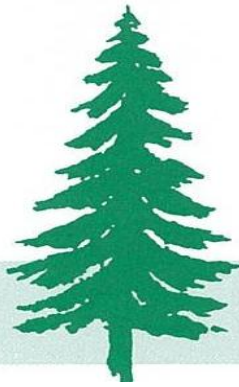


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CROW WING COUNTY LANDFILL SITE WINTER HOURS

The Crow Wing County Landfill Site will begin winter hours starting the first weekend in November and operate 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. The landfill site will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays from November 2012 through March 2013 and will re-open for summer hours starting in April 2013.

The County Landfill takes household garbage but many residents do not realize the landfill will accept other items such as fiberglass boats, mattresses, furniture, and mobile homes. The County Landfill also has a demolition landfill to dispose of demolition materials. Residents are also encouraged to use the free compost site to dispose of material from gardens, leaves, lawn clippings or branches.

Certain items are banned from the actual landfill; however, there are specified drop-off locations at the County Landfill Site to dispose of these items for a small fee. Appliances or white goods such as refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, washers and dryers, stoves, hot water heaters, microwaves; electronics such as computers and their components, TV's VCR/DVD's, stereos and telephones; tires with or without rims; scrap metals such as lawn mowers, grills, metal piping. These items are then recycled.

The County Landfill Site also provides the following services for free or a small, nominal fee: recycling of glass, plastics, metal and paper, used motor oil/antifreeze, and lead-acid car/marine batteries for residents. There is a 50¢ fee for oil filters and \$1 per gallon of antifreeze. The County does provide other recycling/used oil locations throughout Crow Wing County. Please check out the County Web page at: <http://www.co.crow-wing.mn.us> and search for "recycling" for more locations.

"The County's 'One-Stop-Service' provides convenient access for proper disposal of un-used or un-needed materials at the landfill site," stated Doug Morris, Solid Waste Coordinator. "Upon arriving at the County Landfill Site, residents must stop at the Landfill Office. The attendant will discuss the items to be disposed, collect any fees and give directions to where the drop-off locations are for disposal. It is important to note that all loads coming to the County Landfill must be covered to ensure our roadways are not littered with debris."

During the winter months (November through April), Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) will only be taken for emergency situations. An example of this is residents who are moving or an estate that must dispose of hazardous materials, and cannot wait until HHW programs opens in May of 2013. To schedule an appointment, contact the Land Services Department located at the Crow Wing County Landfill at (218) 824-1290.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping residents and our local businesses make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Solid Waste Office at (218) 824-1290 or environmental.services@crowwing.mn to discuss hazardous waste, solid waste, demolition material, composting, or recycling activities. Crow Wing County information and resources can be found at www.co.crow-wing.mn.us.

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