



VILLAGE OF FOX POINT GARBAGE, YARD WASTE AND RECYCLABLE FACT SHEET

The Village drop-off site closed permanently on December 31, 2008. One question raised consistently since the closing of the drop-off site is: *"Where do I go with my garbage, yard waste and recyclables now that the drop-off site has closed?"* This article addresses many of the questions that have been raised on this matter.

The garbage or municipal solid waste (MSW), generated by property owners generally falls into a number of different categories: .

Household Hazardous Waste such as paint thinners, stains, and varnishes, etc.

Appliances and white goods including refrigerators, dryers, and dehumidifiers

Computers and other electronics

Other MSW: food scraps, non-recyclable containers and package wrappings.

Much of the MSW generated by property owners can be reduced, reused or recycled and programs are available to residents to help them achieve that goal.

For those items that cannot be reduced, reused, or recycled, and which does not fall into one of the MSW categories described below, much of it can be discarded with your weekly rubbish collection.

In general, the Village of Fox Point will collect up to approximately 1 cubic yard (cy) of rubbish from your residence each week without the need for a special pick-up. To put it into perspective, 1 cubic yard of material is roughly equivalent to three 32 gallon containers.

Anything beyond that, especially the large bulky items such as furniture will require a special pick-up. Please call the Village Hall to coordinate special pickups. A special pickup is done on Fridays, costs \$75 and includes two (2) DPW staff and two (2) pieces of equipment for 15 minutes. Items prohibited are identified in Section 24.027 of the Village Code and a list will be provided at the Village Hall upon payment of fee. Special pickups requiring more staff, time or equipment as well as an inordinate amount of material that requires an extra trip to the landfill or transfer station, will be assessed the actual cost of staff and equipment time as well as the disposal cost. Also, if prohibited items are placed out for special pick-up, the items will not be collected and the fee may be forfeited by the applicant.

Before throwing out your garbage, ask yourself: “Is there a better use for what I want to throw away?” For instance, food scraps can be combined with grass clippings and leaves as well as other organic material to create a compost pile. Compost is rich in nutrients and is a natural way of helping your garden grow.



Other items, such as old desks, tables, chairs, and other furniture as well as clothing, could possibly be donated to various charitable organizations. Contact information for some of the charitable organizations include:

Goodwill of Southeastern Wisconsin- 414-353-7900 - www.goodwillsew.com

Salvation Army – 414-357-6277- www.salvationarmy.org

Purple Heart - 414-281-4281 - www.donatepurpleheartwi.com/whatdowepickup.htm

St. Vincent De Paul - (414) 464-3817 - www.svdpmilw.org/donate_items.aspx

Sojourner Truth House for Women – 414 - 933-2722 - www.sojournertruthhouse.org



Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW): HHW includes items such as antifreeze, kerosene, transmission fluids, paints, paint thinners, drain cleaners, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, and rat poison, etc. The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) operates collection centers for these materials, the nearest of which is located just north of Brown Deer Road on Boundary Road (124th Street). For additional information, please call 414- 225-2066 or visit their website at: <https://www.mmsd.com/what-you-can-do/home-haz-mat-collection>

Appliances, White Goods, and Miscellaneous Materials: If you have purchased a new appliance or other white goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.), please inquire whether the store from where you purchased the new appliance or white goods will remove the old item. Oftentimes, the store will remove the old item from your house for no charge or a nominal fee. If they do not or will not remove the old item, then you may also contact companies that specialize in the removal of these types of items. Listed below are three (3) contractors that will remove your appliances and white goods **for a fee**. For more information, call for a detailed listing of items or check out their websites:

1-800-GOT-JUNK? www.1800gotjunk.com

The Junkshuttle (262) 544-5865 www.junkshuttle.com

Scott's A-1 Services (414) 525-1744

Refrigerant Depot, LLC (414) 627-1152

Computers, Electronics and Office Equipment Recycling: The Village does not accept computers, electronics (TV's, DVD players, microwaves, etc.) or office equipment (facsimile machines, copiers, etc.) of any kind. Occasionally, companies such as Best Buy and Flanners will sponsor an electronics recycling day, usually in the spring, and will accept most, if not all, household electronic items. Watch the news and check their websites for future events, costs and a list of acceptable items:

Midwest Computer Recyclers - 414-541-1716 - www.deadcomputers.com

Cell Phone Recycling: There are drop-off sites in the Milwaukee area that are operated in conjunction with the Special Olympics and the March of Dimes. For more information please call or refer to the following websites:

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - 800-924-5202 - www.specialolympicswisconsin.org

MARCH OF DIMES - 414-778-3500 - www.marchofdimes.com

YARD WASTE: Normal yard waste is picked up by Village DPW staff throughout the year. In the spring, all yard waste, other than tree waste, must be placed in decomposable paper yard waste bags or the items need to be containerized. The maximum weight for either container cannot be more than 50 pounds. These can be purchased at any local hardware or big box store. In the fall, yard waste can be placed out with your leaves and it will be vacuumed along with the leaves. Tree waste, such as branches and limbs, is chipped and may also be placed out as long as they are less than 6"-inches in diameter. Please place these items with the cut end facing the street and on an approximate 45 degree angle so that it is easier to grab the material with our equipment. Please also note items greater than 6" in diameter will require a special pick-up.

TIRES: The Village does not accept or collect tires. The store from where you purchase the tires will likely accept your old tires if they replaced them with the new ones.

YELLOW PAGES & INTERNET SOURCES: These two (2) sources are easily forgotten when researching where to take an item or who to call. With a little time, many other companies and charitable organizations can be found.

The presence of the name of a firm/web address on this list; does not constitute endorsement or recommendation of that entity by the Village, and is provided only for the purpose of being helpful to residents. The absence of the name of any firm/web address has no meaning. The Village has no type of relationship, whatsoever, with the firm/websites listed.