

# MENOMONIE MOMENT

## Sustainable News



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### Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Collection Event

**Date:** Thursday, September 26, 2024

**Time:** 2:00 - 6:00 PM

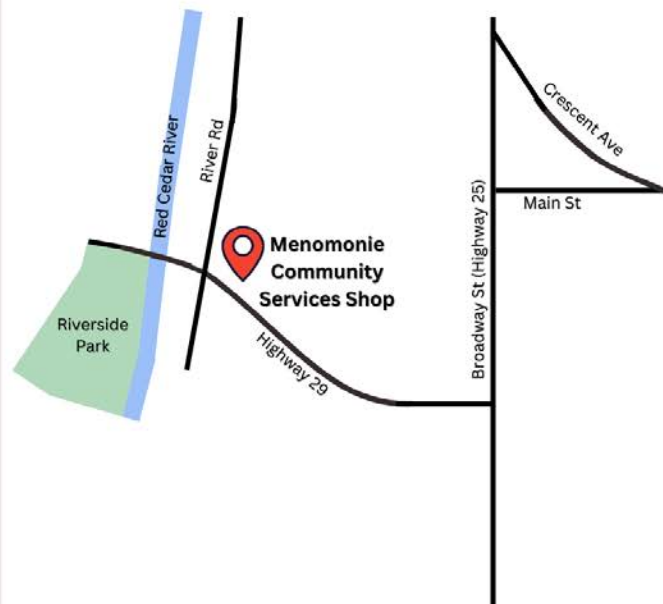
**Location:** City of Menomonie Community Services Shop  
621 11th Ave W (Hwy 29), Menomonie

**Fees:** \$10/Vehicle, Cash or Check Only

**Eligible Participants:** City of Menomonie, Town of Menomonie and Town of Red Cedar Residents ONLY

#### Pre- Register:

- [www.menomonie-wi.gov/hazardouswaste](http://www.menomonie-wi.gov/hazardouswaste)
- Scan the QR Code
- 715-232-2221 Ext. 1005



### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

#### Automotive

Antifreeze  
Brake Fluid  
Degreasers  
Gasoline & Other Fuels

#### Batteries

Smaller than car battery  
in size (no alkaline or car  
batteries)

#### Bulbs

Compact, U-Shape &  
Circular Fluorescent  
HID Lamps  
Fluorescent Tubes  
LED  
PCB & Non-PCB Ballasts

#### Cleaners

Concrete Cleaner  
Polish & Spot Removers  
Pool Chemicals

#### Other Materials

Aerosol Cans (not empty)  
Acids/Bases  
Rodent Bait  
Mercury  
Lighter Fluid  
Mothballs

#### Paints/Solvents

Oil & Lead Paint (no latex)  
Oil Based Stains &  
Polyurethanes  
Adhesives  
Turpentine, Strippers &  
Thinners

#### Pesticides

Insecticides  
Fertilizer w/ weed killer  
Herbicides  
Fungicides

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

#### Appliances

Alkaline & Automotive  
Batteries  
Compressed Gas Tanks  
(propane, spray foam, etc)  
Electronics  
Explosives (ammunition,  
fireworks, etc)

#### Latex Paint

Medical Waste  
Medications  
Sharps  
Smoke Detectors  
Tires  
Used Oil  
Fire Extinguishers

***This is not an inclusive list of acceptable and unacceptable items. If you have questions on specific items, please contact the City of Menomonie.***

### YEAR-ROUND HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Logistics Recycling (LRI)

- 707 Lehmann Way, Somerset, WI
- Call to set up an appointment
- Fees Apply
- 920-456-0336 or 800-558-1166

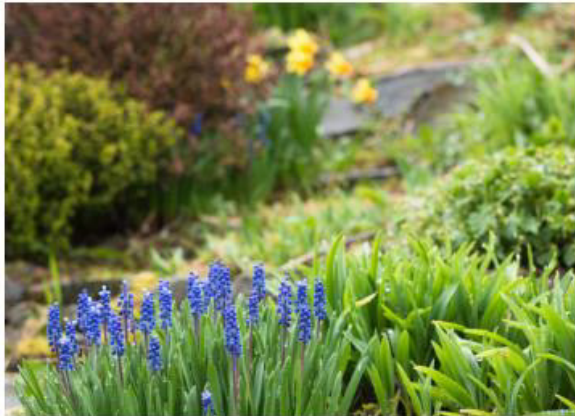




# Clean Water Starts in Your Own Yard...

## CAPTURE RAIN FOR YOUR PLANTS OR GARDENS

Consider installing a rain garden or a rain barrel at your home to collect storm water before it hits the streets.



## MAKE USE OF YOUR LEAVES

Consider composting your leaves or spreading them on your garden.



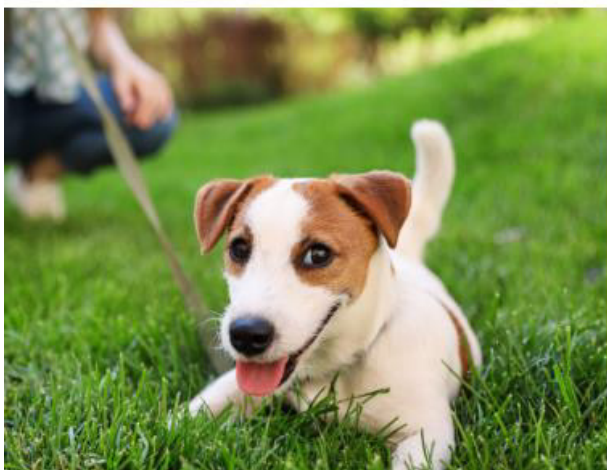
## MINIMIZE HARD SURFACES IN YOUR YARD

Consider minimizing unnecessary blacktop, concrete, or compacted gravel surfaces.



## CLEAN UP PET WASTE

Pet and animal waste contribute to storm water pollution.



**In an average year, 100 square feet of:**

**blacktop** - yields **900 gallons** of runoff

**grass** - yields **60 gallons** of runoff

To learn more, visit [www.raintorivers.org](http://www.raintorivers.org)



## YARD WASTE

City residents can bring grass clippings, leaves, garden debris and brush to the Solid Waste Site (1601 Gilbert Creek Rd).

Hours:

- Tuesdays: 7 AM - 6 PM
- Thursdays: 7 AM - 6 PM
- Saturdays: 7 AM - 12 PM

The City picks up yard waste and brush curbside on limited days each fall and spring. Dates will be announced on the City website, social media and by press release.



## ELECTRONICS

Recycle electronics at these locations:

- Recyc-all Services, Menomonie
- First Choice Recycling, Eau Claire

The City does not plan to have another electronics collection in 2024. Stay tuned for details on a 2025 collection.

## HANG LOOSE!

Place your recyclables loose in your recycling bin. **Do not bag your recyclables!**



**Please place these items in your recycling container, no sorting necessary!**

### Cans



#### Aluminum & Steel Cans

Empty & rinse  
Labels can stay on

### Glass



#### Glass Bottles & Jars

Empty, rinse & remove lid

### Plastic



#### Plastic Kitchen, Laundry & Bath Containers

Empty, rinse & replace cap  
#1, #2 & #5

### Paper



#### Mixed Paper, Magazines & Unwanted Mail

Keep loose, do not bundle

### Cardboard



#### Cardboard & Paperboard

Flatten

**Do NOT place these items in your recycling container:**

#### Plastic Bags



Do not bag recyclables; return plastic bags and wrap to retail stores

#### Garbage



No food, liquids or garbage; empty all containers

#### Fridge & Freezer Boxes



No soda, beer or frozen food boxes

#### Tanglers



No hoses, cables or chains

#### Clothing



No clothing or textiles; use donation programs



## EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE

Ash trees in the City are being badly affected by the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. The worst areas right now are in south Menomonie, but ash trees in north Menomonie are starting to show signs of disease too. It's expected that all the ash trees in the City will get infected and die within the next three to five years. Last year, the City forestry crew removed over 400 trees, mainly ash. The main signs of disease in ash trees are bark falling off, thinning leaves, and splitting.



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## CITY TREE REMOVALS

The City Community Services department has forestry crews that take care of public trees along streets and in parks during the winter when they aren't plowing snow. Because last winter was mild, they were able to remove over 400 trees and trim about 20% of the trees along city streets. In the summer, the crews only remove damaged or fallen trees during a storm. The forestry staff know many trees still need to be removed and are focusing on the ones in the worst shape. They plan to start removing trees again in late November 2024.

## CITY TREE PLANTING

Forestry staff will plant 65 trees later this fall. These trees grew in a gravel bed over the summer, which helped them grow strong roots so they have a better chance of surviving when planted. The City doesn't have enough trees to replace all the recently removed ones, so they will plant new trees where they can grow well, away from overhead power lines. The City is planting different kinds of trees to make our urban forest stronger and reduce the effects of future pests. City staff are also applying for grants to get more trees planted in the city.

