

Think of Cleansweep when you're spring cleaning!



Friday, June 20	10 a.m. to Noon	Glen Flora/True Town Hall
Friday, June 20	3 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Old Bruce Headstart Bldg.
Saturday, June 21	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Rusk Co. Highway Shop

Visit us at any or all of these locations

Is there a charge?

Households FREE – no limit

Farmers – FREE up to 200 pounds – Small charge > 200 lbs.

Businesses – Small charge

(Pre-registration is necessary for farmers and for households with large quantities by calling 715-635-2197.)

ADDITIONAL CLEANSWEEP COLLECTIONS

Electronics & Appliance Collection



Pharmaceuticals & Sharps Collection SATURDAY ONLY



Fluorescent bulbs & ballasts

Check complete flyer for prices as there is a charge for some of these items!

RUSK COUNTY TIRE RECYCLING

Tire Recycling Date, Location, Time

Sat., June 21	Junk Yard Jed near Bruce, WI	8 a.m. to NOON also open week prior M-F 8-4
Sat., June 21	Big Bend Town Hall	8 a.m. to NOON
Sat., June 21	Rusk County Highway Shop	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Residential Tire Recycling Fees

FREE	Tires 12 inches & under (limit 5)
\$2.00	Tires 13 inches to 15 inches
\$5.00	Tires 16 to 20 inches
\$133/ton*	Tires greater than 20" (please note there is not a scale at Big Bend location)

Got Questions? Stop by or call Rusk County Recycling at 532-2167 or visit www.ruskcounty.org/departments/recycling

* Those that bring tires w/rims, large quantities, or very large tires will have to be weighed & pay price per pound at select locations.

Find the complete flyer including acceptable items & prices at www.ruskcounty.org/departments/recycling/

How to dispose of latex paint safely

Latex paint is NOT a hazardous waste (it is a water-based product), but it is a liquid waste that must be properly disposed. Dumped illegally, it can plug septic fields, overload sewage treatment plants, and create environmental messes on the ground. Only oil-based paint is accepted at Cleansweep so here are some latex paint disposal options to consider:



DO . . .

- ☺ Allow the paint to dry by removing the lid and allowing the liquids to evaporate in a well-ventilated area. This works well for small quantities.
- ☺ Solidify the latex paint by mixing it with an equal amount of an absorbent material and allow to dry. Use kitty litter, sawdust, plaster of Paris, oil dry or vermiculite.
- ☺ Pour thin layers (about 1" of paint) into a cardboard box lined with plastic. Allow the paint to dry one layer at a time until all paint is hardened. When dry, discard with your regular trash.

DO NOT . . .

- ☹ Dump the paint on the ground or down storm drains
- ☹ Pour it down the drain. While small quantities of latex paint can be safely washed down the drain to a septic system or wastewater treatment plant, this practice should be kept to a minimum. Limit this to brush cleaning and clean up.
- ☹ Throw liquid paint in the regular trash. It may be released from the can when trash is compacted and may seep out of a waste collection vehicle onto your street.

Please keep recyclables clean

Our recycling gets sorted and sold to manufacturers to make new items out of these raw materials. This is why it's important to rinse or scrape out excess food items. They don't need to be washed but excess grease and food can contaminate the materials when they are formed into new products.

No plastic bags, please!

Plastic bags can be reused and also recycled at Gordy's and Walmart. Some people store their recycling in them. When you bring your recycling to a site, please have your site attendant remove the recycling from the bag when placing items in the dumpster. This saves space and eliminates the problem of plastic bags damaging the sorting equipment.

Make your green thumb even **GREENER!**

REMEMBER PLASTIC HANGING & POTTED PLANT CONTAINERS ARE RECYCLABLE TOO!

- ✓ Any number 1-7
- ✓ No PS #6 or black trays
- ✓ Make sure to rinse them out
- ✓ Throw them in with other recycling



Burning Garbage: A Problem for Our Communities

What's so **bad** about burning garbage?

It's unhealthy. If you burn garbage, we will all breathe and eat it, because smoke and ash pollute the air, water and food supply.

It's unsafe. Burning garbage or brush leads to wildfires, property damage and sometimes loss of life.

It's a nuisance. The smoke and ash smells and irritates eyes and lungs. It's especially bad for people with asthma or heart disease.

We've burned for years. What has changed?

Garbage has changed in the last 50 years. Today's garbage contains plastics, dyes and other chemicals that release hazardous toxins when burned. Many of these materials were not around a few decades ago. Plus we know more about the pollutants and the harmful effects.

Legal versus illegal

Materials you are allowed to burn outdoors

Contact your local fire authority to see if you need a burning permit before you start burning any materials.

- **Brush, leaves and other vegetative yard debris** - Where not prohibited by local ordinance, leaf burning and burning of plant clippings and brush is allowed anywhere in the state, as long as weather conditions do not pose a fire hazard. However, leaf burning is discouraged because of the air pollution it causes and because of the benefits of composting and mulching with these materials.
- **Clean, unrecyclable paper and clean, unpainted, untreated wood** - Individual homeowners may burn **small quantities** of these materials. Local ordinance can override this allowance. Paper and cardboard can now be recycled in all communities, and recycling is the best disposal method for these items.

Materials that **MAY NOT** be burned by individual property owners

The DNR's administrative rules of the Air Management and Waste & Materials Management Programs prohibit anyone from burning **any** of the following materials under **any** conditions:

- garbage
- carpet
- electronics
- foam
- furniture
- metal
- wire
- oily substances, such as oily or greasy rags, oil filters, etc.
- painted/stained/treated wood
- plastics of any kind, including plastic bottles and plastic bags
- shingles and tar paper
- tires and other rubber products
- vinyl (i.e., siding)
- structures of any kind (homes, barns, sheds, etc.)
- agricultural plastics/plastic film



These prohibitions apply to individual property owners (or renters) as well as to business and industry. Contact your local DNR service center for more information.