



Solid Waste & Recycling Department

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Happy New Year from all of us at the Vernon County Solid Waste & Recycling Department!!

I would like to thank you for your business in 2025 and look forward to our continued partnership in the new year.

At this time, Vernon County is still pursuing an expansion of the VC Landfill. We are awaiting WI DNR approval of the Feasibility of the expansion. This has been a very long process and we sincerely appreciate your continued support and business as we work our way through this lengthy process.

Tipping fees for 2026 increased to \$65.00 per ton. This may be subject to change throughout the year based on our received volumes and limited airspace. The County has applied for a Transfer Facility license with the WI DNR. Due to the limited remaining airspace of the current landfill, the County may have to transfer waste to LaCrosse or Monroe Counties as we wait on the pending landfill expansion. If this is the case our tipping fees will need to increase to cover tipping fees and trucking costs. I will do my best to provide you notice before any pricing increase.

Please note that our phone number and website have changed to 608.637.5520 and www.vernoncountywi.gov.

On the permit application this year is the option to receive emailed statements. If you have not done so already, please sign up for emailed statements. You will receive your statements about a week sooner this way.

Please get your Permit Application signed (last 3 pages), with payment, back to me by March 1st, 2026. All accounts which have not renewed their permit by then will be deactivated and charged the residential tipping rate of \$120.00 per ton until permit is reissued.

Lastly I would like to thank you again for your business and partnership in creating a great community disposal option right here in Vernon County. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas regarding our operations, I'd be happy to hear them!

Here's to a safe, happy, and successful partnership in 2026!

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Additional Landfill Fees and Assurances Policy

Banned Landfill Items and Fees

Items on the WI Department Of Natural Resources list of Banned Landfill Items and mattresses are not allowed to be landfilled per State and local regulations. Items from this list that are disposed of in the active area will be removed and charged at double the recycling fee. Items are charged the recycling fee associated with the item and a "Banned Landfill Material Charge" equal to the recycling fee.

Scale Ticket Example:

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Television
Ins: 1 1
Out: 0 0
Net: 1 1
@ $15.00 per un
Item Charge : $15.00

Banned Landfill Material Item Charge
Ins: 1 1
Out: 0 0
Net: 1 1
@ $15.00 per un
Item Charge : $15.00
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Operationally Hazardous Material or Large Quantities of Recyclables and Fees

Any of the following scenarios will warrant a load inspection to be completed, a copy of the load inspection will be provided to the hauler with the scale ticket for any additional charges incurred.

Operationally Hazardous Material:

Operationally hazardous materials are items that pose threat to landfill equipment such as large pieces of tubing, rebar, beams or any section of metal that is longer than 6 feet. These materials are to be removed by County staff and the hauler will be billed at a rate of \$25.00 per 15 minutes for the removal.

Recyclable Materials:

For smaller recyclable items, (bicycles, metal grills, smaller sections of fencing, bed frames, other small miscellaneous items) if the quantity is less than 50% of the load volume the County will attempt to remove the material at no cost to the Haulers.

Loads containing over 50% recyclables (which will be determined by weight of removed material against net weight of the total load) will be billed at a rate of \$25.00 per fifteen minutes of county removal time.

For full loads of recyclables, the County will contact the Hauler for verification to recycle. Once verification is received, the material will be recycled in the County MRF and the tipping fee will be reduced to \$30.00 per ton.

Landfill Assurances and Fees

The County will need to have a completed Hauler Permit, Hauler Contract, or Damage Waiver signed before any landfill assurances are to be performed.

If the landfill operator has to assist permittees for any reason whether it be to scrape out a dumpster, aid in opening or closing door mechanisms on dumping equipment, or jump a dump trailer battery, the hauler will be billed at a rate of \$25.00 per 15 minutes of operator time with the minimum charge being \$25.00.



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Vernon County Landfill Rates– Effective 1/1/2025

All untarped/unsecured loads will be assessed a \$10.00 No-Tarp Fee: All loose waste loads must be properly tarped or secured to keep local roadways and the landfill site clean.

Public Drop-off Rates	
Recycling: <i>Cardboard, mixed paper, mixed plastics, tin cans, aluminum cans, scrap metals, glass, oil, antifreeze, oil filters, and batteries</i>	No Charge
Appliances and Electronic Wastes: <i>Large Appliances: Stoves, dryers, washers, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, televisions, computers</i> <i>Small Appliances: VCR, DVD Players, printers, stereos, toasters, coffee machines, vacuums, etc.</i>	Large: \$15.00 each Small: \$2.00 Each
Mattresses: <i>Clean and dry mattresses are recycled in Vernon County. If a mattress is not in recyclable condition it will be billed at \$40.00 each.</i>	\$25.00 each (\$40.00 for a mattress and box spring set)
Bulbs and Ballasts: <i>Fluorescent Bulbs (CFL to 8 foot bulbs)</i> <i>LED Bulbs</i> <i>Vapor Bulbs</i> <i>Ballasts</i>	\$.50 each \$.50 each \$2.00 each \$1.00 each
Tires: <i>Tractor tires and quantities over 5 will be charged by weight.</i>	\$450.00 per ton Auto-\$5.50 each Pickup- \$12.50 each Truck-\$32.00 each
Waste and Construction Demolition Materials: <i>Household garbage, furniture (except mattresses), and construction and demolition materials. Volumes under 400 pounds will be charged a \$20.00 Minimum Drop Charge.</i>	\$120.00 per ton (\$.06 per pound)
Beneficial Use Wastes: <i>Shingles (no roofing debris, nails and tarpaper are ok), clean fill (sand, gravel, dirt, rock)</i>	\$30.00 per ton
Permitted Hauler Rates	
Annual Permit: Cost is \$75.00 in January and will reduce \$5.00 each month after.	\$75.00
Vehicle Permit (Required to permit one vehicle with Annual Permit): Cost is \$25.00 per vehicle. Only permitted vehicles will be allowed to dump in the landfill area.	\$25.00 per vehicle
Weekly Permit: Permit is good for 5 consecutive working days.	\$20.00
Landfill Tipping Fee for Permit Holders: <i>Household garbage, furniture (except mattresses), toys, clothing, drywall, wood, doors, windows, sinks, toilets, cabinets, carpet, roofing, tile, etc.</i>	\$65.00 per ton Tipping fee subject to change
Asbestos (Friable and Non-Friable) and Deer Carcass	\$130.00 per ton



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2026 Regular Hours of Operations

Permittees will need to be dumped and exiting the facility prior to closing time.

Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 3:30p.m.

The facility is open the 2nd Saturday of the month from 8:00a.m to 12:00p.m. for RESIDENTIAL DROP-OFF ONLY!

Nobody will be allowed to dump in the active landfill. Dumpster use only.

2026 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day: <i>Thursday, January 1st</i>	Closed
Friday before Easter: <i>Friday, April 3rd</i>	Closed
Memorial Day: <i>Monday, May 25th</i>	Closed
Independence Day: <i>Friday, July 3rd</i>	Closed
Labor Day: <i>Monday, September 7th</i>	Closed
Veteran's Day: <i>Wednesday, November 11th</i>	Closed
Thanksgiving: <i>Thursday, November 26th</i>	Closed
Day after Thanksgiving: <i>Friday, November 27th</i>	Open 7:30am– 3:30pm
Christmas Eve: <i>Thursday, December 24th</i>	Open 7:30am– 3:30pm
Christmas Day: <i>Friday, December 25th</i>	Closed



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Transporting Materials to the Vernon County Landfill

As a service to local residents, Vernon County accepts **tarped, secured loads** (per County Ordinance 54-1) of items such as bagged waste, furniture, bikes, grills, lawn mowers without gas and oil, mattresses, washers/dryers, clean drywall, doors, windows, sinks, toilets, tubs, roofing, carpets, and more at the Landfill site on County Road LF.

Safety on local roads and at the Landfill is a top priority. Materials not secured properly can fall out of trailers or vehicles, posing a risk for others. Plus, the Solid Waste Department or others must spend time clearing this litter and transporting materials to the right destination. If you plan to use the landfill, think ahead. Make sure you have the right vehicle and materials to secure your load. **Beginning January 1, 2021, the County will charge an additional \$10 for loads that are not tarped or secured correctly.** The charge will offset labor and other costs related to litter.

Correctly Tarped or Secured Materials



✓ *Tarped and secured*



✓ *Tarped and secured*



✓ *Tarped and secured*

Incorrectly Tarped or Secured Materials



⊘ *Unsecured*



⊘ *Untarped*



⊘ *Unsecured & Untarped*



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“Clean” Shingles

Since 2016, the Vernon County Landfill has operated as an area fill landfill. Operating as an area or “loose” fill landfill presents some opportunities for efficiency and beneficial use materials. “Clean” shingles and clean fill are materials we could beneficially utilize in the landfill for interior roads, cover, and berm work.

What do you mean by “clean” shingles or fill?

“Clean” means free of garbage, construction materials such as lumber, soffit, fascia, plastic wrapping, plywood, etc. Keeping shingles free of this debris can result in a reduced tipping fee of \$30.00 per ton. Vernon County landfill staff will determine if the load is clean enough for beneficial use and designate where the material will be dumped.

We ask that you let the scale attendant know you have shingles before you go out to the active landfill area so we can communicate with the operator before you scale out.



“CLEAN”



Not Clean



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Waste Diversion and Recycling Programs

Vernon County has implemented several waste diversion programs focusing on keeping recyclable or reusable materials out of the landfill. Drop off areas have been established at the facility for the drop-off of these materials. These materials all qualify as Beneficial Use materials and are charged at a reduced rate for drop-off if separated properly.

Textile Recycling:

Partnering with Better Earth Textile Recycling, we will be accepting usable clothing, gently worn shoes, belts, purses, and home goods and sending them to Better Earth Recycling. From there they sort and ship the usable goods to impoverished countries giving new life to your old clothing.

[Better Earth Textile Recycling finding new life for old clothes \(betrearth.com\)](http://betrearth.com)

Clean, Untreated Wood and Pallets:

Clean, untreated wood and pallets can be beneficially utilized at our facility. We have a location established for the drop-off of this material outside of the landfill. Once enough material is collected we will have the wood chipped for beneficial uses.

Compost Drop Off:

Vernon County accepts food waste, yard waste, and any compostable materials for drop-off. Keeping organics out of the landfill has many benefits like reducing the airspace we consume, recycles the nutrients back in to soil, and helps to reduce methane emissions of the landfill.

Styro-Foam Recycling:

Partnering with LaCrosse County, 7 Rivers Recycling, and Hilltopper Refuse, we are now accepting Styrofoam for recycling drop-off. #6 Packaging Foam, Food Service Foam (To-Go Containers, Egg Carton, and Cups) will be accepted for recycling. Once collected, this material will be processed through a densifying machine that removes the air and melts the material at high temperatures. The finished recycled product is sold to markets that turn the product into picture framing, window trim, crown molding and other product.

Additional Appliance Recycling:

Partnering with Dynamic Lifecycle Innovation we will be accepting all small household appliances like coffee pots, vacuums, fans, toasters, carpet shampooers, etc. for recycling. Previous practice was to landfill these small items. There is a charge of \$2.00 per small appliance for recycling.

If you have any questions contact Stacie at 608.637.5520 or at stacie.sanborn@vernoncountywi.gov.



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General Permit Guidelines

- This permit will be issued on or after January 1st and will expire on December 31st of that year.
- This permit is not transferrable.
- A vehicle permit is required to use the landfill site for municipal or demolition waste. Each vehicle that uses the site must have a separate vehicle permit. All permit holders are required to permit a minimum of one vehicle per account. Licenses are not transferrable between vehicles.
- This permit must be updated with payment of fees for each additional and/or replacement vehicle.
- Permitted haulers are required to use the scale computer to scale in and out for landfill materials. That process requires a badge number provided by Vernon County upon vehicle permitting. Permittees need to ensure their staff are aware of what the badge numbers are for the permitted vehicles, how to use the scale computer, and the guidelines for dumping at the Vernon County Landfill.
- Permitted haulers will be eligible to charge tipping fees on a monthly basis. Statements will be mailed out monthly.
- Payment terms are Net 30. A 1-1/2% interest charge per billing period will be charged on all accounts past due. Should a disposal bill remain unpaid after 2 billing periods, the account will be placed on hold until the balance is paid in full. If you would like to change account billing information please contact the office immediately to prevent late fees.
- It is the Hauler's responsibility to ensure the Department has correct billing information during the life of the permit. If billing information changes during the permit year and the hauler does not notify the Department of the change in writing, the Hauler will be responsible for finance charges that are incurred.
- The Permit Holder agrees that it will at all times during the existence of this Permit indemnify and hold harmless Vernon County, its agents, officers and employees, against any and all liability, loss, damage, costs or expenses the County may sustain as a result of an act or omission of the hauler, its agents or employees, unless such damage is the direct and proximate result of the County's negligence.
- The Permit Holder agrees to release Vernon County from all liability relating to equipment damage or injuries that may occur as a result of the administration of assistance defined in the Additional Landfill Fees and Assistances Policy.
- All permit holders must comply with all federal, state and local regulations, including those related to the collection, transportation and disposal of solid waste.
- All Permit Holders will supply upon request a certificate of the following types of insurance issued to the Permit Holder by insurers, duly licensed within the State of Wisconsin, general liability including, but not limited to, bodily injury, property damage, motor vehicle, loading and unloading and provide appropriate worker's compensation benefits insurance.
- If any permit holder does not abide by these guidelines the County may cite and assess a fine or fee as clearly stated in the Vernon County Solid Waste Ordinance, Ord. Sec. 54-1. Three or more violations within a twelve-month time period may result in suspension or revocation of the Hauling Permit; further the violating hauler may lose the privilege to obtain a Hauling Permit in the future.
- All haulers will use STH 14, CTH Y, and CTH LF to access the facility. Haulers who fail to follow this route may have their permit suspended.
- Permit Holder affirms that all required insurance is maintained on vehicles entering County property.
- Permit Holder hereby agrees to the inspection of any vehicle(s) Permit Holder operates on County property – searches conducted by County personnel and on County property.
- Permit holders are required to disclose fire loads to scale attendant or landfill staff regardless of the age of the fire. Be prepared to answer questions regarding the origin and date of occurrence before unloading will be allowed in the active area. The Vernon County Solid Waste & Recycling Department has a mandatory cooling period for ANY fire debris will be accepted in the landfill. The cooling period is fourteen (14) days from the date of the fire event.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have fully read, understand, and agree to the rules described in the General Permit Guidelines.

Permittee Signature

Date



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Landfill User Guidelines

- Drivers are required to use the scale computer if dropping off landfill materials which will require the badge number provided by Vernon County upon vehicle permitting.
- Disposal of solid waste at the landfill site is allowed only when an authorized Vernon County employee is on-site.
- For the safety of all Vernon County Facility users, the speed limit throughout the facility is 15 MPH. Permittees need to exercise caution near the office and scale area, be aware of others, and watch for pedestrians entering/exiting the office area and recycling drop-off building.
- Landfill equipment has the right-of-way within the landfill active area. Permittees need to exercise caution while in the active landfill area.
- All landfill customers will transport solid waste in an enclosed vehicle, enclosed box, or covered with a tarpaulin, or secured to prevent littering during transport. Loads delivered to the Vernon County Facility inadequately secured will incur a No-Tarp Fee of \$10.00 for each occurrence. Inadequately tarped loads will be identified at the discretion of Vernon County Solid Waste & Recycling Department Staff.
- No hazardous or toxic waste, as defined by local, state or federal laws, or as defined by the Vernon County Infrastructure Committee shall be delivered to the Vernon County Landfill.
- If any hazardous waste, unacceptable waste, or banned landfill items, as defined by local, state or federal laws, or as defined by the Vernon County Infrastructure Committee are delivered to the active landfill area, the hauler will be notified and Vernon County will dispose of the waste in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. The hauler will be billed double the county's disposal costs.
- All permittees entering the active landfill area will be required to wear high-visibility clothing and protective footwear while in the active area. Vests will be provided in the scale office for your convenience and will need to be returned when scaling out.
- No scavenging is allowed in the active landfill areas.
- Follow the instructions of the landfill operator.
- Keep a safe distance from other haulers and landfill heavy equipment in the unloading areas and wait your turn if the site is busy. Always exercise caution when in the active area of the landfill.
- Clean residue out of containers, off bumpers and rails, and out of packer units before leaving the active area. Close/secure doors and lower boxes or booms completely before leaving the unloading area. If material falls on gravel landing there is equipment available to clean up spills.
- Permit holders are required to disclose fire loads to scale attendant or landfill staff regardless of the age of the fire. Be prepared to answer questions regarding the origin and date of occurrence before unloading will be allowed in the active area. The Vernon County Solid Waste & Recycling Department has a mandatory cooling period before **ANY** fire debris will be accepted in the landfill. The cooling period is fourteen (14) days from the date of the fire event.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have fully read, understand, and agree to the rules described in the Landfill User Guidelines.

Permittee Signature

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2025 Permit Application

Company Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Person of Contact: _____

Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Bill Type: ☐ Paper Billing ☐ Electronic Billing, if you prefer electronic billing provide email below.

Billing Email Address: _____

Permit Type

☐ Annual Permit (\$75.00 January, reduce \$5.00 each month after) \$75.00- _____ = \$_____ Permit Fee

☐ Weekly Permit (\$20.00) Beginning _____ Effective through _____

Permitted Vehicles

All permittees are required to license a minimum of one vehicle per account. Licenses are not transferrable to multiple vehicles. Operators are required to use the scale computer to scale in and out for landfill materials. That process requires a badge number provided by Vernon County upon permitting of the vehicle. Permittees need to ensure their staff are aware of what the badge numbers are for the vehicles, how to use the scale computer, and the guideline for dumping at the Vernon County Landfill.

Year/Make/Model/ Color of Delivery Truck	License Plate # Or Company Truck #	Vehicle Permit Fee (\$25.00 each vehicle)	VCSWR Office Use Only Vernon County Badge # Assigned
_____	_____	\$25.00	☐
_____	_____	_____	☐
_____	_____	_____	☐
_____	_____	_____	☐
_____	_____	_____	☐
Total Vehicle Permit Fee(s):		\$ _____	Date Received: _____
Permit Fee:		\$ _____	Payment Type: _____
Total of Annual Permit and Vehicle Permit Fees Enclosed:		\$ _____	Reference Number: _____
			Received By: _____