

CLEANSWEEP WAS A SUCCESS!

Rusk County Cleansweep is an annual event held at 3 different sites throughout Rusk County and is a great resource for county residents to dispose of their hazardous items safely. This collection was sponsored by Northwest Regional Planning Commission, Rusk County Recycling, Ladysmith Area Safety and Wellness Council, 5R Processors, and Auburndale Tire Recycling Ltd. Thanks to all of those who assisted with this event and made it a success!



I MISSED CLEANSWEEP, NOW WHAT DO I DO?

Hazardous Waste: Visit the Northwest Regional Planning Commission's website at <http://www.nwrpc.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/13> to learn about upcoming Cleansweep programs in other counties. Otherwise, save it until next year.

Pharmaceuticals: There is a drop box right inside the entrance of the Law Enforcement Center where you can dispose of your meds 24 hours a day – 7 days a week.



Sharps: Contact the Rusk County Memorial Hospital Lab or Marshfield Clinic Pharmacy for sharps containers. Price also includes disposal. Prices vary.

Tires: Check with your local municipality to see if they collect tires year round. Timberline Trail, Rusk County Farm Supply and other garages take tires year round for a fee. Prices vary per size.

Appliances: Contact 5R Processors at 715-532-2050, Conrath Scale at 715-532-5298, or a local scrap dealer to see what items they accept and if there is a charge for them.

Electronics: Contact 5R Processors at 715-532-2050 or visit their website at <http://www.lady5rpd.com/> to see what they accept and if there is a charge for them. Also check with your municipality if they have a program for electronics recycling.

Scrap Metal: Contact 5R Processors at 715-532-2050 or visit their website at <http://www.lady5rpd.com/>; Conrath Scale at 715-532-5298 www.conrathscrapscale.net; or Rocki Top Recyclers 800-782-2065 www.rockitopauto.com to see acceptable items and prices.

Fluorescent Bulbs: CFL's (Compact Fluorescents) can be taken to Gordy's or Ace Hardware for free. The Rusk County Recycling Office accepts fluorescent bulbs from residents for \$.50 for 4' and under and \$.75 for over 4'. Ace Hardware also accepts fluorescent bulbs for \$.59 for 4' and under and \$.99 for over 4'.

Batteries: Alkaline batteries can be thrown in the garbage. They are not banned from the landfill. I know many of you want to recycle these, but there aren't any local programs to do so. The Rusk County Recycling Office accepts button and rechargeable batteries year round. Car batteries can be taken to all scrap dealers and several other locations throughout the county.



Large Event Recycling



Having a family reunion, birthday party, wedding or picnic this summer? Rent recycling bins for free! Call to make your reservations today. 532-2167



Calling all fix-it-uppers

Do you know how to fix things? Would you be interested in being on a resource list for people who have items that need to be repaired? We know where to go to get our car or lawnmower repaired but how about your watch, lamp,



zipper, blender....? We live in a disposable age and it's common to throw something away rather than getting it repaired but that costs us more

money and fills up the landfill. We all know about Reduce – Reuse – Recycle but let's go even further and add repair! Please call the Recycling Dept. if you know of anyone who is handy at fixing things or businesses that do repairs. I will

develop a resource list and post it onto the website and maybe hold a fix-it event in

the future.

Freecycle has moved!

Do you need to get rid of something and don't want to throw it away?

Freecycle is a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving and getting stuff for FREE in their own towns. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Each local group is moderated by a local volunteer. Membership is free. There is an active group in Ladysmith! To sign up, visit www.freecycle.org. Everything posted must be FREE, legal and appropriate for all ages. To view the items being given away or sought in Ladysmith, you must be a member of the local group.

For those of you who were on Freecycle with Yahoo Groups before and wondered why you stopped getting emails, now you know. You must go to freecycle.org to sign up.

