

# Regional Collection Center for Household Hazardous Waste

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Metro Waste Authority Regional Collection Center (RCC), located in Bondurant, Iowa, opened in December 1994 and was the first permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) facility in Iowa.

The RCC serves approximately 380,000 Polk County residents as well as an expansion area that includes 19 outlying counties surrounding Polk County. Altogether the RCC provides service to over 830,000 residents.



The RCC voluntarily pays a host fee to the city of Bondurant of approximately \$29,000 each year. The fee is based on the amount of local taxes that would be paid if the facility was not tax-exempt, and is part of MWA's continuing commitment to be a good neighbor.

The 5,600 square-foot facility uses an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved waste-oil burner that yields double benefits by providing heat for the building and minimizing the need for waste-oil recycling and disposal.

The uniqueness of the RCC site is its six acres of a "park-like" setting. It blends a variety of existing pond, marsh, mesic prairie, and dry prairie natural conditions.

The Swap Shop is available to all residents and items are free to the public. Materials found in the Swap Shop include automotive products, cleaners, paint, varnishes, and adhesives. Each year approximately 65,000 pounds of materials collected were swapped, saving the RCC \$49,000 in handling and disposal costs.

Businesses are assessed fees based on quantity and classification of waste brought to the RCC. Over 250 small businesses participate in the RCC's Business Program yearly.

## RCC Quick Fact

To date, almost 7.7 million pounds of Household Hazardous Waste and latex paint have been diverted from landfill disposal or being poured down a drain.

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**Facility Hours:**  
**Closed Mondays**  
**Tuesday - Friday**  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
**1st and 3rd Saturdays**  
**of each month**  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Summer Hours**  
June through August  
**Closed Mondays**  
**Tuesday - Friday**  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
**Every Saturday**  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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**Mission Statement**  
Metro Waste Authority is the leader in environmental stewardship and cost-effective waste management.