



# Beaver Creek Reserve RECYCLER

*A partnership between Beaver Creek Reserve and Eau Claire County*

## DO YOU....

*Like winning prizes?*

*Want to be "greener"?*

*Love our planet, state and local resources?*

*Want to go beyond the "3 R's"?*

If **YES**, then try the

## BEAVER CREEK Earth Week Challenge

**April 16 - 24, 2022**

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

#### 1) REGISTER

Register yourself or a team between April 11 and April 24.

#### 2) COMPLETE TASKS

On April 15 we'll release a list of challenge tasks for teams to complete. Many of the tasks are community-focused!

#### 3) EARN POINTS

Complete tasks and earn points! Sample tasks include: Recycle your plastic bags or participate in our Pollinator Run.

#### 4) SHOW US!

Take a picture to show proof of a completed task and submit your photos online.

#### 5) BE ENTERED TO WIN!

Be entered to win prize packages including composting services, BCR memberships, a Triple Play membership, chamber bucks, gift cards and much more!

**Visit [beavercreekreserve.org](http://beavercreekreserve.org) for more details.**



Thank you to our sponsors:



### OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### Native Plant Sale

Online store opens-  
Wednesday, April 20

*\*Over 70 species of native  
flowers & grasses!*



*\*Support our Bird Banders & Education Team!*

#### Spring Thrift Sale

Saturday, April 23  
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
at Beaver Creek Reserve



#### Pollinator Run/Walk

Saturday, April 23  
Starts at 2:00 p.m.  
at Beaver Creek Reserve

**See next page for more details.**



# Native Plant Sale

Online store opens **April 20**  
& closes **May 4!**

**Pick Up Dates:**

Friday, May 6 & Saturday, May 7  
9 am - 3 pm at the Wise Nature Center

Order pick up at Beaver Creek Reserve.

[www.beavercreekreserve.org/native-plant-sale](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org/native-plant-sale) for more information



Beaver Creek Reserve

## EARTH WEEK POLLINATOR RUN 2022



Are you up for the challenge?

**5K RUN**  
**3K WALK** **\$15**

Register and more Information:  
[BeaverCreekReserve.org](http://BeaverCreekReserve.org)

### DATE - TIME - LOCATION

2pm Saturday,  
April 23, 2022  
S1 County Hwy K,  
Fall Creek, WI 54742

## Spring Thrift Sale

Saturday, April 23, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Wise Nature Center, Beaver Creek Reserve

### Shop second hand nature-themed items!

- Decorations • Books • Clothing • Taxidermy
- Artwork • Jewelry • Equipment • More!



Support our bird banding projects  
and education department!



### Have items to donate?

Drop them off from now until April 17!  
Must be nature-themed.



# Recycle These Items!

## Plastic #1 and #2 Containers

Containers that are labeled #1 or #2 can go in your recycling bin. Rinse them out and keep the lid on.

### Common Items:

- Beverage bottles (#1)
- Condiment bottles (#1)
- Milk jugs (#2)
- Laundry Detergent (#2)



## Glass Bottles and Jars

Only bottles and jars should go in your bin. Rule of thumb: If it has a “neck” it can be recycled.

### Common Items:

- Soda bottles
- Wine bottles
- Jelly/jam jars
- Condiment bottles

## Aluminum and Steel Cans

Any food or beverage can should go in your recycling bin. These are infinitely recyclable, and still valuable. Rinse them out, drop any lids inside the cans, and leave the labels on.

### Common Items:

- Beverage cans
- Vegetable, fruit, and sauce cans



## Office Paper, Newspaper, and Magazines

All office paper, junk mail, newspapers, and magazines can go in your bin. If items are soiled or greasy, throw them away.

### Common Items:

- Junk mail
- Envelopes (plastic window okay)
- Paperback books

## Food Boxes and Cardboard

All boxes from your pantry can go in your bin. Boxes from the fridge or freezer, vary. If the food touches these boxes directly, put it in the trash. If it's lined in plastic, you may be able to recycle it. Look for the How2Recycle label, you can trust that information.

### Common Items:

- Pasta boxes
- Cereal boxes
- Soda/beer cases
- Corrugated Cardboard

# Trash These Items (Or Reuse/Repurpose When Possible)

## Berry Clamshells and Salad Boxes

These may be labeled #1 plastic but the process to make them changes their chemical composition, so they are different from other #1 plastics.

## Black Plastics of any Number

The sorting machines use light to identify the various kinds of plastics. Black doesn't reflect light, so it can't be identified.



## Freezer or Fridge Boxes With Food in Direct Contact

If the food in your freezer touches the box directly (like corn dogs), throw the box in the trash. Dry goods boxes are fine, this is specific to refrigerated or frozen items.

## Plastic Pouches

These are a mixed material, and can't be recycled here.



## Disposable Coffee Cups

These are either Styrofoam or plastic lined paper cups. They are not recyclable, and neither is the lid, which is usually #6 plastic.



## Plastic # 6 (Styrofoam)

This material isn't accepted in most recycling programs. The Styrofoam is so light and messy that it's very difficult to recycle.

## Paper-based Cartons

These are also a mixed material. They are made with paper, plastic, and sometimes aluminum to make them shelf-stable.



## Single Serving Coffee Cups (K-cups)

These are too small to recycle. They got lost in the sorting process.



## Greasy Pizza Boxes

The grease interferes with the recycling process. If the top is clean, you can recycle it.

## Diapers and Other Hygiene Products

These are a biohazard, and should never go in a recycling bin.

## Straws and Plastic Utensils

Like the k-cups, these are too small to make it through a recycling sorting process.



## Where to recycle items that don't go in your bin

*Yard and food wastes make up at least 30% of the waste stream in the U.S. Invest in your own composting system or use a local curbside service.*

## When in doubt

**Throw it out!**



Plastic bags and other films should all be collected and brought to a retail drop off site like Walmart, Target, or Festival Foods. There are 11 locations in the Eau Claire area.

Other films include:

- Zip top bags
- Paper towel and toilet paper wrap
- Bread bags
- Air pillows and bubble wrap
- All plastic bubble mailer pouches

See more at [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org)



Donate or sell used clothes. Hope Gospel will also accept clothing that is not wearable and recycle it.



These can be taken to:

- Clean Sweep events
- Batteries Plus Bulbs
- First Choice Computer Recycling.

\*Fees will apply.

**BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM**

This program is available to Eau Claire County Residents only.

DROP OFF LOCATION

**FIRST CHOICE**

525 Park Ridge Court Eau Claire, WI 54703  
715.833.2005 • [firstchoicerecycling.com](http://firstchoicerecycling.com)

ALL CHEMISTRY'S ACCEPTED  
**FREE OF CHARGE**  
TERMINALS MUST BE TAPED

## We want your input!

The County is starting to gather community input to help create the County's first Climate Action and Resiliency Plan. The first step is a community survey. Your input will help us determine how the county should work toward meeting the county's carbon neutral and renewable energy goals. Please take the time to respond to the survey which can be found at [www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/recycling](http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/recycling)

Learn more about what the county is already doing here:  
[www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/our-government/departments-and-facilities/department-directory/planning-and-development/sustainability](http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/our-government/departments-and-facilities/department-directory/planning-and-development/sustainability)

Having issues taking the survey? Contact the Recycling and Sustainability Coordinator (715)839-2756.

# 2022 Recycling and Disposal Events

## Electronics Collection

*May 21 and September 17*  
*8:00 am - 1:00 pm*

*First Choice Computer Recycling*  
*525 Park Ridge Court*  
*Eau Claire, WI 54703*

Fees are reduced by 50% or more for these events. Contact First Choice Computer Recycling with questions. (715) 833-2005

- Televisions
- Humidifiers
- Small appliances
- Printers
- Computers
- Computer accessories
- Cell phones
- Cell phone accessories
- Cords
- ALL Batteries \*Free\*

## Clean Sweep Events

*May 21, July 16, September 17*

*8:00 am - 12:00 pm*

*WRR Environmental Services*  
*5200 Ryder Road*  
*Eau Claire, WI 54703*

### No Fee Materials

- Paints
- Thinners/ Strippers
- Stains/ Varnish
- Corrosives
- Pool chemicals
- Solvents
- Cleaners/ Polishes
- Old Fuel
- Used oil and filters
- Antifreeze
- Aerosol cans

### Accepted for Fee

- Latex paint
- Light bulbs
- 20 lb Propane cylinders\*

\*Rusted cylinders NOT accepted

See the Eau Claire County Recycling website for additional details and fee information  
[www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/recycling](http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/recycling).

## Yard Waste and Bulk Items

### *Bulk Items Collections*

*April 18-22*

*Oct 3 - 7*

Haulers will collect one or two large items for no additional fee. Varies by hauler, **NOT all haulers participate, and NOT ALL areas of the county are eligible.**

### *Yard Waste Collections*

*May 2 - 6*

*Nov 7 - 11*

10 bags of leaves, grass, plants, etc. in **COMPOSTABLE** bags.



## Recycling Drop Sites

Drop sites are available for individuals who reside in the municipalities in which the site is located.

### *Bridge Creek*

S9515 Hwy 27, Augusta (North of Augusta)  
Saturdays, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

### *Brunswick*

W3020 Mitchell RD, Eau Claire (East of Hwy 37 and Trinity Equestrian Center)  
Saturdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

### *Drammen*

W6505 County Rd ZZ, North of 37  
(Located at Town Shop)  
Saturdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

### *Fairchild*

121 Emery Street, Fairchild (where Emery St. and N Center St. meet)  
Wednesdays, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm; &  
Saturdays, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

### *Foster*

S12785 Wren RD, Osseo (Cty HH & Wren Drive, East of Foster)  
1st & 3rd Saturdays of month,  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

### *Lincoln*

S5555 Green Meadow Rd, Fall Creek  
(South of US Hwy 12)  
2nd & 4th Saturdays of month,  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

### *Ludington*

N956 Town Shop RD, Fall Creek  
(intersection of Cty D & Town Shop RD)  
1st & 3rd Saturdays of month,  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

### *Pleasant Valley*

S10434 Cty Hwy HHI, Pleasant Valley (by Town Shop)  
2nd & 4th Saturdays of month,  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

### *Seymour*

8011 Olson Drive, Eau Claire (1/4 mile past Sevenmile Creek Landfill on Hwy Q)  
Tuesdays, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm; & Saturdays,  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

### *Union*

1882 White Pine Dr. (off of Crescent Ave)  
Wednesdays, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm; &  
Saturdays, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

### *Wilson*

E26936 Cty RD G, Stanley (intersection of Cty RD G & Cty RD MM)  
Saturdays, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

*The following actions are illegal:*

- Placing non-recyclables in the recycling boxes or leaving non-recyclables anywhere on the facilities, including outside the fence
- Using the facilities when they are closed, even if bringing accepted materials
- Use by anyone who is not a resident of Eau Claire County
- Use by businesses, schools, agencies, etc. In other words, only recyclables generated in homes may be deposited at these facilities

If you have questions about the recycling drop off sites, contact the Recycling Coordinator.  
(715) 839-2756 OR  
recycling@co.eau-claire.wi.us

## Prescription Medication Disposal

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high and continue to rise. Unused medications left in your cabinet have the potential to fall into the hands of those who shouldn't be using them.

Unused prescription medications in homes create a public health and safety concern, because they can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused, or abused. Unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain. Water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all of potentially dangerous medications, and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and lakes around the world.

### Medication disposal

#### Locations:

- Marshfield Clinic - Eau Claire Center  
2116 Craig Rd - Entrance B
- Altoona Emergency Services Building  
1904 Spooner Avenue
- Eau Claire County Courthouse - Law Enforcement Center  
721 Oxford Avenue

Contact the Eau Claire City-County Health Department with questions.



To learn how to safely dispose of medication at one of the permanent medication drop boxes in Eau Claire County visit:

**[www.getinvolvedasap.org](http://www.getinvolvedasap.org)**



# NEW Mattress and Box spring Recycling Event

Eau Claire County is launching a new recycling program for you old mattresses and box springs.

## 5 Reasons to recycle your mattress and box springs.

1. Mattresses and box springs take up a lot of valuable landfill space and are difficult to cover properly due to their size.
2. Valuable materials like metal, wood, and fibers can be extracted from mattresses and box springs which preserves natural resources and virgin material.
3. Recycling your mattress is cheaper than landfilling! If you drop off during the event it is only \$20 per item.
4. Recycling your mattress reduces emissions from greenhouse gases.
5. It's the right thing to do.

**Saturday, August 6  
8AM - 12PM  
Expo Center  
5530 Fairview Drive,  
Eau Claire, WI 54701**

Questions?

Call: (715)839-2756

Email: [recycling@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:recycling@co.eau-claire.wi.us)

**\$20 per mattress or box spring  
All types and sizes accepted.  
Pick-up available for extra fee.  
Check and Card payments only.**

[www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/mattress](http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/mattress)

Check our website for more information about this program and volunteer opportunities.

## Pick-up and Pre-pay Option

The County has partnered with Kersten Family Junk Removal and No Boundaries Tiny Homes to offer affordable pick-up options for residents who can not bring items to the Expo Center on August 6th. For an additional \$5 one of the companies will pick-up your items from July 5 - August 5. No Boundaries Tiny Homes is donating all pick-up fees from August 5 to the county's sustainability program.

If you want to streamline the drop-off process on August 6 you can also pre-pay online (service fees apply) if you are dropping off the items yourself. Avoid long wait times and get back to your weekend!



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Eau Claire, WI 54701



# BEAVER CREEK RESERVE RECYCLER

Spring 2022

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## Recycling Questions?

*Eau Claire County Recycling Program  
Department of Planning and Development  
721 Oxford Avenue, Suite 3344  
Eau Claire, WI 54703*

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