



Congratulations to Grotegut Dairy Farm

Grotegut Dairy Farm Named 2025 Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year by Dairy Herd Management Magazine and International Dairy Foods Association

[Grotegut Dairy Farm Featured Story](#)

A short clip from Wagner Farms in Oconto Falls, WI featuring Paired Calf Housing

A video thumbnail featuring a close-up of a brown cow's face with two ear tags labeled '11526'. The background is dark. In the top right corner, there is a red horizontal line, the University of Wisconsin Extension logo, and the text 'Extension UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON'. In the bottom right corner, there is a play button icon, the text 'Farm Focus', and 'Paired calf housing' below a thin white horizontal line.

Did You Know??.....

The Wisconsin Well Testing Access Program (WellTAP) provides no-cost testing to private well users for whom a burden prevents them from testing their wells for Wisconsin's most common groundwater contaminants. *WellTAP is provided to well users through coordination with the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene (WSLH), the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and local and tribal health departments (LTHDs).

Wisconsin WellTAP

Upcoming Events

Attention Manitowoc County Farmers and Ag
Businesses, Please join us



Manitowoc County Dairy Promotions
Ag Appreciation

Pizza Night

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Manitowoc Expo Center

Tickets \$5 each

No presale tickets! Pay at the door

Eat in featuring all you can eat:

Luigi's Pizza

Cedar Crest Ice Cream

Milk

Questions Contact Joanna @ 920-901-5523

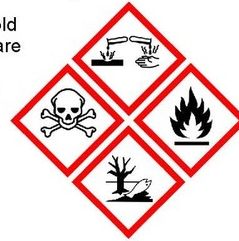
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Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep 2025



Many common items like automotive products, household cleaners, pesticides, and home improvement products are hazardous when used, stored, or disposed of improperly. Look for items that contain the following on their labels: **Danger, Warning, Caution, Poison, Combustible, Flammable, Corrosive, and Toxic.**



Thanks to our participants and volunteers, since our collection started in 1985, we have collected 1,220,828 pounds of unwanted chemicals.

MANITOWOC COUNTY

Residents

- Saturday, **May 17**, 9am - Noon
Manitowoc County Highway Shop
3500 HWY 310, Manitowoc

Farms and Businesses

- Friday, **May 16**, 2pm - 4pm
Manitowoc County Highway Shop
3500 HWY 310, Manitowoc
Must register by May 9

FREE!
For Households
and Farms

SAVINGS!
For Businesses

REDUCTION IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE!

Before you buy:

- Read the labels
- Choose safer alternatives
- Buy the smallest amount needed for the job

After you buy:

- Follow directions for safe use
- Store properly in the original container
- Share what you can't use
- Dispose of leftovers properly

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Pesticides

- Insecticides
- Herbicides
- Fungicides
- Rodenticides
- Other poisonous repellents and banned chemicals (DDT)

Paints/Solvents

- Varnishes and Shellacs
- Turpentine and Thinners
- Lead Based Paints
- Oil Based Paints
- Aerosols

Wood Preservatives

Cleaners/Cleaners

- Oven Cleaners
- Spot Removers
- Polishes

Other Materials

- Used Oil and Filters
- Contaminated Oil
- Hydraulic Oil
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline
- Bulk Mercury, Mercury Devices and Compounds
- Acids/Bases
- Mothballs
- Pool Chemicals
- Photographic Chemicals
- Wood Coating, Stripping and Preservative Chemicals

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

LATEX PAINT*

- Explosives such as ammunition
- Radioactive materials such as smoke detectors
- Compressed gas tanks and high pressure cylinders such as fire extinguishers and propane tanks
- Unknown chemicals
- Tires
- Infectious and biological waste including sharps and needles
- Light bulbs
- Computer components and TVs
- Batteries
- Appliances
- Freon gases
- Pharmaceuticals

Manitowoc County may modify guidelines at any time to meet the needs of the program.

Other disposal or recycling options exist for many unacceptable items. Contact the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 683-4333 or visit

Recycling.manitowocountywi.gov

**All residents are encouraged to dispose of latex paint in their regular trash. Just take the lid off and let it dry or add paint hardener or cat litter. Once hardened, latex paint can be disposed of in the trash.*





Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep 2025



HOUSEHOLD GUIDELINES

- Household participants may dispose of acceptable hazardous waste items at no cost on May 17 between 9am and noon.
- Participants must be residents of Manitowoc County.
- Wastes must be brought in the original containers. Keep materials separate. Do NOT mix chemicals.
- Unknown substances and commercial waste will not be accepted.
- To prepare materials for transport, line a cardboard box with a plastic bag, place them in the box and separate with cardboard.
- When arriving at the Clean Sweep disposal site, slow down and follow traffic directions.
- If unable to attend, then ask a neighbor to take your materials for you.
- Practice reduction by switching to safer alternatives or purchasing smaller amounts.

FARM GUIDELINES

- Farms and agricultural businesses must pre-register by May 9. Call 683-4333 for instructions.
- Farmers and rural property owners from Manitowoc County may bring chemicals from active and abandoned farms for disposal at no cost on May 16 between 2pm and 4pm.
- Many types of agricultural operations are eligible for disposal service including: livestock, grain, holiday trees, poultry, fruit, vegetable and aquaculture.
- Non-agriculture operations that bring in farm chemicals should register as a business and may be eligible for a 50% disposal subsidy.
- Drums that have contained, or still contain agricultural chemicals will be accepted.

BUSINESS GUIDELINES

- Businesses must pre-register by May 9. Call 683-4333 for instructions. Late registrants may not be eligible for reduced disposal rates.
- Once registered, businesses will be scheduled a time to arrive on May 16 between 2pm and 4pm.
- Businesses must qualify as a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) through self-certification to dispose of their waste. VSQGs produce less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month and store less than 2,205 pounds. Other limits may apply.
- Businesses can be retail, wholesale, manufacturing, commercial real estate, non-profit, schools, churches, golf courses and restaurants.
- Acceptable items include all those previously listed and chemicals associated with:
 - ◊ Business site and grounds maintenance such as pesticides, cleaners, disinfectants and vehicle chemicals.
 - ◊ Manufacturing and process chemicals such as oxidizers, acids, caustics, technical grade chemicals, laboratory reagents, polymers, reactive metals, mercury-based products, etc.
 - ◊ All sludges (weight scale pits, sump pits) are eligible for Clean Sweep. Agrichemical sludge (pesticide containing sludge from mixing and loading operations) is eligible for a 50% disposal subsidy.

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Program Sponsors: Manitowoc County Solid Waste Dept., Sheboygan County Planning and Resources Dept., Fond du Lac County Land and Water Conservation Department, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Waste Management Inc., Ascend Services Inc., and Manitowoc County UW Extension.

[Spanish Recycling Flyer for print](#)

[English Recycling Flyer for print](#)

Youth Opportunity

Tractor Safety Certification Camp



March 28-30 or May 2-4

This is a certification overnight camp where participants complete the state and federal curriculum. They will receive their certification upon completing the course and taking the written and skills tests. Youth must be 12 years old on the date the camp starts. There are no exceptions. March camp is filling up. Sign up today. <https://www.camptapawingowi.org/camps>

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Dairy Program is your connection to researched-based dairy information which promotes healthy dairy cattle, profitable dairy farms, and competitiveness in the dairy industry.

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