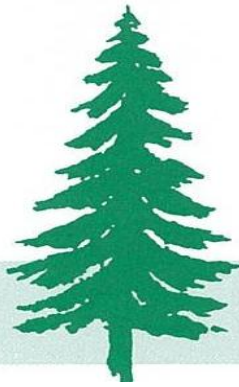


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CROW WING COUNTY LANDFILL PROGRAM

The Landfill Site began its summer hours on the first weekend in April and operates 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday. With the seasonally unusually long winter weather, residents have been eager to start spring cleanups and the Crow Wing County Landfill Site is available for residents to dispose of items that are no longer used or needed. The following services are available to residents at the Landfill Site.

- An electronics collection for businesses in Crow Wing County has been scheduled on May 15th, between the hours of 9:00 to 1:00 pm at the Crow Wing County Landfill Site. This is an opportunity for businesses to save money on shipping costs while disposing of surplus or obsolete computer and electronic equipment.

When equipment is brought to the Crow Wing County Landfill, the Landfill Office will provide directions to the site where the collection will take place. County staff will off load the equipment, weigh it, and provide a bill of lading for record keeping. Land Services works with Asset Recovery from MN to dispose of unwanted business electronics. Asset Recovery follows "Federal Military Guidelines" for destroying all data. The cost to dispose of business electronics is 35¢ per pound and Land Services pays the transportation fees.

- The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program will open for the season beginning April 24, 2013. Then, starting in May, the HHW Facility will be open the second Wednesday and second Saturday through the month of October from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Examples of Household Hazardous Waste include paint, cleaners, garden chemicals, automotive products, and aerosol cans.
- 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, and lawn clippings. Brush and branches must be kept separate, and disposed at a separated area.

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.

"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.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping our residents make wise decisions that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Environmental Services Solid Waste Office at (218) 824-1290 or to visit the Crow Wing County Web Site www.crowwing.us and search for "Solid Waste" for more information.

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