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**Permit Guidelines**

A permit fee is required for disposal in the active area. You must check in at the scale before unloading in these areas.

**Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)**

- Commercial wastes which are unacceptable at the Resource Recovery facility
- Large, bulky items
- Other materials with prior approval

Materials which cannot be disposed in MSW or Demolition areas:

- Liquid wastes
- Septic tank wastes
- Toxic and hazardous wastes (by definition)
- Materials already separated out for recycling
- Yard waste and brush

Unacceptable items disposed of in MSW or Demolition areas that will have an additional fee:

- Tires (Large volumes should be disposed of in the tire bin)
- Appliances (Air conditioners, stoves, microwaves, freon items, etc.)
- Electronics
- Mattresses

The following materials must be dropped off at the Household Hazardous Materials Facility (Fees Apply):

- CPU's, monitors and computer accessories.
- Televisions, VCR's, DVD players
- Lithium-Ion Batteries
- Fax machines and printers
- Cell phones
- Fluorescent light bulbs or tubes
- Lead acid batteries
- Waste oil
- Oil filters
- Any other wastes which the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee and/or the DNR feel are inappropriate to dispose of in the landfill.



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**Demolition Waste**

- Includes wood, drywall, doors, windows, sinks, toilets, tubs, roofing, bricks, carpets, flooring and siding.
- Railroad ties, landscaping ties, and telephone poles must be in sections less than 2 ft. in length.
  - o Bridge ties, tracking pads, and transfer line poles require specific Landfill preapproval before being brought in (in addition to being less than 2 ft. long).

**Special Wastes-Preapproval required**

- Asbestos - call for information/approval - 608-792-3180
- Industry wastes (Foundry sand, street sweepings etc.) - call for information/approval - 608-792-3180
- Petroleum Impacted Soils - call for information/approval 608-792-3180
- **\*Leave a voicemail for prompt service\***

**A permit fee is not required for disposal of the following diverted wastes. You must check in at the scale before unloading in these areas:**

**Clean Wood and Brush**

Acceptable Materials:

- Unpainted and untreated lumber
- Pallets
- Tree trunks "Brush less than 6 feet in length and less than 18" diameter"

Unacceptable Materials:

- Steel rods, bolts or spikes, steel fencing, steel banding
- Garbage, demolition, sawdust, or other wastes
- Stumps – greater than 18" in diameter or with excess dirt (See scale attendant for appropriate disposal locations)

**Yard Waste**

Acceptable Materials:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Garden waste

Paper bags are allowed, but plastic bags must be disposed of separately.

**Clean Concrete**

Acceptable Materials:



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- Sidewalk, steps, concrete with very little rebar, footings, bridge deck. Pieces may not exceed 6'x6'x12".

**Unacceptable Materials:**

- Chimney or other red brick, concrete block, concrete that has been painted or coated, concrete with significant mesh/rebar

**Asphalt Paving**

**Acceptable Materials:**

- Blacktop from driveways and roads

**Unacceptable Materials:**

- Tar, asphalt with large rocks or excess dirt

**Clean Asphalt Shingles**

**Acceptable Materials:**

- Asphalt shingles, tar paper and nails

**Unacceptable Materials:**

- Paper, cardboard, plastic, metal, roof trim, and wood shakes

**Resource Recovery Facility (Xcel Energy)**

**Acceptable Waste Guidelines**

All residential, commercial, institutional and industrial waste which is deemed acceptable shall be disposed of at the Xcel Energy Resource Recovery Facility (RDF) Facility per Chapter 159 of Wisconsin State Statutes and Chapter 15 of the La Crosse County Ordinances.

Most all residential, commercial, and institutional solid waste that is not demolition, not over four (4) feet in measure, not explosive, not hazardous, and not banned by state law is acceptable at the Resource Recovery Facility.



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**Unacceptable Waste Guidelines**

Wastes which are defined as unacceptable which cannot be disposed of at Xcel Energy include:

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|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ag Plastics      | Explosives             | Mattresses                |
| Animal Remains   | Human Remains          | Radioactive Material      |
| Appliances       | Infectious Waste       | Regulated Hazardous Waste |
| Biological Waste | Lithium-Ion Batteries  | Tarps                     |
| Car Batteries    | Long Plastic Stringers | Tires                     |
| Carpet           | Metal                  |                           |
- Demolition debris which includes: wood, drywall, doors, windows, sinks, toilets, tubs, roofing, bricks, carpets, flooring and siding.

Wastes over four (4) feet in any dimension or items over 100 pounds, and any other materials that the County and Xcel Energy consider to be toxic or dangerous.

**Items which are defined as unacceptable except in household quantities:**

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|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Acids*            | Chemical material* | Oil sludge            |
| Ash               | Cleaning fluids*   | Paints*               |
| Caustic material* | Poisons*           | Unwanted medications* |

\*These items are to be delivered to the Household Hazardous Materials Facility.

