

Where to Take Difficult-to-Recycle Items

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www.blueearthcountymn.gov/ww for the waste wizard tool to help you find where to recycle items

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, Alkaline Batteries regular or rechargeable.

A fee for these items: *Appliances, *Electronics, *computers, Bare/Broken CRT Tubes, Hard Drive Data Destruction, Fluorescent bulbs, **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.

Green Tech charges less than Blue Earth County Recycling Center.

S.S. Boutique — Village East 2144 Hoffman Rd

A nonprofit that collects clothes, shoes, furniture, beds and home essentials for under \$3.00 for people transitioning from homelessness, any age from new born up. For other items, call Brianna at 952-688-6623 or Jaime 507-995-2033. You can volunteer to help fill orders, sort or deliver.

Composting leaves and brush

Minnesota Paving and Materials Compost site (formerly SMC), 388-3122, 57032 231st Ln., Mankato. Year round. Free to Mankato residents.

North Mankato Compost Site, 600 Webster Avenue, open April –October, free for residents.

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

Electric Cords & Xmas Lights

Green Tech recycles cords and lights.

Best Buy recycles cords.

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, plastic air pockets.

Grocery stores Trex boxes in entrance

Plastic Bags — Recycle at grocery stores, most big box stores., the Fillin' Station and Vagabond Village in Mankato and Ace Hardware and Grace Thrift Store in Lake Crystal in Trex Boxes.

Tune Town — 507-625-6507, 630 N.

Riverfront Dr. accepts working record players. Buys vinyl albums, DVDs, CDs, Blu Rays. Will recycle anything not sellable (i.e. cassettes)

Shredded Paper

N. Mankato Recycling Center and Ponderosa Landfill, or unbagged at **LJP Waste Recycling** - 625-1968, 2160 Ringhofer Dr, N. Mankato.

Do not take to Blue Earth County Recycling Center.

More info: www.mankatozerowaste.com

Best Buy, 1895 Adams St., 507-344-1001. Accepts all small electronics (no appliances). If you purchase an appliance and have it delivered, they will haul away and recycle the old appliance for \$15. \$25 is charged for monitors and TVs (No console TVs). Tube TVs must be 32" or smaller. Flat screen TVs are OK up to 50". You can recycle cables, cords, wires, gift cards, plastic bags, and rechargeable batteries. Ink cartridges & cell phones at 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 PCBs and switchboards.

Blue Earth Co. Recycling Center WM Campus

725 Waseca, LeHillier, Mankato, 507-304-4381

24-Hour Drop-Off Available for Most Materials

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

Textiles - Clothing free - Box available 24 hours a day

Free Single stream dumpsters available 24 hours a day.

NON-COMMERCIAL APPLIANCES

	RATE
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
Car / Light Truck Battery	\$5.00

ELECTRONICS

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

TIRES — Car	\$4.00	Car/ Rim On	\$6.00
Light Truck	\$5.00	Light Truck/ Rim On	\$7.50
Semi / No Rim			\$17.00

Farm Tractor / Do Not Accept

BATTERIES — Car/Light Truck \$ 5.00

Fluorescent Light Bulbs and Batteries

Denco Lighting - 507-345-1484, 626 N. Riverfront Drive — bulbs and tubes. There's a charge.

Home Depot—507-385-7990, 375 St. Andrews Dr. ,(free) batteries, LED light bulbs and tubes.

Menards— 507-387-3400, 1771 Premier Drive, LED light bulbs and tubes

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

C&S Supply, 507-387-1171, 1951 N. Riverfront Dr., (cost) , CFL and tubes

Mattress - Ponderosa Landfill recycling bldg for \$17.55 fee, deconstructs elsewhere to recycle the metal and burns the rest for energy.

Cooking Oil—Recycle at **Olive Garden**

BEC Hazardous Waste Center - 651 Summit Ave., 507-304-4381 accepts for free: Residential fluorescents, batteries, paints, poisons & flammables. Reuse center gives away reusable products. \$200.00 credit to small businesses. Call 507-304-

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

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

MVAC Again Thrift Store- 507-345-2409, 706 N. Victory Dr., recycles clothing, metal, all plastics, books, paper, cardboard, shoes, purses, belts, cars seats, appliances if working, 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.

Once Upon a Child 464 Raintree Road, 507-344-8799, children's clothing and toys

Plato's Closet 1880 Tailwind Drive, 507-625-3315, stylish used clothing

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 for locations—accept clothing, bedding, pillows, towels, rags and shoes

Disabled American Veterans (DAV), a nonprofit that helps veterans has bins and accepts the same things that Use Again accepts except pillows—see donatedavmn.org/content/collectionlocations.