

Please don't throw me away!

This Is Your 2009 Recycling/Trash Pickup Information

Twelve La Crosse County communities have joined to provide information about their recycling and trash pickup programs. Inside you'll find community-specific information on disposing of your household trash and recyclables. On the front and back is more helpful general information.

City of La Crosse	608-789-7508	www.cityoflacrosse.org
City of Onalaska	608-781-9500	www.cityofonalaska.com
Town of Campbell	608-783-0050	www.frenchislandwi.com
Town of Farmington	608-857-3139	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfFarmington
Town of Greenfield	608-788-6885	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfGreenfield
Town of Hamilton	608-786-0989	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfHamilton
Town of Holland	608-526-3354	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfHolland
Village of Holmen	608-526-4336	www.holmenwi.com
Town of Medary	608-781-2275	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfMedary
Town of Onalaska	608-783-4958	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/townofonalaska
Town of Shelby	608-788-1032	www.townofshelby.com
Village of West Salem	608-786-1858	www.westsalemwi.com

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Public Use of County Landfill

La Crosse County's easily accessible public drop-off site at 6500 Highway 16 is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. We accept waste from homeowners, renters, and businesses within La Crosse county or our region. We have five numbered and labeled containers so that you can separate your waste appropriately. To ensure that costs are allocated equitably among system users, disposal fees are 5¢ per pound, payable at the site (minimum \$2). Your vehicle will be weighed upon entering and leaving the landfill site to determine cost. **You must stop at the scale to be weighed, and you must provide your own labor.**

What Can Be Dropped Off?

Large Items: Furniture and furnishings including upholstered items, general household materials, toys, bikes, grills, lawnmowers (without gas and oil), mattresses, etc.

Demolition/Construction Debris: Wood, drywall, doors, windows, sinks, toilets, tubs, roofing, bricks, carpets, tile, flooring.

Garbage: Normal household waste like bagged waste, paper, and food waste. Place in the Xcel waste-to-energy bin.

These other items may be dropped off for a higher fee; call 785-9999 for information:

- Yard waste/grass clippings
- Tires
- Shingles
- Brush
- Deer carcasses

What Cannot Be Dropped Off?
NO hazardous waste, propane tanks, or appliances are accepted. Call our information hotline, **785-9999**, for proper disposal or see the front of this brochure.

No Scavenging
Only people authorized by site attendants may use the facility. Security cameras are in use and violators will be referred to law enforcement.

Where Do My Recyclables Go?

In La Crosse County (and beyond), most communities' recyclables go to Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling Service's Material Recovery Facility. This facility sorts almost **10 tons of aluminum cans, steel cans, glass bottles and plastic bottles every day**. It also collects and bales **close to 15 tons of newsprint and cardboard every day**.

Once separated, all recyclables are sent on to locations where they will be made into new products. For example, the newspaper is sent to a mill that makes new paper out of the old paper. Old cardboard boxes are turned into paperboard, which becomes cereal boxes. Plastic soda and water bottles are sent to a company that makes carpeting. Aluminum is sent to be made back into aluminum cans.

All materials collected through community recycling programs are guaranteed to be given a new life through recycling. Not only that, but when you recycle, you are helping the environment. For instance, recycling a five-foot stack of newspaper saves one tree. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a 100-watt light bulb for four hours. So thanks for your efforts to recycle. Remember, not only recycle, **RECYCLE MORE!**

La Crosse County Municipalities Are Leading the Way in Sustainability Efforts!

In recent years, the comprehensive planning efforts of La Crosse County municipalities have prompted many local initiatives focused on environmentally responsible practices. These efforts promise to lessen the impact of development on the environment, and communities that adopt such initiatives are sometimes referred to as *eco-municipalities* or *sustainable communities*. Some of those efforts involve *sustainability* and using the *Natural Step* model for sustainable communities.

What is sustainability?
One way to define **sustainability** is "Using resources in ways that meet our needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

What is the Natural Step?
The Natural Step is a philosophy communities can follow to make themselves more sustainable. The philosophy of the Natural Step can be summarized as follows:

- **What we extract from the Earth** (fossil and radioactive fuels, mined metals, and minerals), and **what we make synthetically** (chemicals, pesticides, plastics, etc.), must not accumulate long-term in the environment as **wastes**.
- **Wastes** must ultimately be **compostable** or remain in **closed-loop reuse cycles** that don't contaminate compostables.
- **Biodiversity and natural systems**—soils, forests, water, air, genetic material—must not be irreversibly degraded by human activities.
- **Food, raw materials, and natural systems** must be used equitably, fairly and efficiently so that the basic needs of all humans are met locally and globally.

How do being an eco-municipality (a sustainable community) and following the Natural Step fit into solid waste and recycling?

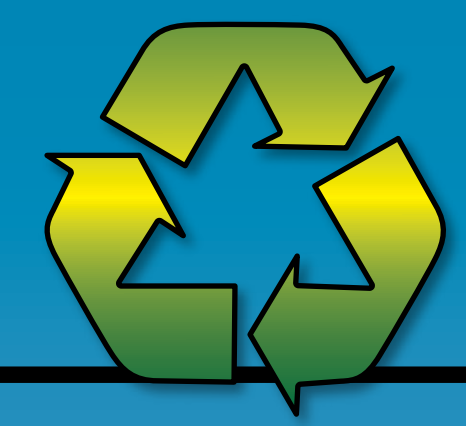
La Crosse's solid waste management process is consistent with being an eco-municipality. It starts with the three R's—**REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE**. After recycling materials are removed from waste, the nonrecyclable materials are used as a fuel source to generate electricity. What remains at the end of this process is stored in a landfill.

Another important concept in sustainability is **managing waste through a local system** instead of shipping it to distant landfills. This eliminates environmental liability in another landfill, reduces vehicle emissions for trucking wastes, reduces wear on roads, keeps dollars within the community, and reduces increases in local fees.

In 2008, La Crosse County hired Nick Nichols as sustainability coordinator. His work will enhance our sustainability, resulting in savings that will more than offset the cost of his position. For more information on how you can become more sustainable or to get involved on one of the many efforts going on in our region, go to: www.sustainablelacrosse.org or call Nick with your comments, questions, or concerns at **789-7812**.

If I rent a dumpster, how do I know if my waste is being managed through the La Crosse Disposal System?

For liability, sustainability, and community support reasons, it is important to know how and where your waste is being managed. You can find out by asking your waste hauler to dispose of the waste locally and require the hauler to provide a copy of the disposal facility's weight slip with the billing statement.



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Household Hazardous Materials Collection

LOCATION	HOURS
La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) 6502 State Road 16, La Crosse	Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 am–4:00 pm (call 785-9999 for an appointment) Wednesday, 10:30 am–6:00 pm (no appointment needed) 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9:00 am–noon (no appointment needed) CLOSED HOLIDAYS

For answers to questions, call **La Crosse County HHM program, 785-9999** or visit our Web site: www.co.la-crosse.wi.us, then select **Household Hazardous Material** under **General Information**

Garage & Workshop	Home & Garden
Acetone H	Aerosol cans, full H
Artist's paint & media H	Batteries, alkaline T
Antifreeze H	Batteries, button H
Autobody repair products H	Batteries, rechargeable H
Automobile oil H	Dry cleaning solvent H
Battery acid H	Fertilizer (without pesticides) T
Car wax, solvent-based H	Fertilizer (with pesticides) H
Compressed gas cylinders (freon) U	Fungicide H
Contact cement H	Furniture polish H
Driveway sealer H	Insect spray H
Explosives U	Light ballasts H
Fiberglass epoxy H	Metal polish, solvent-based H
Fluorescent light bulbs H	Mothballs H
Gasoline/oil mixtures H	Pesticides H
Gasoline & other fuels H	Pool chemicals H
Glue, solvent-based H	Rat poison H
Glue, water-based H	Shoe polish H
Joint compound H	Spot remover H
Kerosene H	Stump remover H
Lighter fluid H	Thermostats (mercury) H
Nonautomotive oils H	Weed killer H
Oil filters H	
Paint, latex H	
Paint, oil-based H	
Paint thinner H	
Paint stripper H	
Parts cleaner H	
Photographic chemicals H	
Rust remover H	
Shellac H	
Stain H	
Transmission fluid H	
Turpentine H	
Varnish H	
Windshield washer solution D	
Wood filler H	
Wood preservative H	

E-Waste Recycling

You may recycle electronic waste (e-waste) for a small fee at the Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) site (see hours above). Acceptable items:

Printers	Circuit boards	Stereos
Fax machines	Computer accessories	Microwaves
Copiers	Telephones	CB and ham radios
Computer monitors	Cameras	Computer gaming items
CPUs	VCRs/DVD players	Walkmans, iPods, MP3 players
Laptops	Cable/satellite TV equipment	Television sets

Fee: \$0.20/lb. for TVs; \$0.10/lb. for other e-waste

Not accepted: appliances, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, anything with coolant or Freon

Pharmaceuticals Drop-Off

Don't flush them or put them in the trash! This can have negative effects on fish and other aquatic life. **Don't keep them!** This can lead to accidental poisonings and make you a target for pill seekers. The Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) site now accepts pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter medications at no fee for La Crosse county residents (small fee for residents of other counties).

- tablets & capsules
- aerosols & inhalers
- liquids & patches

WI DNR Approves, Commends La Crosse County Solid Waste Plan

On September 22, 2008, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) issued its approval of La Crosse County's comprehensive Solid Waste Plan. The plan, initiated in 2007 as an update to previous plans, was undertaken to solidify La Crosse County and the regional system by developing and strengthening relationships of current and potential future participants. The plan was also designed to serve as the guiding document used by the DNR to ensure coordination of services, programs and facilities with the region.

Other

Infectious/biological waste	U
Radioactive materials	U
Shock- or heat-sensitive materials (peroxide, picric acid)	U
Hazardous waste from businesses*	U

KEY

- H** Take to HHM
- D** Pour down drain (if connected to sanitary sewer)
- T** Place in trash
- U** Unacceptable waste

* **Note:** Businesses that qualify as Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG) can use the HHM program for a fee. VSQGs must pre-register and schedule an appointment before bringing materials to the collection facility. Call 785-9999 to receive a pre-registration and VSQG qualification packet.

Recycling of Yard Waste; Branches, Brush & Christmas Trees, Large Items, Appliances, and Tires

Yard Waste

Yard waste is not picked up as part of Holmen's refuse collection service, but the Village does provide a site where yard waste can be dropped off for recycling into compost. Our compost site is located on Empire Street about 2 blocks west of Holmen Drive, and it is open during spring, summer, and fall.

HOURS FOR 2009

Mondays, 2 p.m.–6 p.m. Wednesdays, 2 p.m.–6 p.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Village residents are allowed to take grass, weeds, leaves, sod, wood chips, garden waste, and soil to the compost site, and anyone is welcome to take compost soil and wood chips from the site. **No brush, branches, limbs or twigs are accepted at the compost site, and no trash of any kind is accepted. Starting in 2008, the key for the compost site gate will no longer be given out for access during off-hours.**

Branches, Brush & Christmas Trees

The Village provides curbside brush chipping service beginning on the **first Monday of every month**. Have your brush and branches (up to 12 inches in diameter), including Christmas trees, stacked cut side out at the curb by 7 a.m. on that Monday morning, and the Village will chip them and haul them away. **Be sure that branches and trees are free of metal, wire, rope, tinsel, plastic, stones, or other debris that could damage the chipper.** Flocked trees and stumps weighing less than 50 pounds will be picked up as large items every other Wednesday. (See **Large Item Pickup** below.)

Large Item Pickup (☐ on calendar)

NO APPLIANCES

Large items such as furniture, mattresses, toilets, television sets, stereos, computers, moving boxes, and carpet (tied in rolls that are no greater than 4 feet long or 60 pounds) are collected **every other week on Wednesdays**. Small amounts of lumber or similar waste securely tied in a bundle no longer than 4 feet and weighing no more than 60 pounds will also be collected at this time. The waste hauler will pick up no more than three 60-pound bundles annually from a residence. **Although there is no fee for pickup, you must call Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling, 783-6727 (toll free 888-783-6727) in advance to have these items collected.**

Appliance Pickup

Appliances are collected on **Wednesdays by appointment only** by calling Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling, 783-6727 (toll free 888-783-6727). **A \$20-per-item fee must be paid to Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling prior to collection.**

Appliances are defined as:

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| stoves | dehumidifiers | dryers | water heaters |
| ovens | air conditioners | dishwashers | furnaces |
| refrigerators | washers | freezers | microwave ovens |

Tires

Tires **with rims removed** are collected at the curb **every other Wednesday by appointment only** by calling Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling, 783-6727 (toll free 888-783-6727).

Unacceptable Trash

Remodeling and demolition materials

Items include, but are not limited to: roofing, plumbing, multiple windows, sheetrock, brick, concrete, asphalt, bathtubs, shower enclosures, and lumber. Please make arrangements with a private rubbish hauler for disposal of such material. For disposal of glass doors or windows, contact Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling at 783-6727 (toll free 888-783-6727).

Hazardous materials

Cleaners, solvents, gasoline, oil, or other toxic, corrosive, explosive, or highly combustible materials may not be placed in the regular trash. These hazardous materials should be taken to the Hazardous Materials Facility (785-9999). See front page for details.

Vehicle oil and batteries

Return to service stations or authorized dealers. A fee may be charged.

Vehicle parts

Vehicle parts and other metal weighing 10 pounds or more will not be collected. Take such items to a salvage yard.

Moving boxes

Call Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling at 783-6727 (toll free 888-783-6727) for disposal of moving boxes.

Trash cans weighing over 60 pounds

Cans over 60 pounds will not be collected.

Contact Information

Village of Holmen
421 S. Main St., PO Box 158
Holmen, WI 54636-0158
Phone: 526-4336

Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling
Phone: 783-6727

Household Hazardous Waste Site
(La Crosse County Landfill)
6502 Hwy 16, La Crosse
Phone: 785-9999

You will receive a brochure like this at the beginning of each year, so please keep this brochure! If you misplace it, please call 526-4336 for a new one.

Please visit our web site www.holmenwi.com

Trash Guidelines

Garbage is picked up every **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday** according to the areas shown on the map on the opposite page. Your regular pickup day may be delayed one day in the event of a holiday.

All garbage must be placed curbside by 6:00 AM.

All general garbage along with the following nonrecyclable items should be placed in plastic bags curbside (any commercial garbage bag is acceptable):

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| light bulbs | bottle caps |
| dishes | foil |
| drinking glasses | pie plates |
| window glass | magazines |
| mirrors | junk mail |
| ceramic containers | books |
| | styrofoam |

Cardboard boxes may also be put out for pickup. Flatten boxes, tie in a secure bundle not exceeding 3 x 3 feet, and place with garbage.

Do not use cardboard boxes as trash receptacles.

If your garbage or recycling is not picked up, please contact Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling at 783-6727, toll free 888-783-6727.



Holiday Gift Saving

We're all aware of how much trash we throw out during the holidays. By reducing the waste, we can save our natural resources and give a gift to the earth. Select gifts with waste reduction in mind.

Living gifts

- House plants
- Potted evergreens
- Seeds for spring planting
- Trees

Gifts that save water and energy

- Bus passes (Shared Ride)
- Pool and hot water heater blankets
- Water-saving shower heads
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Programmable thermostats

More reduction deductions

- Place gifts in decorative tins and baskets.
- Reuse greeting card pictures for gift tags.
- Reuse wrapping paper, ribbons, and bows.

2009 Holmen Trash & Recycling Pickup Schedules

Recycling Program

The Village of Holmen contracts with Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling of Onalaska to collect refuse and recyclables. Remember, recycling is **mandatory** in the Village of Holmen. If you do not understand the Village's recycling policies, please call 526-4336. Recycling items include **aluminum cans, tin cans, glass jars and bottles, plastic (#1 and #2), newspaper and inserts, yard waste, used oil, car batteries, tires, and appliances**, and these items may not be commingled with other trash. Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling picks up **tin and aluminum cans, glass jars and bottles, plastic, and newspapers** every week on the same day as your trash pickup (see map at right and calendar below). Your regular pickup day may be delayed one day during weeks when a holiday occurs. Recycling of yard waste, used oil, car batteries, tires, and appliances is described on the opposite page.

Trash containing recyclable materials will be left at the site and tagged to note the violation. Violators may also be fined.

Recycling Bins

The Village has provided each residence with a maroon recycling bin to hold steel, tin and aluminum cans, glass jars and bottles and #1 and #2 plastic jugs and bottles. To have these recyclables picked up at your home, they must be placed in the maroon bin. If you do not have a Holmen recycling bin, you may buy a replacement for \$7.00.

You do not need to separate your recyclables except for newspapers and inserts. Place cans, glass, and plastic loose in the bin and place bundled or bagged newspapers on top of the bin or beside it.

Do not take bins with you when you move. They should stay with the property.

How to Prepare Recyclables

GLASS: Jars and bottles only!

Rinse clean. No need to remove label.

NO light bulbs, dishes, glassware, or ceramics—put them in with regular trash.

TIN CANS: Empty food cans, empty paint cans, empty aerosol cans, bottle caps

Rinse food cans clean and remove labels. Remove the ends, place them in the can, and flatten. Remove lids from paint cans to show that they are empty.

NO chemical cans, small appliances, or other scrap metal. Put them in with regular trash.

ALUMINUM: Cans only!

Drain liquid and rinse cans clean. Crushing is helpful.

NO aluminum foil.

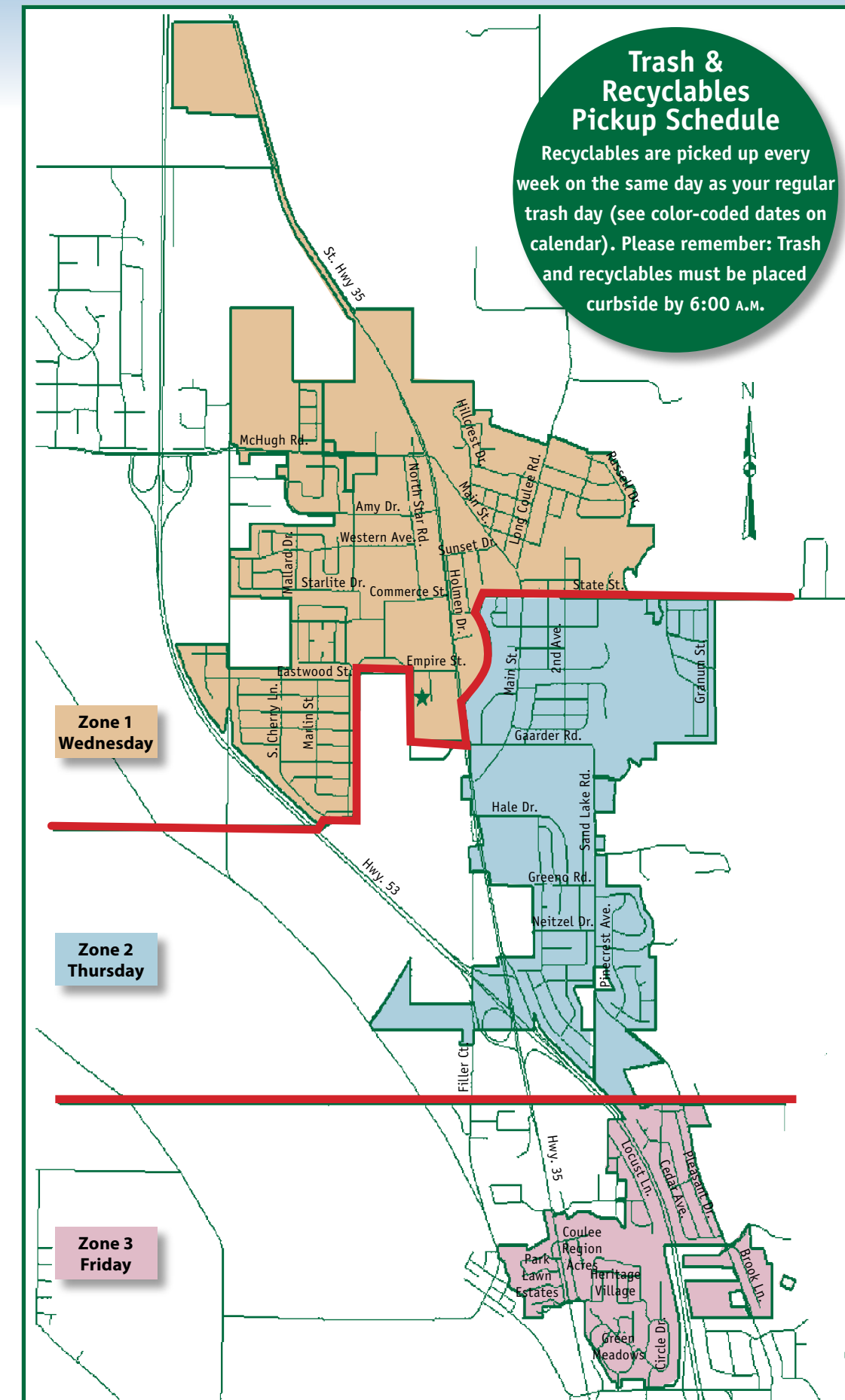
PLASTIC: #1 and #2 only!

Drain liquid and rinse clean.

NEWSPAPERS: Inserts OK!

Bundle or place in a paper bag.

NO catalogs, magazines, phone books, junk mail, flyers, or cardboard.



Trash & Recyclables Pickup Schedule
Recyclables are picked up every week on the same day as your regular trash day (see color-coded dates on calendar). Please remember: Trash and recyclables must be placed curbside by 6:00 A.M.

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If you have questions or concerns, please call the Village of Holmen

526-4336

☆ Holidays: No refuse or recycling pickup. Collections following these holidays will be a day late. ○ Recycling pickup ☐ Large item collection. Call Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling, 783-6727, to schedule pickup.