \$5.00 each. Truck tires: \$10.00 each. Tractor tires: \$15.00 each. Add \$3.00 per tire if tire has not been removed from rim.
- **E-waste.** Each piece is \$5 except televisions, which are \$15. Keyboards, mice, flash drives, speakers are FREE. Items accepted: CPUs & towers, laptops, printers, modems, DVDs/VCRs, copy machines, stereos, hard drives, LCDs (flat screens), external hard drives, scanners, fax machines, telephones w/screen, televisions (\$15)
- **Used oil:** There is no charge for dropping off used oil, but be sure to bring it in a container small enough so that you can pour it into the barrel.

Metal Dumpster

- Any type of metal can be placed in this Dumpster except for wire, which becomes tangled with the other metal.
- **NO metal with plastic, rubber or other material attached to it. NO wire.** This container goes to Alter Scrap Processing. They will reject the whole Dumpster if they find anything but metal in it.

Landfill Dumpster

- Use this Dumpster for items too large for the Xcel Energy Compactor and metal items that have plastic, rubber, etc. attached.
- Please use this Dumpster sparingly—it is mainly for large items.
- Acceptable items: carpet (limited to small remodeling projects—1 room maximum), silo storage bags, twine, mattresses, furniture, tarps.
- **NO construction materials.** You must provide your own Dumpster for construction projects.
- **HINT:** With minimal disassembly, some items may go into appropriate receptacles:
 - Kitchen chair: seat and back go in Xcel Energy Burnable Compactor.
 - Pallets—saw them in half and put in Xcel Energy Burnable Compactor.
 - Boards—saw them into lengths less than 4 feet long and put in Xcel Energy Burnable Compactor.

Wood Ash Receptacles

- These receptacles are for any type of smoldering ash, or ash at its kindling point or in the process of initiating combustion. In the past, fires have developed inside the compactor due to improper disposal of wood ash.

Yard Waste Bin

- Grass, leaves, hedge trimmings, garden wastes, and Christmas trees can be brought to the Yard Waste Bin, which is open 24 hours a day.
- Brush must be less than 6 feet long and 6 inches in diameter.

Unacceptable Trash

Hazardous materials

Cleaners, paints, solvents, gasoline, or other toxic, corrosive, explosive, or highly combustible materials may not be dropped off. These materials should be taken to the Hazardous Materials Facility (785-9999). See front page for details and other materials that can be dropped off.

Vehicle parts, 250-gallon gas/fuel oil drums, other metal weighing 10 pounds or more

Take such materials to a salvage yard.

Commercial waste

Waste generated from commercial businesses is not accepted at the Drop Off Site. Businesses must contract for refuse disposal.

Commercial appliances

Contact Scientific Recycling 659 Commerce Street, Holmen, 526-9777 for drop-off fees.

Open Burning

Open burning permits, which allow burning of clean wood and brush, must be obtained from the Town Chairman or a Supervisor.



WARNING
The Drop Off Site is for the use of Town of Hamilton residents ONLY—not relatives or friends from outside the township. Do not risk losing your disposal privileges. If rules are not followed, citations will be issued according to Recycling Code Chapter IV.4.18(C)

If you wish to have curbside pickup, please contract with a local refuse pickup service.

Contact Information

Town of Hamilton

Phone at Town Hall: 608-786-0989

Chairman Richard Schomburg . . 786-1196
Supervisor I . . . Blaine Lee 786-1727
Supervisor II . . Rob Galbraith 786-4564
Clerk Sara Schultz 786-1516
Treasurer Katie Ciano 786-4489

Drop Off Site

N5105 North Leonard Street, West Salem (just off Highway 16)
Winter hours: Tuesday 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.–3 p.m.
Summer hours: Tuesday 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.–3 p.m.
Vehicles must display a Town of Hamilton sticker.
You may obtain a sticker from the Drop Off Site attendant.

Household Hazardous Materials Site

(La Crosse County Landfill)
6502 Hwy 16, La Crosse Phone: 785-9999

You will receive a brochure like this at the beginning of each year, so please keep it! If you misplace it, please call 786-0989 for a new one.

www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownofHamilton

2011 Town of Hamilton Recycling Center/Drop Off Site Schedule

Winter Hours:

Tuesdays
11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Saturdays
8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Summer Hours:

Tuesdays
10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Saturdays
8 a.m.–3 p.m.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the Town of Hamilton 786-0989 or a supervisor (see opposite page).

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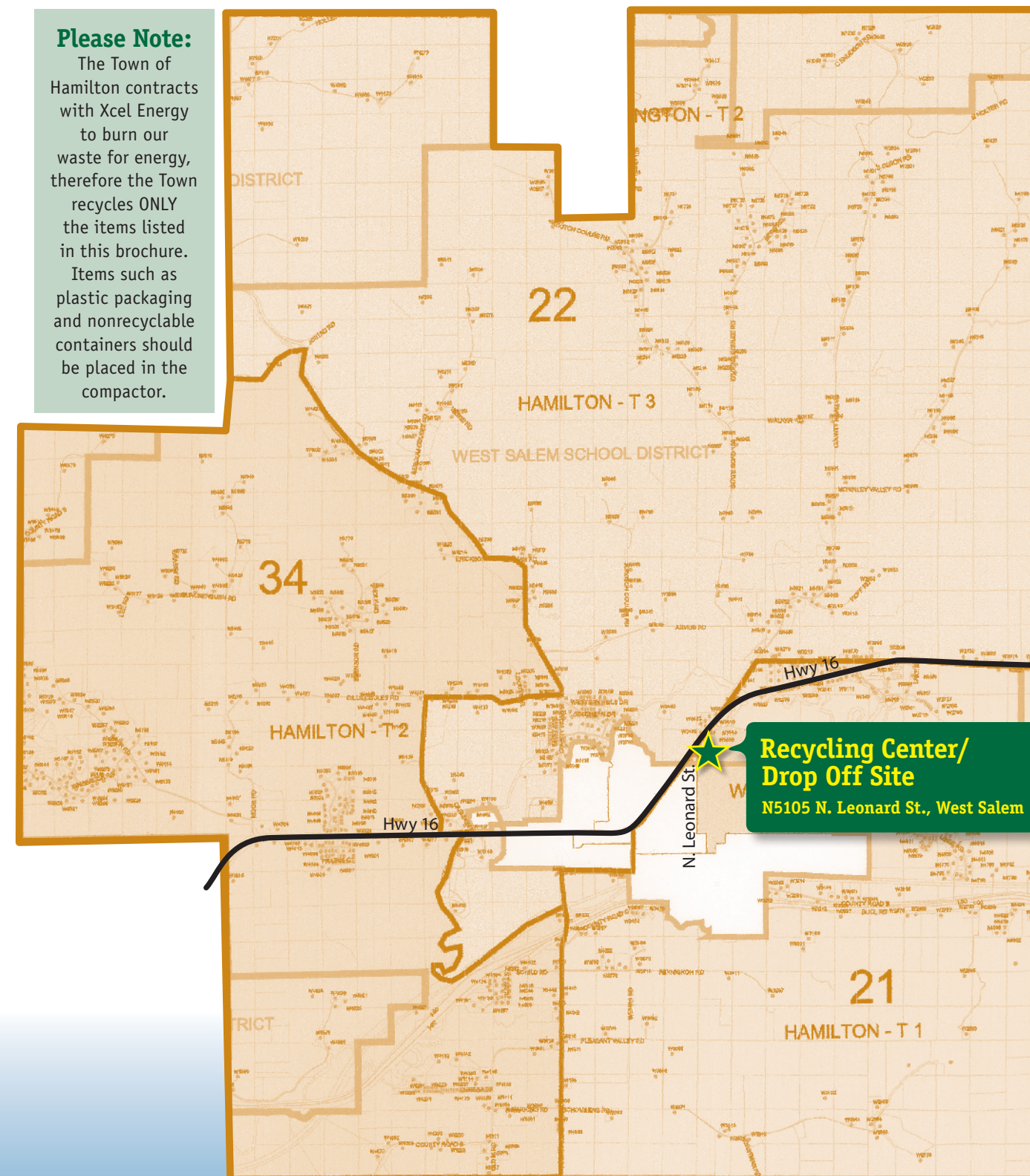
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Recycling Center/
Drop Off Site Open Dates

Please sort items before coming to the Drop Off Site.

Please Note:

The Town of Hamilton contracts with Xcel Energy to burn our waste for energy, therefore the Town recycles ONLY the items listed in this brochure. Items such as plastic packaging and nonrecyclable containers should be placed in the compactor.



How to Prepare Recyclables

GLASS: Jars and bottles only!

- **NO** light bulbs, dishes, glassware, window glass, mirrors, or ceramics.
- Remove metal rings and lids and rinse clean.

STEEL CANS: Empty food, paint, aerosol cans only!

- **NO** chemicals, scrap metal, or vehicle parts.
- Ends of cans can stay attached. Flattening of food cans is appreciated.

ALUMINUM: Cans only!

- **NO** food or pie plates
- Drain liquid and rinse cans clean. Flattening is appreciated.

PLASTIC: Bottles only!*

- **NO** plastic packaging, ice cream buckets, food containers, or Styrofoam.
- Look for #1 or #2 mark on bottom or bottom edge.
- Rinse clean; discard cap.

NEWSPAPERS

- **NO** magazines, junk mail, telephone books.
- Newspapers: Shiny inserts are OK.
- Please keep newspaper as dry as possible!

*How do I know whether it's a bottle—and what do I do with plastic containers that aren't bottles?

- To be a bottle, the container's mouth must be smaller than the sides.
- Caps of plastic bottles and plastic containers that aren't bottles should be put in the regular trash.

