



Beaver Creek Reserve RECYCLER

A partnership between Beaver Creek Reserve and Eau Claire County

DO YOU....

Like winning prizes?

Want to be "greener"?

Love our planet, state and local resources?

Want to go beyond the "3 R's"?

If **YES**, then try the

BEAVER CREEK Earth Week Challenge

April 17 - 25, 2021

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1) REGISTER

Register yourself or a team between April 14 and April 25.

2) COMPLETE TASKS

On April 16 we'll release a list of more than 90 possible challenge tasks to complete from 8 different categories!

3) EARN POINTS

Complete tasks and earn 1, 3, 5, or 10 points! Sample tasks include: recycle a plastic bottle, use a reusable shopping bag, and unplug when done.

4) SHOW US!

Take a picture to show proof of a completed task and submit your photos online.

5) BE ENTERED TO WIN!

Be entered to win prize packages including composting services, BCR Memberships, a Triple Play membership, chamber bucks, gift certificates and much more!

Visit beavercreekreserve.org for more details.

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NEW FOR 2021 - PHOTO CONTEST



As part of the Earth Week Challenge, we invite teams to submit photos taken during the week to be a part of Beaver Creek Reserve's long lasting tradition, our Nature Photo Contest.

The winners will move on to our official Amateur Nature Photo Contest later in the year. Winners have the opportunity to have their photographs professionally printed and in the running to win more prizes!

Open to all ages. Learn More at the Earth Week Challenge website (see above)





AT-HOME SCIENCE FAIR

We want to see YOUR science projects! As part of the Beaver Creek Reserve Earth Week Challenge, we invite anyone to participate in our at-home science fair.

Earn **10 points** in the Earth Week Challenge!

Create a hypothesis. Test it out. Provide a conclusion. And send in your experiment for points!

Incorporate recycled or reused materials.

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KEEP YOUR ECO-FRIENDLY HABITS GOING EVEN AFTER EARTH WEEK!

Try the City of Eau Claire's

REAP COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

-Mid-May to Mid-September Contest-

Team up to reduce your carbon footprint and to:

- ◆ Score action points to win \$500 prizes!
- ◆ Save money on your energy bills
- ◆ Use clean energy to protect the environment
- ◆ Reduce waste to save landfill space

Learn more at <http://bit.ly/REAPCampaignEC>



Did you know Eau Claire emits 900,000 hot air balloons worth of carbon dioxide equivalent every year!



Native Plant Sale

We had such a great turnout for our online sale last year, and to ensure the health and safety of our staff and volunteers, the sale will be online again this year.

The online store will open **Monday, April 26** and close on **Wednesday, May 5.**

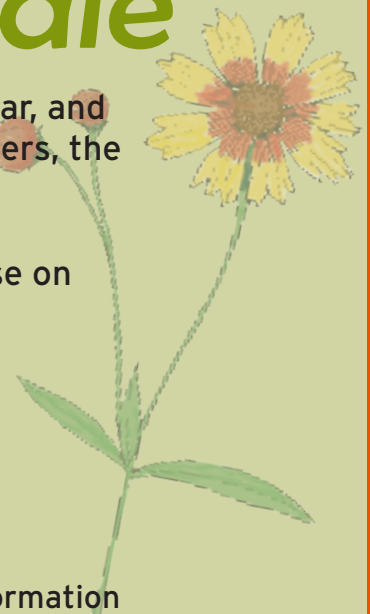


Pick Up Dates:

Friday, May 7 & Saturday, May 8
9 am - 3 pm

Order pick up at Beaver Creek Reserve.

www.beavercreekreserve.org/native-plant-sale for more information



Wisconsin Recycling Facts



PARTICIPATION

- 94% of Wisconsin households recycle and feel it is worthwhile.
- 58% percent of Wisconsin households recycle at least as much as they did two years ago, and 32% are recycling more now.
- Over 50% of Wisconsin households compost yard waste and 73% leave grass clippings on their lawns.

ENERGY SAVINGS

- Recycling 1 ton of glass saves the equivalent of 10 gallons of oil.
- Recycling 1 ton of plastic saves the equivalent of 1-2,000 gallons of gasoline.
- Recycling 1 ton of newspaper saves the equivalent of 100 gallons of gasoline.
- Recycling 1 ton of aluminum saves the energy equivalent of 2,350 gallons of gasoline or the total amount of electricity used by a typical Wisconsin home over ten years.
- Recycling 1 ton of iron saves 1 ton of coal.

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION

- Recycling efforts keep almost 1.7 million tons of material out of Wisconsin landfills and incinerators each year.
- Wisconsin residents have saved landfill space equivalent to the size of five average landfills since 1990.
- Recycling one ton of aluminum saves the energy equivalent of 2,350 gallons of gasoline or the total amount of electricity used by a typical Wisconsin home over 10 years.
- Recycling paper produces 73% less air pollution than using virgin materials.
- Recycling glass reduces mining waste by 80%.


TRASH TRIVIA

• In Wisconsin, we generate 4.6 million tons of trash and recyclables each year. That's enough to fill a typical city street over 4 feet deep with trash (curb to curb) for 575 miles! If you remove the recyclables, only 357 miles would be filled with trash.

• In the United States, we generate enough trash and recyclables each day to fill 72,450 garbage trucks that hold 9 tons of trash each. If you remove the recyclables, only 44,919 garbage trucks would be needed.

OUR SHARE

- The average person in Wisconsin generates 4.7 pounds of trash (residential and their share of commercial trash) each day and recycles 1.9 pounds of that trash per day.
- The average person in the United States generates 4.7 pounds of trash each day and recycles 1.4 pounds of that trash per day.



Now Accepting
Household Alkaline Batteries
at No Charge

Collection Sites Include:

FIRST CHOICE
525 Park Ridge Court Eau Claire, WI 54703
715.833.2005 • firstchoicerecycling.com

County Government Center
721 Oxford Ave. Eau Claire, WI 54703

Program Applies to Eau Claire County Residents Only

Sponsored by: Eau Claire County Recycling Program

Recycle These Items!

Plastic #1 and #2 Containers

Containers that are labeled #1 or #2 can go in your recycling bin. Rinse them out and keep the lid on.

Common Items:

- Beverage bottles (#1)
- Condiment bottles (#1)
- Milk jugs (#2)
- Laundry Detergent (#2)



Note:

Some haulers may accept additional items. Due to market conditions, most haulers cannot currently accept 3, 4, 5 & 7 plastic containers. Please contact your hauler to confirm.

Glass Bottles and Jars

Only bottles and jars should go in your bin. Rule of thumb: If it has a “neck” it can be recycled.

Common Items:

- Soda bottles
- Wine bottles
- Jelly/jam jars
- Condiment bottles

Aluminum and Steel Cans

Any food or beverage can should go in your recycling bin. These are infinitely recyclable, and still valuable. Rinse them out, drop any lids inside the cans, and leave the labels on.

Common Items:

- Beverage cans
- Vegetable, fruit, and sauce cans



Office Paper, Newspaper, and Magazines

All office paper, junk mail, newspapers, and magazines can go in your bin. If items are soiled or greasy, throw them away.

Common Items:

- Junk mail
- Envelopes (plastic window okay)
- Paperback books

Food Boxes and Cardboard

All boxes from your pantry can go in your bin. Boxes from the fridge or freezer, vary. If the food touches these boxes directly, put it in the trash. If it's lined in plastic, you may be able to recycle it. Look for the How2Recycle label, you can trust that information.

Common Items:

- Pasta boxes
- Cereal boxes
- Soda/beer cases
- Corrugated Cardboard

Trash These Items (Or Reuse/Repurpose When Possible)

Berry Clamshells and Salad Boxes

These may be labeled #1 plastic but the process to make them changes their chemical composition, so they are different from other #1 plastics.

Black Plastics of any Number

The sorting machines use light to identify the various kinds of plastics. Black doesn't reflect light, so it can't be identified.



Freezer or Fridge Boxes With Food in Direct Contact

If the food in your freezer touches the box directly (like corn dogs), throw the box in the trash. Dry goods boxes are fine, this is specific to refrigerated or frozen items.

Plastic Pouches

These are a mixed material, and can't be recycled here.



Disposable Coffee Cups

These are either Styrofoam or plastic lined paper cups. They are not recyclable, and neither is the lid, which is usually #6 plastic.



Plastic # 6 (Styrofoam)

This material isn't accepted in most recycling programs. The Styrofoam is so light and messy that it's very difficult to recycle.

Paper-based Cartons

These are also a mixed material. They are made with paper, plastic, and sometimes aluminum to make them shelf-stable.



Single Serving Coffee Cups (K-cups)

These are too small to recycle. They got lost in the sorting process.



Greasy Pizza Boxes

The grease interferes with the recycling process. If the top is clean, you can recycle it.

Diapers and Other Hygiene Products

These are a biohazard, and should never go in a recycling bin.

Straws and Plastic Utensils

Like the k-cups, these are too small to make it through a recycling sorting process.



2021 Recycling and Disposal Events

Clean Sweep Events

May 15, July 17, September 11

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

*WRR Environmental Services
5200 Ryder Road
Eau Claire, WI 54703*

No Fee Materials

- Paints
- Thinners/ Strippers
- Stains/ Varnish
- Corrosives
- Pool chemicals
- Solvents
- Cleaners/ Polishes
- Herbicides/ Insecticides
- Pesticides/ Fungicides
- Old Fuel
- Used oil and filters
- Antifreeze
- Lead acid batteries
- Aerosol cans

Accepted for Fee

- Latex paint
- Light bulbs
- 20 lb Propane cylinders*

*Rusted cylinders NOT accepted

See the Eau Claire County Recycling website for additional details and fee information.

Electronics Collections

*May 8 and September 11
8:00 am - 1:00 pm*

*First Choice Computer Recycling
525 Park Ridge Court
Eau Claire, WI 54703*

Fees are reduced by 50% or more for these events. Contact First Choice Computer Recycling with questions. (715) 833-2005

What to bring for recycling?

- Televisions
- Humidifiers
- Small appliances
- Printers
- Computers
- Computer accessories
- Cell phones
- Cell phone accessories
- Cords

Yard Waste and Bulk Items

Bulk Items Collections

April 19-23

Oct 4 - 8

Haulers will collect one or two large items for no additional fee. Varies by hauler, **NOT all haulers participate, and NOT ALL areas of the county are eligible.**

Contact your hauler with questions or to confirm specific pick-up dates.

Yard Waste Collections

May 3 - 7

Nov 1 - 5

10 bags of leaves, grass, plants, etc. in **COMPOSTABLE** bags.



Eau Claire County Pledges Carbon Neutrality by 2050

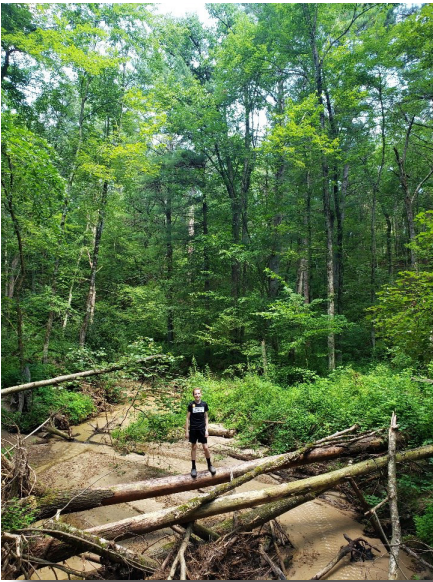
In April 2019, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to establish goals of carbon neutrality and 100% renewable energy by 2050. This is the latest of several commitments the County has made to improve energy efficiency in its own operations and promote standards and practices in the community that

reduce greenhouse gas emissions through renewable energy sources and other sustainability initiatives. Achieving these ambitious goals will require a strong commitment to cooperation and partnerships between residents, local utility providers, businesses, industries, stakeholders, and other municipalities to achieve success.

Recently, the County Board has authorized the creation of a full-time "Recycling & Sustainability Coordinator" position within the Department of Planning and Development. This staff member will fulfill the duties of the recycling program as well as work on projects to further the county's sustainability goals, including increasing energy efficiency and conservation for county operations, and promoting conservation and renewable energy in the community.

The journey began in earnest last year with completion

of a greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory for the county. The next major step will likely be the development of a renewable energy action plan (REAP), which will define specific goals, objectives, strategies, and actions necessary to meet the county's sustainability goals. This process will involve public input and participation and we look forward to working with the community to plan for a more sustainable and prosperous future!



Did You Know?

A recent report by the Center on Wisconsin Strategy found that \$14.4 billion in expenditures leaves the state annually to pay for energy, primarily from fossil fuels. In 2018, 49% of Wisconsin's electricity statewide came from coal-fired power plants, with an additional 26% from fracked natural gas. Transitioning to renewable energy generated in-state would allow much of this money to stay in Wisconsin and would potentially create over 150,000 jobs.

Where to recycle items that don't go in your bin



These can be taken to:

- Clean Sweep events
- Batteries Plus Bulbs
- First Choice Computer and Electronic Recycling.

*Fees will apply.

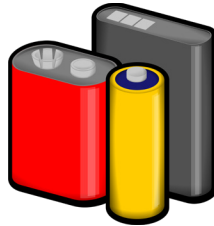


Donate or sell used clothes. Hope Gospel will also accept clothing that is not wearable and recycle it.



Standard alkaline (AAA, AA, D, etc.) can be put in the trash.

These can also be brought to a Clean Sweep event, for a small per pound fee.



Rechargeable batteries should be taken to one of the places below:

- Batteries Plus Bulbs
- First Choice Computer Recycling
- Clean Sweep events



Plastic bags and other films should all be collected and brought to a retail drop off site like Walmart, Target, or Festival Foods. There are 11 locations in the Eau Claire area.

Other films include:

- Zip top bags
- Paper towel and toilet paper wrap
- Bread bags
- Air pillows and bubble wrap
- All plastic bubble mailer pouches

See more at plasticfilmrecycling.org

When in doubt Throw it out!



Yard and food wastes make up at least 30% of the waste stream in the U.S. Invest in your own composting system or use a local curbside service.



Recycling Drop Sites

Drop sites are available for individuals who reside in the municipalities in which the site is located.

Bridge Creek

S9515 Hwy 27, Augusta (North of Augusta)
Saturdays, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Brunswick

W3020 Mitchell RD, Eau Claire (East of Hwy 37 and Trinity Equestrian Center)
Saturdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Drammen

W6505 County Rd ZZ, North of 37
(Located at Town Shop)
Saturdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fairchild

121 Emery Street, Fairchild (where Emery St. and N Center St. meet)
Wednesdays, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm; &
Saturdays, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Foster

S12785 Wren RD, Osseo (Cty HH & Wren Drive, East of Foster)
1st & 3rd Saturdays of month,
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lincoln

S5555 Green Meadow Rd, Fall Creek
(South of US Hwy 12)
2nd & 4th Saturdays of month,
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Ludington

N956 Town Shop RD, Fall Creek
(intersection of Cty D & Town Shop RD)
1st & 3rd Saturdays of month,
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Pleasant Valley

S10434 Cty Hwy HHI, Pleasant Valley (by Town Shop)
2nd & 4th Saturdays of month,
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Seymour

8011 Olson Drive, Eau Claire (1/4 mile past Sevenmile Creek Landfill on Hwy Q)
Tuesdays, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm; & Saturdays,
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Union

1882 White Pine Dr. (off of Crescent Ave)
Wednesdays, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm; &
Saturdays, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wilson

E26936 Cty RD G, Stanley (intersection of Cty RD G & Cty RD MM)
Saturdays, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

The following actions are illegal:

- Placing non-recyclables in the recycling boxes or leaving non-recyclables anywhere on the facilities, including outside the fence
- Using the facilities when they are closed, even if bringing accepted materials
- Use by anyone who is not a resident of Eau Claire County
- Use by businesses, schools, agencies, etc. In other words, only recyclables generated in homes may be deposited at these facilities

If you have questions about the recycling drop off sites, contact the Recycling Coordinator.
(715) 839-2756 OR
recycling@co.eau-claire.wi.us

Prescription Medication Disposal

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high and continue to rise. Unused medications left in your cabinet have the potential to fall into the hands of those who shouldn't be using them.

Unused prescription medications in homes create a public health and safety concern, because they can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused, or abused. Unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain. Water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all of potentially dangerous medications, and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and lakes around the world.

Medication disposal

Locations:

- Marshfield Clinic - Eau Claire Center
2116 Craig Rd - Entrance B
- Altoona Emergency Services Building
1904 Spooner Avenue
- Eau Claire County Courthouse - Law Enforcement Center
721 Oxford Avenue

Contact the Eau Claire City-County Health Department with questions.



To learn how to safely dispose of medication at one of the permanent medication drop boxes in Eau Claire County visit:

www.getinvolvedasap.org



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Spring 2021

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Recycling Questions?

*Eau Claire County Recycling Program
Department of Planning and Development
721 Oxford Avenue, Suite 3344
Eau Claire, WI 54703*

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