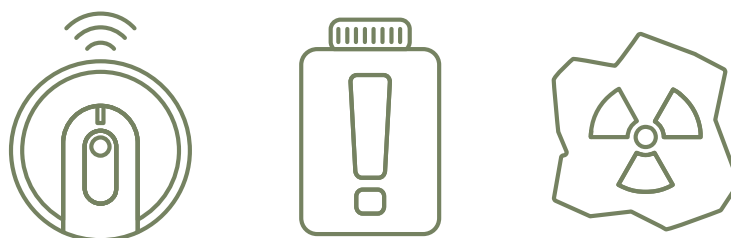




Radioactive Materials

The La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials Facility does not accept radioactive materials. For disposal of these materials, please see the information below.



Smoke Detectors:

The most common type of smoke detector contains a small amount of radioactive material (Americium 241). The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has approved disposal of residential quantities of smoke detectors in household garbage. Please remove any rechargeable or lithium batteries from devices before placing in the garbage. While disposal in regular garbage is allowed, it is environmentally preferable to mail them back to manufacturers offering take-back programs.

Radioactive Medical Waste:

If you are undergoing or recently completed a medical procedure involving the use of radioactivity and you need to discard personal care items that are potentially contaminated, please follow the directions provided to you by your medical practitioner.

Other Radioactive Materials:

Individuals in possession of radioactive materials other than those described above should contact the NRC at 1-800-368-5642.