

Trash Talk, Beltrami County Solid Waste Education:

Give your trash a new purpose!!

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Consider fixing it if Broken, Sell, give it away, repurposing it, or donating it to one of the several Thrift Stores or Habitat for Humanity before placing it in your trash.

- A lot of items can be easily fixed instead of putting it in the trash, example new dryer heating element \$30.00-\$60.00 compared to a new dryer \$450.00 to \$1,000.00.

2nd

Bring it to a Transfer Station to be recycled or disposed of properly:

Both the Bemidji and Blackduck Transfer Station remove some items out of the waste stream that still have a use, and put in our reuse area. Residents who bring these items in will still need to pay a disposal fee if required per the fee schedule but instead of going to a landfill we place them in our reuse area for other residents to potential use. These items are rotated monthly, so if no one takes them they are then recycled or sent to a disposal facility and that is why you may end up paying a disposal fee.

Items that can be found at in our Reuse Areas: Paint, Decorations, Limited Building Supplies, Gardening Stuff, Furniture, Toys, Bikes, etc.....**You will not find electronics, or appliances.**

Bemidji Transfer Station: (218-333-8328)

Blackduck Transfer Station: (218-333-8290)

Dropping off items:

- If you have items that are appropriate for reuse please tell the attendant at the Transfer Station.
- The attendant will determine if items are appropriate for the REuse Area.

Taking items from the REuse Area:

- The Bemidji Transfer Station REuse Area is open on **Thursday's from 1 pm to 4 pm.**
- The Blackduck Transfer Station Reuse Area is open during normal business hours.
- Transfer Station Operations may effect the availability of access to the reuse area.
- Residents can take up to **four items per month** free of charge, for **personal use only.**
- Residents must take items "AS IS" Items in the REuse cannot be dismantled on site.

Other information:

- Children must be supervised by an adult
- Smoking is prohibited
- Items can only be removed from the REuse Area only. Materials cannot be removed from other areas of the Transfer Stations.
- Residents **MUST** sign a waiver and fill out the sign out sheet for items taken.
- The Transfer Station attendants may deny or limit access to the REuse Area if they determine that the frequency of a resident's visits exceeds the intent and purpose of the facility.

- Noncompliance of any of the above rules may result in the revocation of the REuse Area privileges