

Tire Recycling



Waste tires are an environmental, health and safety hazard due to fires and stagnant water that breeds mosquitoes. A massive fire occurred in WI in 1986 consuming millions of tires that burned for weeks making it illegal in WI to dispose of tires in a landfill. Prior to this, there were 15-20 million tires stockpiled in WI to avoid landfill costs and due to some landfills no longer accepting tires.

Tires are now recycled into rubberized asphalt for roads, railroad ties, composite decks, sports courts, running tracks, playground surfaces, public walkways, garden mulch, construction backfill, erosion barriers, molded auto parts and floor mats. Tires are also incinerated as an alternative fuel to generate as much as 25% more energy than coal.

Batteries



Rechargeable Batteries, including Lithium-Ion can be brought to the Polk County Recycling Center. **DO NOT** put Lithium-ion batteries and devices containing lithium-ion in the trash or a recycling bin. Lithium-ion batteries **SHOULD** be taken to a recycling facility or a hazardous waste collector.

Household batteries including AA, AAA, C, & D, and 9-volt can be put in your regular trash as alkaline batteries are not considered hazardous.

Button Batteries can be dropped off at the Polk County Recycling Center at no fee.

Mattress Recycling



Mattress recycling decreases landfill space and prevents pollution. It's calculated that 300 tons of mattresses and box springs are sent to WI landfills every year even though several components of a mattress are recyclable including steel, wool, fiber and foam.

Mattresses collected in Polk County are recycled at Evergreen Recycling in Rush City, MN. Evergreen Recycling has prevented over 50,000 mattresses from being landfilled by removing the springs, foam and cloth material to be reused.

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