What is considered household garbage?

It is generally considered the non-hazardous waste generated by a normal, non-commercial household. It can include items such as food, food waste, food contaminated containers and cartons, paper towels, tissues, kitchen wastes, old clothing/towels/sheets that cannot be donated or repurposed and diapers.

However, it **MUST NOT** include the following items-

- Anything that is recyclable. Wisconsin law requires that recyclables be separated and recycled.
- Tires
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Household cleaning chemicals, bleach, drain cleaner, waxes, polishes and aerosol spray cans
- Rugs, carpet and carpet pads
- Floor tiles, linoleum, vinyl planks
- Paints, solvents, varnishes and adhesives
- Pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer
- Motor Oil, waste oil, gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel or petroleum grease
- Household appliances
- Anything containing freon like refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners.
- Helium, Propane, and other gas cylinders and refillable tanks
- Televisions and radios.
- Computers, laptops, monitors, printers, scanners, cell phones, I-Pads, Fax machines, DVD & VCR machines, TV receivers and all other electronic devices.
- Batteries of all types.
- Industrial waste
- Construction materials and wastes
- Wastes generated during remodeling projects, including asbestos
- LED bulbs, Compact fluorescent bulbs and fluorescent tubes

- Anti-freeze, brake fluid, and other automotive chemicals
- Mercury vapor light bulbs
- Prescription and non-prescription drugs
- Hypodermic syringes/needles
- Battery and line powered electric tools
- Gasoline engine powered tools and equipment
- Yard wastes, including dirt
- Firearms and ammunition
- Swimming Pool and photographic chemicals
- Thermostats, switches and thermometers containing mercury

Revision Reference and Dates

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