

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.

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.

Thanks to a City of Mankato subsidy, you can drop-off electronics for free up to 350 lbs. a year and \$8.00 per appliance. Show your Mankato water bill. Non residents pay 30 cents per pound for electronic and \$16.00 for appliances.

They will pay you for car/truck batteries.

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 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.

Yard waste

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

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

Can't haul your yard waste to 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 at customer service

Best Buy recycles cords and holiday lights.

Packing Materials

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

Plastic Bags— Trex boxes in entrance of Grocery and big box stores, VINE Senior Center, Mankato city hall lobby and North Mankato library for plastic bags, ice bags, dry cleaning bags, cereal bags, salt bags; bubble wrap and product wrap. They must be clean and dry. Also Ace Hardware and Grace Thrift Store in Lake Crystal.

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 accepts shredded paper if stapled closed in a paper bag. **Ponderosa Landfill** accept 2 bags per day for free. LJP on 2160 Ringhoffer Dr., N. Mankato

Do not take to Blue Earth County Recycling

Rigid Styrofoam Recycling Check www.mankatozerowaste.com for future collection announcements.

Best Buy, 1895 Adams St. 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 at a cost. \$30 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, rechargeable lithium 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

Pick up items from the Ponderosa Landfill Reuse Center—free for Blue Earth County residents—same hours as Ponderosa

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/ item
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

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., Accepts lithium and rechargeable batteries and LED light bulbs —Not Alkaline batteries or tubes

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

Batteries Plus Bulbs, 507-344-1500, 111 Star St., LED bulbs and rechargeable batteries are free—fee for other bulbs; alkaline batteries \$1.85 per lb.

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. Call 507-304-4251 for hours, information and business options.

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 and cords, Christmas lights and prescription glasses.

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, 605 North Riverfront Drive, 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.

UseAgain 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