

The Next Generation of Environmental Stewardship

Environmental stewardship is a goal and responsibility we all share. Clean water, air and soil is a legacy we all want to pass on to future generations. Marathon County's new Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility helps make that goal a reality.

Clean Sweeps Replaced

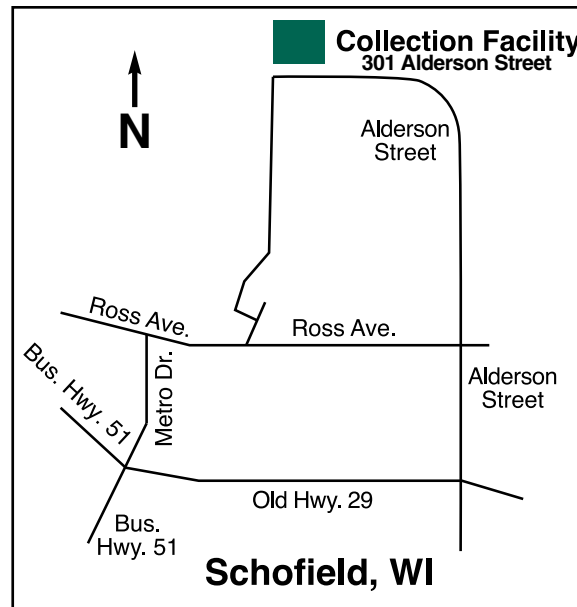
The facility is actually the next step in an evolution of hazardous waste management that started in the county more than a decade ago with the popular Clean Sweep programs.

Clean Sweeps, however, were only held every other year - a situation that forced households, farmers and qualifying businesses to store their hazardous wastes for longer than desirable. This type of long-term storage simply gave accidents a greater chance to happen. Today, with the opening of the permanent collection facility, area residents have the added convenience of hazardous waste disposal every two weeks.

Greater Financial Efficiency

While Clean Sweeps are highly effective, they were also quite costly. By maintaining a permanent collection facility, the county greatly reduces the cost of keeping hazardous wastes out of the landfill and the environment.

Use the new facility as often as you want. Future generations of Marathon County residents will thank you for it.



Quick Facts

Days Open

Second and Fourth
Friday and Saturday
of Each Month
Friday 2 PM - 7 PM
Saturday 9 AM - 2 PM

How to Use

Household Residents

Simply pull up to the facility and a trained hazardous waste professional will assist you.

Businesses and Farmers

Call (715) 261-1900 to pre-register.

More Information

Marathon County Health Department
(715) 261-1900

Marathon County Solid Waste Department
(715) 446-3339



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

Hazardous
Waste
Disposal
Made Easy

Household Convenience

Marathon County residents can drop off their hazardous waste free of charge at the county's permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.

Common hazardous wastes that are accepted at the facility include:

- **Lawn Chemicals**
- **Garden Chemicals**
- **Cleaning Solvents**
- **Automotive Fluids**
- **Fluorescent Light Bulbs**
- **Solvent-based Adhesives, Glues**
- **Mercury Products**
- **Degreasers**
- **Lead-based Paints**
(No latex or non-lead oil paints accepted.)*

Whenever possible users of hazardous materials are strongly encouraged to use up any substance for its intended purpose. This will reduce the overall cost to Marathon County, which pays disposal and recycling costs to the company contracted to run the facility.

*Latex and non-lead paints are disposable with regular trash by evaporating the liquid and allowing the paint to harden.

Farm and Business Benefits

Farms and businesses that produce small amounts of hazardous waste often have difficulty finding easy avenues of disposal - and when they do, they face steep fees. Marathon County's new hazardous waste collection site can help solve both of those problems.

Businesses classified as Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG) can dispose of their hazardous waste simply by scheduling an appointment and dropping it off - at a cost far less than contracting with commercial hazardous waste haulers.

To meet the legal classification of Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG), businesses must:

- Generate 220 pounds or less of hazardous waste in a month.
- Store no more than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste on site at any given time.
- Have no more than two pounds of acutely hazardous waste on site at any given time.

All VSQG participants are responsible for the proper packing and transportation of their waste materials.



Marathon County's new Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility will feature a Materials Exchange Program where residents can take still usable materials that have been dropped off by others.

Materials Exchange

One person's trash is another person's treasure. Marathon County's new Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility takes advantage of that old saying through a new Materials Exchange Program.

Under the program, residents can have usable materials that others have brought in for disposal.

Through past experience garnered from the Clean Sweep Program, many residents bring in unopened materials - particularly automotive fluids - that are still perfectly usable. When these materials are reclaimed by someone who will use them for their intended purpose, the county saves on disposal costs and residents will get free products.