

# City of Madison/Dane County Clean Sweep Program Spring, 2010 Newsletter

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## 2010 Clean Sweep Season: Site Opens Saturday, May 1st



The Clean Sweep Program for recycling household hazardous waste will open its 2010 season on **Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**. Normal hours of operation are on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The collection site is located on 2302 Fish Hatchery Road in Madison, north of the intersection of Fish Hatchery and Badger

Roads. The last day of the season will be Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 2010. **Please remember that leaving materials at the site when it is closed is illegal and can lead to a \$2000 forfeiture.**

The Clean Sweep Program provides an opportunity for residents of Dane County to safely dispose of household hazardous materials, free of charge. The program includes a Product Exchange area, where many high quality and usable products brought into Clean Sweep each season are made available to the public, free of charge.

### Clean Sweep Business Program

The Clean Sweep Program also accepts materials from businesses and local units of government who are Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG's) of hazardous waste. Waste materials from VSQG's are accepted on **Thursday mornings by appointment**. Prior arrangements need to be made before bringing materials to the site, and there is a per pound charge for use of the program. **Agricultural businesses (Ag VSQG's) are advised that they will be required to pay for 100% of the disposal costs for wastes brought to Clean Sweep in 2010, due to a lack of WDATCP grant funding this year. However, farmers will still be allowed to dispose of their agricultural and household chemicals free of charge in 2010.** All VSQG customers must pre-register and submit an inventory of the materials to be delivered. Registration is available on our web site at [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com) or by calling Dave Radisewitz, the Clean Sweep Coordinator, at 243-0347.

**For more information on Clean Sweep programs, please refer to our web site at [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com), or call our Information Hotline at (608) 243-0368.**

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## MedDrop to Host Additional Medicine Collection Events in 2010



Improper disposal of medicine has potential environmental, health and safety risks. Wastewater treatment systems are not designed to remove many types of medications, so flushing drugs down the toilet or pouring medications down the sink can contaminate the groundwater supply, including our drinking water. Medicine collection programs like MedDrop make it easy for residents to safely remove potentially dangerous medicine from their homes and prevent them from contaminating our water.

In 2009, MedDrop program collected more than 5,100 pounds of unused or expired prescriptions and medications at two free medicine collection events held in Dane County. The 2009 collection events drew more than 2,300 participants. Since its inception in 2007, the MedDrop program has collected more than 10,000 pounds of unwanted medications.

Additional MedDrop collection events will be held in June and October in 2010. Each collection date has three drop-off locations. The 2010 schedule is as follows:

### 2010 MedDrop Dates:

**Saturday, June 5, 2010**  
**Saturday, October 2, 2010**

### The Locations:

**Madison:** 702 Pflaum Rd. (La Follette High School)  
**Middleton:** 2100 Bristol St. (Middleton High School)  
**Sun Prairie:** 1798 S. Bird Street (Sun Prairie Recycling Center)

### The Times:

**9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.**

For additional information and updates, visit the MedDrop website at [www.meddropdane.org](http://www.meddropdane.org).

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## We Want Your Business! More Business Program Participants Sought

During 2009, only 71 VSQG's participated in the Clean Sweep business program. Capacity is available for additional participants in 2010. Because the Clean Sweep business program is an add-on to the Household Hazardous Waste Program, economies of scale can provide significant waste disposal cost savings to the business customer. Schools, governmental units, institutions and agencies are also typically eligible to participate in the business program. All businesses must self-certify as VSQG's, and must pre-register and schedule an appointment before bringing waste materials to the collection facility.

**Business (VSQG) registration is available on the website at [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com) or by calling Dave Radisewitz at (608) 243-0347.**

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## 2009 Clean Sweep Season Summary

The 2009 season was again a highly productive season for the City of Madison/Dane County Clean Sweep program. Although overall waste volumes dropped for the first time in seven years, the volume of waste materials delivered in 2009 was still the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the history of the program. During 2009, program staff:

- Received and managed a grand total of **820,965** pounds of waste materials, a **13%** decrease from 2008 totals;
- Recycled **345,558** pounds of latex paint;
- Returned a total of **31,655** useable products (having an estimated weight of **106,150** lbs) to **3,057** customers through the collection facility product exchange;
- Serviced a grand total of 10,097 customers, including **6,966** household drop-offs, **3,057** product exchange customers, and **71** businesses;
- Provided service to **3** HHW customers under agreement with Columbia County

- Participated in MedDrop medicine collection events in Dane County, servicing **2,314** participants and capturing **5,121** pounds of unwanted medications;
  - Collected and recycled **150** auto batteries and approximately **550** pounds of other rechargeable batteries.
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## Wisconsin's New E-waste Law: Implications for Local Governments

Wisconsin's electronics recycling law went into effect in January of 2010. This law is a "Product Stewardship" approach that requires manufacturers of certain consumer electronics to assume financial responsibility for the collection and recycling of used electronics. In the past waste electronics or e-waste has been collected on a voluntary basis from residents by many municipalities. The new law also shifts the recycling burden from local units of government to retailers and manufactures based upon the weight of consumer electronic devices sold in Wisconsin. What does this new law do?



- Effective Sep. 1, 2010, prohibits the disposal or incineration of various electronic devices such as: computers, computer monitors, printers, televisions, VCRs, DVD players, and telephones with video displays.
- Requires manufacturers to collect or contract with others to collect eligible electronic devices (EEDs) from households and K-12 public schools.
- Provides an incentive to collect EEDs from rural counties – For every one pound of eligible electronic devices collected from households in one of the 39 rural counties defined in the bill the manufactures can receive a credit of 1.25 pounds towards their recycling requirement.

One result of this new law is communities may decide to discontinue collecting these materials for recycling and rely upon manufacturers and recyclers to provide recycling opportunities for residents. The only requirement for local units of government identified in the law is as follows: *Local units of government*

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responsible for recycling must provide information about e-waste collection events or opportunities and the reasons for recycling to their residents. Some communities may choose to take a more active role in ensuring residents have access to recycling services for their used electronics. Here are two possible options for enhancing recycling opportunities in your community:

- Partner with collectors and recyclers to provide recycling opportunities – In order to ensure residents have opportunities to recycle e-waste a local unit of government may choose to recruit recyclers to set up collection events or facilities in their community.
- Act as a collector or contract directly with a recycler/collector to provide recycling opportunities for residents.

Many local units of government have already held collection events for these materials. If your community was pleased with the performance of the previous service provider you may want to contact them to discuss future collection events. An alternative would be to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) that can be used to select a recycler to serve the needs of your community. Contracts resulting from this process will most likely identify a set quantity of electronic waste that will be covered under this program. The contract should also include provisions for any e-waste collected in excess of the agreed to weights.

If a local unit of government decides to become a “Collector” they must register with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). All collectors will be required to register on an annual basis, provide a list of collection locations, report weights of EEDs collected and the names of partner recyclers where the e-waste is shipped for recycling. The registration deadline was December 31, 2009 for the first program year that will run from January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010. For subsequent years, the registration deadline will be August 1 of each program year which will begin on July 1.

As Wisconsin transitions to this new infrastructure for handling electronic waste UW-Extension Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) staff will be available to provide guidance and assistance as your community decides what role to play. Technical assistance regarding RFP preparation, sample contracts, and collection site management and operation are available. For more information please contact: Recycling Specialist *Joe Van Rossum* ([joseph.vanrossum@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:joseph.vanrossum@ces.uwex.edu) 608-262-0936) or Solid and Hazardous Waste Specialist *Steve Brachman* ([steve.brachman@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:steve.brachman@ces.uwex.edu) 414-227-3160). The Wisconsin DNR also maintains a website

([www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/wm/ewaste/](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/wm/ewaste/)) where information is being posted as it becomes available.

*This article courtesy of UW-Extension – Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center.*

## Governor Signs Law Banning Oil Filters and Absorbent Materials from Wisconsin's Landfills



Governor Jim Doyle has signed into law Wisconsin Act 86, prohibiting the disposal of used automotive oil filters and materials that have been used to absorb spilled or used automotive engine oil. The ban will take effect in December, 2010. Wisconsin Act 86 stems from the findings of the of a 2005 Department of Commerce report

and a 2006 Governor's Task Force on Waste Materials Recovery and Disposal report which stated that the recycling rate for oil filters had reached a plateau and that stricter requirements were necessary to increase recovery efforts. Furthermore, a study conducted by the



University of Wisconsin-Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center in 2008 found that while approximately 11.4 million oil filters were sold to Wisconsin motorists in 2007, only about 20% of them were recycled – potentially resulting in 900,000 gallons of waste oil being sent to landfills.

Similarly, an estimated 54.6 million pounds of oil absorbent material were sold in Wisconsin in 2007 and only 2.9% of these were recycled – potentially sending over 53,000,000 pounds of oil absorbent materials to Wisconsin's landfills.



For a copy of Wisconsin Act 86, see: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/acts/09act86.pdf> For additional information about used oil, oil filter and oil absorbent recycling, see: <http://www.jenvs.com/jenvs.nsf/index.html>

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## Proper Disposal of Smoke Detectors

The most common type of smoke detector contains a minute amount of Americium 241, a radioactive material. Although the amount of radioactive material contained in these detectors is so small that it does not pose a risk to human health. Smoke detectors that contain radioactive material can be returned to the manufacturer. Detectors have a limited life span, usually specified at ten years.

When returning a smoke detector to the manufacturer, remove the batteries and package the detector with a note that indicates that the detector is intended for disposal and mail it to the address listed on the back of the detector. Send detectors, minus the batteries, by surface mail or UPS Ground so they don't end up in an airplane. **DO NOT** bring old smoke detectors to the City of Madison/Dane County Clean Sweep program.

**The following manufacturers/distributors of smoke detectors will take back smoke detectors that they manufacture:**

MANUFACTURER/ DISTRIBUTOR	PHONE NUMBER	ADDRESS FOR RETURN
AMERICAN SENSORS/ DICON	(800) 387 4219	Call to receive a reference number and return information
FIRST ALERT/ BRT	(800) 323-9005	Customer Service Department 3920 Enterprise Court Aurora, IL 60504
G.E. SECURITY/ ESL	(503) 692-4052	12345 SW Levetan Drive Tualatin, OR 97062
HONEYWELL	(800) 328-5111	Returned Goods Honeywell Inc. Dock 4-MN10-3860 1885 Douglas Drive Golden Valley, MN 55422
INVENSYS/ FIREX	(800) 445-8299	Invesys Controls c/o Firex 28 C Leigh Fisher Boulevard El Paso, TX 79906
KIDDE	(800) 880-6788	1394 South 3rd Street Mebane, NC 27302
SEARS	local number	Some Sears locations are designated collection sites
SYSTEM SENSORS	(800) 736-7672 ext. 1	Call to receive a reference number and return information
USI ELECTRIC	(800) 390-4321	7A Gwynns Mill Court Owings Mills, MD 21117

## Clean Sweep No Longer Accepts CFL's



For the past two seasons, the City of Madison Dane County Clean Sweep program has accepted compact fluorescent lamps (CFL's) for recycling. Acceptance of CFL's

at the Clean Sweep facility was made possible through a special free collection program offered by the Focus on Energy program. Unfortunately, this program is no longer available to HHW collection programs, and CFL's will no longer be accepted at the Clean Sweep facility.

Generators of CFL's are advised that they can return old CFL's to any retail store in Dane County that sells fluorescent lamps. Dane County and City of Madison ordinances require any store that sells fluorescent lamps and bulbs to take back old fluorescents from their customers and get them recycled.

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recyclingFluorescentRetailer.cfm> for a listing of retailers and fluorescent lamp recycling companies.

## Take the Clean Sweep Survey

During 2010, Clean Sweep staff will be conducting a survey of all customers using the HHW collection facility. The primary purpose of the survey is to gauge customer opinions towards possible future Clean Sweep funding options. Information from the survey will be used to formulate strategies for future funding of the Clean Sweep program, in the event that current funding sources are reduced or eliminated.



An online version of the survey will also be available. Just log on to the Dane County Clean Sweep website at <http://www.danecountycleansweep.com/> and follow the link to the customer survey.