

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— 110 N 5th St, Door F7, Mankato, drop off-

Tuesday—Saturday 12:00 to 4:00

A nonprofit that collects clothes, shoes, furniture, beds and home essentials to offer for \$3.00 or free to people transitioning from homelessness, any age from new born up . Call Brianna at 952-688-6623 or Jaime 507-995-2033. Volunteer to 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 and holiday lights at customer service.

Packing Materials

The UPS Store — 507-779-7577, 1819 Adams St. accepts bubble wrap, plastic air pockets but no peanuts.

Grocery stores Trex boxes in entrance

Plastic Bags — Recycle at grocery stores, most big box stores, City Hall lobby and VINE Senior Center 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. Recycles anything not sellable (i.e. cassettes)

Shredded Paper

N. Mankato Recycling Center and Ponderosa Landfill. **Do not** take to Blue Earth County Recycling Center.

Rigid Styrofoam Recycling Check Mankato Zero Waste website for future upcoming collection announcement.

More info: www.mankatozerowaste.com

Best Buy, 1895 Adams St., 507-344-1001. Accepts all small electronics (no appliances) except those used for food. 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 trade-in program to get credit for gently used electronics.

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.

North Mankato Recycling Center, 300 Webster Ave., 9:30 –4:30 daily 507-625-4141.

Accepts Newspapers & Newspaper Inserts, Magazines & Catalogs, All Junk Mail, & Envelopes, Aluminum & Tin Cans, Cardboard (Flatten the boxes), Office & School Papers, Phone Books, Cereal & Cracker-Type Boxes, Glass Bottles & Jars Plastic Bottles #1, 2 & 5, Milk Cartons, Juice Boxes & Other Paper Cartons

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

Ponderosa Landfill 20028 Gooseberry Lane, Mankato

(507) 304-4445, Mon-Fri 8:00—4:30, Sat 8:00—noon

Reuse area available for to BEC residents FREE

Regular recycling and paper shredding FREE

Single Bulky Item (Couch, Chair, Loveseat)	\$9.36 / item-
Mattress / Box Spring	\$22.00 / item
Microwave, Dehumidifier / Humidifier	\$21.00 / item
Dishwasher , dishwasher, water heater	\$21.00 / item
Stove / Oven, washer, dryer, furnace	\$21.00 / item
Furnace	\$26.00 / item
Air Conditioner, Refrigerator	\$26.00 / item
Freezer (Door Off)	\$26.00 / item
Electronic Items (BEC Residents) for first 5 items	\$5.00
All other electronic items	\$15.00 / item
(Non-BEC Residents)	\$26.00 / item
Small Electronic Items	FREE
(keyboard, mouse, CD/mp3 player, tablet, phones)	FREE
Car / light truck battery	\$4.25 / item
Car Tire	\$3.25 / item
Car Tire w. Rim	\$5.25 / item
Light Truck Tire	\$4.25 / item
Light Truck Tire w. Rim	\$6.25 / item
Semi Truck Tire (no rim)	\$16.00 / item

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

Cooking Oil—Recycle in grease receptacle behind **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 507-304-4251 for hours and information.

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, 507-720-0335, 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. Will accept rags if the bag is labeled rags.

UsAgain 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 UsAgain accepts except pillows—see donatedavmn.org/content/collectionlocations.