

COMPOST FACILITIES – SPRING, 2009

Rock River Valley Compost

6200 Baxter Road ~ Cherry Valley ~ Phone: 815/874-5870

Cost: 2.5 cents per pound with a minimum \$10.00 charge (up to 400 lbs.)

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Possibly will be open one or two Saturdays

Directions:

From the North or East: Travel south down Mulford Road (when you reach Blackhawk Road, jog left, then right) until you reach Baxter Road. Turn left – facility is on the left hand side.

From the West: Travel on Bypass 20 to I-39. Travel south on I-39 to Baxter Road exit. Turn east and travel 1.5 miles to facility.

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## Leaflan Compost Center

6711 West St. Lawrence Road (Map Quest: Ave instead of Rd)

Beloit, WI ~ 608/364-1909

<http://www.leaflan.com>

### Cost:

Households: \$30 permit per household. Good for entire season – purchase at first visit.

Businesses: Pay for each load based on size of trailer/truck load.

### Hours of Operation for OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>

Monday – Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Wednesday's (Oct. Only) 3:30-6:30 pm

Wednesday's (Nov. Only) 2:30-5 pm

Thursday's & Friday's Noon-3 pm

Saturday's 9 am-3 pm

**CLOSED:** November 26, 27 & 28

### Travel Directions:

From the West: Take Meridian or Rockton Avenue north to Shirland Road and turn left. Turn right onto Boswell Road, cross into Wisconsin and turn right onto County Road H (W CR-H). Travel East to Leaflan.

From the East: Take IL 251 north until it turns into 51 to Hononegah. Turn left on Hononegah. Follow it all the way through downtown Rockton. It turns into Race Street (which runs along the River). When you come to a stop sign, turn left. Go over 3 bridges, after the 3<sup>rd</sup> bridge the second side road to the right is Prairie Avenue. Turn on Prairie Avenue, and then go to the second 4-way stop. You will be at St. Lawrence, turn left, go 1 mile, Leaflan will be on your left.

From Central: Take Route 2 north to downtown Rockton. Cross Main Street traveling north and turn west on Union. Drive out of Rockton to Prairie Avenue. Turn right on Prairie (which becomes Prairie Road, then becomes W. Pann Road) and continue north for approx. 3 miles. Turn right onto S. Paddock Road and travel ½ mile to West St. Lawrence. Turn left and travel 1.6 miles to Leaflan.

# **DISPOSAL OF TREE LIMBS AND TRUNKS**

## **Alternatives to Burning**

1. “Leave them where they lay: That is how forests recycle. Fallen trees are important to wildlife and bird habitat. They also become “nurse” logs, serving as a protected place for new trees and plants to grow.
2. Large acreage of lawn with many trees – consider retuning the outlying 1/3 to 1/2 of the property to natural forest. This is what Mother Nature intended, especially in the rural areas of the county.
3. Chipping is one method of disposing of larger branches. Chippers can be purchased or rented, but be advised that they require careful use and safety equipment. Check with landscaping companies; some will bring a chipper to the site if there is an adequate amount of material for chipping. Chipped wood may be used as mulch around trees, shrubs, and perennial flowers or to create pathways. Chipped material can also be added to the compost pile.
4. Pruning trees on a consistent basis will lessen the amount of dead or fallen branches. Pruning new growth in a timely fashion will also allow for smaller bundles of branches that can be used as fire kindling or taken to a drop-off site.
5. Firewood is a commodity that many are will to work for. Many people with wood-burning fireplaces are willing to cut up fallen trees, as long as the wood is not rotten and is good fireplace wood. Smaller branches and twigs are excellent kindling for use in the home fireplace.
6. Many local tree companies and/or landscaping services companies provide assistance with removal of fallen trees or large branches.
7. Transport yard waste to one of two composting facilities in Winnebago Count. In the northern part of the county, you may take your yard waste to Leaflan, located at 6711 West St. Lawrence Road in Beloit. Leaflan charges \$30 for a permit for access for the entire yard waste season. For more information, call 608/364-1909. In the southern part of the county, you may take your compost to Rock River Valley Compost, located at 6200 Baxter Road in Cherry Valley. This facility accepts grass, leaves and branches no larger than 6 inches in diameter not to exceed four feet. Rock River Valley Compost charges 2.5 cents a pound with a minimum \$10.00 charge (up to 400 lbs). For either location, you may haul in garbage cans, biodegradable bags, in the back of your own truck. No plastic bags are allowed at either place.