



## Public Works Department: Recycling Center

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### Waste Tire Collection

The Manitowoc County Waste Tire Collection now runs from April through October. Previous tire collections were limited to 2 weeks in September but recent facility changes have allowed us to accept them seasonally. With the expanded service this year, participants have brought in a total of 30 tons of tires so far. Residents and businesses can drop off tires for a fee at the Manitowoc County Recycling Center during normal office hours. Please review the rates and guidelines before bringing tires.

Waste tires can be reused in a number of beneficial ways. They can be shred into rubber chips and used as artificial turf or as a groundcover in playgrounds. Tire rubber can be incorporated into asphalt roads, running tracks and used in other rubber products. Depending on what other materials are in the tires, they may also be used as tire derived fuel at permitted facilities.

The DNR estimates that Wisconsin produces 5 million waste tires per year. Tires have been banned from landfills since 1995 because they take up too much space and their bulky size makes them hard to keep buried. Unfortunately, tires have often been illegally dumped along roadways or in illegal stockpiles. Aside from looking like a mess this can cause problems. Water accumulated inside the tires becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. If tire piles catch fire they can release large amounts of pollutants into the air, water and soil.

Help reduce the amount of tires being used by taking proper care of the tires on your car. Following the scheduled rotation and maintaining proper air pressure can help get more use out of each tire. Fixing alignment problems early can also save tire wear and extend their life.

For more information call the Recycling Center at 920-683-4333 or visit [Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter](http://Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter).

**Manitowoc County Recycling Center**  
3000 Basswood Road, Manitowoc WI  
Monday – Friday 7am to 4pm, Saturday 8am to Noon

**Fees & Guidelines**

- \$4.00—per car tire or smaller (5 tires or less)
- \$5.50—per standard truck tire (5 tires or less)
- 14.5 cents per pound (\$290 per ton) for:
  - Quantities of 6 or more tires
  - Semi tires
  - Tires on rims
- 19.5 cents per pound (\$390 per ton) for off road tires including:
  - Agricultural equipment tires
  - Mining equipment tires
  - Mixed loads containing off road tires
- Pay in the Recycling Center Main Office **before** dropping off tires.
- Bring your waste tires to the Manitowoc County Recycling Center during normal office hours.
- Collection employees reserve the right to judge, based on tire size, and quantity, whether a customer is charged on a per tire basis or by tire weight.
- Residents and businesses with dump truck load or larger quantities of tires must call the Recycling Center before coming.

**Tires Accepted**

Car  
Truck  
Semi  
Tractor  
Motorcycle  
ATV  
Bicycle

\*Rubber products that are not tires are not accepted.

