

# Where to Take Difficult to Recycle Items

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## **Green Tech Recycling** 205 W. Spring St., 507-344-1315

Open M-F, 9:00-5:00, year round. \$30 or \$50 for pick-up.

**No charge for these items:** Ni-CD (Cordless Drill, etc.), Li-Ion (Laptop, Cell Phone), Power Equipment, Oil & Gas MUST be drained, Lawn Mower, Weed Eater, Snow Blower, Chainsaws, Tapes, videos, CD's, plastic, glass, metal Doors, windows, bed foam

**A fee for these items:** \*Appliances, \*Electronics, incl. \*computers, Bare/Broken CRT Tubes, Hard Drive Data Destruction, Fluorescent bulbs, Alkaline Batteries regular or rechargeable. **They will pay you** for lead car/truck batteries.

\*Thanks to a City of Mankato subsidy, you can drop-off electronics for free and appliances for \$8. Show your Mankato water bill.

## **S.S. Boutique non-profit—**

Collects clothes, shoes, furniture, beds and home essentials for people transitioning from homelessness, any age from new born up, at no cost. Drop off shoes and small items at Bounce Town (across from River Hills Mall). For other items, call Brianna or Jennifer at 507-317-1012. You can volunteer to help fill orders, sort or deliver.

## **Composting leaves and brush**

SMC Compost site, 388-3122, 57032 231st Ln., Mkto. Year round. Free. North Mankato Compost Site, 600 Webster Avenue, open April – October, free for residents.

**Can't haul your yard waste to compost site?**—purchase compostable yard waste bags at Cubs and some hardware/retail stores. Arrange pick-up with West Central Sanitation, \$8/bag, 1-800-246-7630.

## **Electric Cords & Xmas Lights -**

**Green Tech.** Also electrical cords can be recycled at **Best Buy** by front entrance.

## **Misfit Acres Sanctuary for Horses -**

Donate aluminum cans, ink and toner cartridges, and cell phones to benefit rescued horses. More info at [www.misfitacres.com](http://www.misfitacres.com). 317-4927

## **Packing Materials**

**Think Toner & Ink** - 507-387-8182, 201 Sioux Rd. or **The UPS Store** - 507-779-7577, 1819 Adams St. , Styrofoam peanuts, bubble wrap and plastic air pockets.

**Plastic Bags** - Recycle plastic grocery bags at grocery stores and most big box store entrances.

**Tune Town**—507-625-6507, 630 N. Riverfront Dr. accepts working record players recordings. Buys vinyl albums, DVD's, CDs, Blu Rays. Anything not sellable (i.e. cassette tapes) they recycle.

**Shredded paper** can be composted with bagged food scraps at organics recycling dumpsters in Mankato, N. Mankato or Lake Crystal. Sign up at City Hall. For info, [www.mankatozerowaste.com](http://www.mankatozerowaste.com). Can be recycled unbagged at **LJP Waste Recycling** - 625-1968, 2160 Ringhofer Drive, N. Mkato.

**Best Buy**, 1895 Adams St., 507-344-1001 Accepts all small electronics (no appliances), but, if you purchase an appliance from them and have it delivered, they will haul away and recycle old appliance for \$15. \$25 is charged for monitors and T.V.'s .(No console T.V.'s). Tube T.V.'s must be 32" or smaller. Flat screen T.V.'s are O.K. up to 50" In the entry way you can recycle cables, cords, wires, gift cards, plastic bags, and rechargeable batteries (1 battery / baggie) . Take ink cartridges & cell phones to customer service. Check with customer service for details on their trade-in program to get credit for gently used electronics.

**SMILES** holds an annual computer/electronic recycling event as a Fall fundraiser in the Madison East parking lot. They accept computers, monitors, printers, TVs, stereos, VCRs, DVD players, microwaves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers and mini refrigerators; charging 55 cents per pound.

**MORE METAL/ALUMINUM RECYCLING - Mankato Iron and Metal**, 215 West Elm, 625-6489, (will pay for aluminum cans); **BEI Metal**, 1205 Beaver Avenue, 507-625-1950; **Alter Metal Recycling**, 804 Industrial Road, 507-387-6504. No electronics but they do take electric motors and transformers with no PCB's. and switchboards

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## Blue Earth Co./Waste Management Recycling

725 Waseca, LeHillier, Mankato : 507-304-4242

24-Hour Drop-Off Available for Most Materials

**Drive-Through Hours, Mon-Fri, 9:00-5:00, Sat. 9:00-1:00**

<b>NON-COMMERCIAL APPLIANCES</b>	<b>RATE</b>
MICROWAVE , DEHUMIDIFIER, WATER HEATER /	\$25.00
WATER SOFTENER, STOVE / OVEN / DISHWASHER,	\$25.00
WASHER / DRYER	\$25.00
SMALL FURNACE, WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER	\$25.00
REFRIGERATOR / FREEZER (DOORS OFF)	\$30.00
<b>ELECTRONICS</b>	
SPECIAL—CPU + MONITOR + KEYBOARD,	\$30.45
LAPTOP ,TOWER COMPUTER, DESKTOP COPIER,	\$30.45
FAX , PRINTER, ELECTRONIC TYPEWRITER	\$30.45
TV —REGULAR, CONSOLE, LARGE SCREEN	\$30.45
HI-FI/STEREO—REGULAR, CONSOLE	\$30.45
VCR / DVD / DVR	\$ 6.30
KEYBOARD / MOUSE / HANDHELD DEVICES	FREE
<b>TIRES</b> — CAR \$ 4.00 CAR / RIM ON	\$ 6.00
LIGHT TRUCK \$ 5.00 LIGHT TRUCK / RIM ON.	\$ 7.50
SEMI / NO RIM	\$17.00

**Single stream dumpsters available 24 hours a day.**

## Fluorescent Light Bulbs, etc.

**Denco Lighting** 507-345-1484, 626 N. Riverfront Dr. (cost) bulbs and tubes.

**Home Depot** 507-385-7990, 375 St. Andrews Dr. (free) batteries (alkaline & power tools), CFL bulbs and fluorescent tubes.

**Lowe's** 507-385-3560, 2015 Bassett Dr. (free) plastic bags, rechargeable batteries, CFL and fluorescent tubes.

**Menard's** 507-387-3400, 1771 Premier Dr. All bulbs accepted free at front desk.

**Batteries Plus Bulbs**, 507-344-1500, 111 Star St., LEDES free, cost for other bulbs; alkaline batteries \$1 per lb., rechargeable batteries free.

**C&S Supply**, 507-387-171, 1951 N. Riverfront Dr., (cost) , CFL and tubes.

**BEC Hazardous Waste Facility and Product Reuse Center** 651 Summit Ave., accepts for free: Residential fluorescents, rechargeable batteries, paints, poisons & flammables. More info on [www.blueearthcountymn.gov](http://www.blueearthcountymn.gov) or hotline, 507-304-4242. Open April – Oct., Tues. noon-6, 2nd Sat. of the mo. 8-12: 30.

**MATTRESSES—PONDEROSA LANDFILL RECYCLING BLDG** will take for \$17.55 fee, recycle the metal and burn the rest for energy.

**REUSE STORES** — Check on free pick-up for resell able furniture (having no rips or significant stains).

**AGAIN** 507-345-2409, 706 N. Victory Dr., Car seats, clothing & household. Kitchen appliances if working.

**Goodwill Store** 507-344-0955, 2024 Adams St., Furniture, clothing & household. Will reuse your plastic bags.

**MRCI** 507-388-3867, 111 Sioux Rd., Clothing, household, furniture (not upholstered), small appliances.

**MVAC - Minnesota Valley Action Council** 507-345-6822, 706 N. Victory Dr., recycles clothing, metal, all plastics, books, paper, cardboard, shoes, purses, belts, cars seats, appliance cords, Christmas lights, prescription glasses, ink cartridges and cell phones. Sells many used items like clothing, household, furniture, etc.

**Neighborhood Thrift Store** 507-625-7228, 105 W. Lind St., Clothing, some furniture, household.

**New 2 You Family Thrift** 507-385-1455, 1838 Commerce Dr., N. Mkto. Clothing, household, some furniture.

**ReStore** 507-388-6682, 1730 Bassett Dr., Home improvement items, paint, microwaves, rugs. No TVs/computers.

**River Valley Running** 507-386-4609, 1849 Adams (across from River Hills Mall), will recycle **used athletic shoes**.

**Salvation Army** 507-345-7074, 201 Star St. Clothing, household, furniture, books, and small electronics if working

**Use Again Green Boxes**—see [usagain.com](http://usagain.com) for locations—accept clothing and shoes

**VINE Home Thrift Store** 507-387-2699, 77 Star St., Furniture, household, plants, books. No clothing.