



# RECYCLOPEDIA MINI

## LARGE ITEM FEE CHANGES FOR 2024

If your home pays the Resource Recovery Special Charge, you will not be charged additional fees for certain large items when you make the required large item work orders for curbside collection or when these certain large items are delivered to a drop-off site.

If you do not pay the Resource Recovery Special Charge, then you will still need to pay the necessary fee for these certain items when making your required work orders for curbside pickup. Any necessary fee would also need to be paid prior to bringing these certain items to a drop-off site.

### Who pays the Resource Recovery Special Charge?

If your recycling is collected by the City of Madison Streets Division, then you pay the Resource Recovery Special Charge. The charge appears on the Madison Municipal Services Bill. This is the same monthly bill that includes the charges for your water usage.

### What are "Large Items"?

Items too large for the trash cart, or items requiring special handling such as appliances, furniture, tires, exercise equipment, and many other bulky items.

### Large Items Requiring an Additional Fee

A list of the large items requiring an additional fee can be found on the large item website.



## LARGE ITEM COLLECTION

[cityofmadison.com/largeitem](http://cityofmadison.com/largeitem)

Large item work orders are required to have your items picked up at the curb. Create your work order online. Call the Streets Division offices for assistance with the form. If you set large items out for collection without a work order, you may be fined by Building Inspection.

Set the item out on the date you selected in the work order. Do not set the item out early. Items are collected during the work week following the set out Sunday.

### Defining "Large Item"

Large items are big things too large for the trash cart, items requiring a fee, or items that require special handling. This includes appliances, microwaves, furniture, tires, exercise equipment, toilets, pianos, and many other bulky items.

Large items **are not** oversized cardboard boxes, or excess bags of trash from a household cleanup.

### Large Item Placement Guidelines

- » Stack items neatly in the right of way / terrace along public streets.
- » Keep metal items/appliances and non-metal items separated.
- » Keep items four feet from obstructions like utility poles, street signs, etc.
- » Avoid setting items underneath low-hanging wires or branches.
- » All large items must be less than 8 feet in length.

**Streets & Urban Forestry**  
[cityofmadison.com/streets](http://cityofmadison.com/streets)



#### » Streets Division - East

- 4602 Sycamore Ave.
- (608) 246-4532
- Office hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm
- [streets@cityofmadison.com](mailto:streets@cityofmadison.com)

#### » Streets Division - West

- 1501 W. Badger Rd.
- (608) 266-4681
- Office hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm
- [streets@cityofmadison.com](mailto:streets@cityofmadison.com)

#### » Urban Forestry

- 1402 Wingra Creek Parkway
- (608) 266-4816
- Office hours: Monday-Friday, 7:00am to 3:00pm
- [forestry@cityofmadison.com](mailto:forestry@cityofmadison.com)

#### » Wood Mulch & Brush Processing

- 121 E. Olin Ave.
- (608) 266-4911
- Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 2:30pm
- [streets@cityofmadison.com](mailto:streets@cityofmadison.com)

#### » Hotlines

- Special Charges: (608) 243-5899
- Winter Parking: (608) 261-9111

#### » Report-a-Problem

- [cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem](http://cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem)



## YARD WASTE COLLECTION

[cityofmadison.com/yardwaste](http://cityofmadison.com/yardwaste)

Yard waste is leaves, weeds, grass clippings and other plant material you have raked or pulled from your lawn or garden.

Collection opportunities occur in spring and fall. Material is also accepted at the drop-off sites. Set out dates and detailed guidance on how to set out the material can be found on the website.



## COMPOSTING

[cityofmadison.com/composting](http://cityofmadison.com/composting)

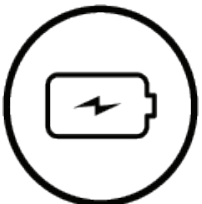
Manage your yard waste (and some food waste) at home and benefit your garden, too. Home composting guides are available at your Madison Public Library branch.



## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

[cityofmadison.com/ecycle](http://cityofmadison.com/ecycle)

Many electronics are required to be recycled at drop-off sites. The items include televisions, printers, and even VCRs and video game systems. More details about electronics recycling can be found on the website.



## BATTERY RECYCLING

[cityofmadison.com/batteryrecycling](http://cityofmadison.com/batteryrecycling)

Lithium batteries can be a fire hazard. Do not place them into your recycling cart.

Follow the directions on the website to bring in your lithium batteries, and other batteries, for recycling.



## FOOD SCRAPS

[cityofmadison.com/foodscraps](http://cityofmadison.com/foodscraps)

A hub for all food scraps related information from details regarding food scraps recycling information to prevention and donation details.



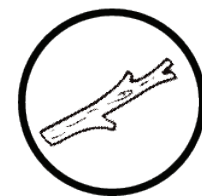
## DROP-OFF SITES

[cityofmadison.com/dropoffsites](http://cityofmadison.com/dropoffsites)

The Badger Road location is permanently closed.

Before loading your vehicle, check the hours and locations of the sites and what they accept.

Drop-off site hours change seasonally. They may also close due to severe weather.



## BRUSH COLLECTION

[cityofmadison.com/brushcollection](http://cityofmadison.com/brushcollection)

Brush is the branches, limbs, sticks, and other woody material you have cut from your trees, shrubs, and bushes. The pieces must be at least 18 inches in length.

Collection opportunities occur throughout the year. Material is also accepted at the drop-off sites.

Set out dates and detailed guidance on how to set out the material can be found on the website.



## RECYCLING

[cityofmadison.com/recycling](http://cityofmadison.com/recycling)

- » Keep the recycling cart lid closed when out for collection.
- » Recyclables inside the cart must be clean, empty, and dry.
- » Do not bag your recyclables, except for shredded paper.
  - If you must use a bag, only clear bags are acceptable.

### NEVER place the following items into the recycling cart:

- » Batteries
- » Clothing
- » Electronics
- » Light bulbs
- » Plastic bags & film
- » Ropes, hoses, etc.
- » Styrofoam
- » Trash
- » Wood

### The recycling cart should only have the following material:

## PAPER



A collection of paper-based items including flattened cardboard boxes, newspapers, magazines, mail, office paper, and various cartons and cups.

Flattened cardboard  
Mail  
Office paper

Newspapers  
Magazines  
Cartons & cups

## PLASTIC



A collection of plastic items including bottles, jugs, plastic containers, and dairy tubs.

Bottles  
Jugs

Plastic containers #1-#7  
Dairy tubs

## GLASS



A collection of glass items including bottles and jars.

Bottles  
Jars

## METAL



A collection of metal items including aluminum cans, foil, pots, pans, and steel and tin cans.

Aluminum cans & foil  
Aerosol cans

Pots & pans  
Steel & tin cans



## URBAN FORESTRY

[cityofmadison.com/forestry](http://cityofmadison.com/forestry)

The Urban Forestry section of the Streets Division plants, prunes, removes, and cares for the thousands of trees that line Madison roadways all in an effort to create a vibrant, resilient, and diverse urban forest for all to enjoy. Much more information about how to care for the trees along the terrace can be found on the Urban Forestry website.

### Spongy Moth Information

[cityofmadison.com/spongymoth](http://cityofmadison.com/spongymoth)

A roundup of resources and additional information about the steps you can do to protect your trees from the spongy moth caterpillar, and how to help your trees recover the moths eating many of the leaves.

#### Destroy Egg Masses

From the fall until the spring, the best way to help keep the spongy moth population down is to destroy egg masses by following the following steps:

### Protect Your Trees From *The Spongy Moth*

**HOW?**  
Destroy egg masses before they hatch.

**WHY?**  
Egg masses hold up to 1,000 moth eggs.

**WHEN?**  
In the fall through early spring.

**FIND**  
Egg masses on trees or outdoor surfaces including picnic tables, sheds, firewood, and other stops.

**SCRAPE**  
Use a putty knife to carefully remove the egg mass.

**SOAK**  
Keep the egg mass submerged for two days.

**TRASH**  
Put the soaked egg mass into the trash.

### OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS:



- » Beltline issues: Dane County Highway: 608-266-4261
- » Chemical & paint disposal: Dane County Clean Sweep: 608-838-9555
- » Large items out too long, carts not put away, grass not mowed, snow not shoveled, etc.: Building Inspection: 608-266-4551
- » Parking regulations & enforcement: Parking Utility: 608-266-4761
- » Road reconstruction questions: Engineering Division: 608-266-4751
- » State Street litter containers: Mall/Concourse section of Parks Division: 608-266-6031
- » Street signs, traffic lights, road markings, etc.: Traffic Engineering: 608-266-4761
- » Water main breaks & road repairs from previous main breaks: Water Utility: 608-266-4661



Information about all Streets Division services can be found at [www.cityofmadison.com/streets](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets).