

Confidential Shredding

Businesses and institutions can bring in their confidential papers for *free* shredding.

The site of shredding is only accessible to approved personnel. Shredded materials are baled and sent to a de-inking paper mill in De Pere. Signed certificates of destruction are available upon request.

No appointment is necessary—just bring in your papers during regular operating hours.



Material Recovery Facility

"Nothing in nature is exhausted in its first use." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Recycling Operations in Portage County

The Material Recovery Facility, which opened in 1994, is the center of the Solid Waste Department's recycling efforts.

Publicly owned by the county, the facility is operated by a private contractor. Employees of that operator sort, process and market the recyclable materials like aluminum, plastic and paper products.

Equipment in the MRF is capable of processing up to 40 tons of materials during an 8-hour shift.



Solid Waste offices are also located at the MRF. Sorted recyclables are shipped to manufacturers in various markets.

Containers

Aluminum, plastic and other containers are hand and machine sorted at the MRF. After this, they are collected into bales to sell to manufacturers in various markets for re-use.

The bales are quite large, ranging from about 760 pounds for certain plastics to 1,480-pound bales of steel.

Paper products

On the opposite line, paper products are hand sorted by type, including office paper, newsprint and cardboard.

Heavy bales are made of these items as well. Newsprint bales weigh as much as 1,500 pounds!

Other services

In addition to the above, the MRF is also the location for a

variety of other services, including the recycling of waste oil, composting and other education services, and confidential shredding

(see the back panel for more information on this service.)



All items are collected into heavy bales for storage and shipping.

The MRF is open to haulers, municipalities, businesses and institutions. Residential deliveries are made to the Transfer Facility.

For more information online, visit www.co.portage.wi.us