

YARD WASTE

Composting is nature's way of turning your yard waste into a valuable soil conditioner.

Composting helps your garden and lawn, saves water, benefits the environment, and saves you money on bags and commercial soil additives.

What to compost

DO COMPOST: grass clippings, leaves, weeds & garden debris, small brush, twigs, wood ash, sawdust & wood chips, egg shells, and coffee grounds

DON'T COMPOST: meat, bones, fat, dairy products, oils, whole branches, logs, pet or human waste, charcoal briquette ash, sawdust or ash from treated wood

How to compost

All you need to compost are some basic gardening tools, materials for a bin, and a bit of soil to start the process. The bin needs to have air running through it, so snow fencing, bricks, and woven wire are excellent bin walls.

RECIPE: Mix one part green yard waste with two parts brown yard waste in a pile. Mix in one inch of soil. Keep pile as moist as a wrung-out sponge. Turn pile every week to let air in. In between four weeks and a year, depending on how often you turn it and how moist the pile is kept, you will have a batch of compost.

Uses for compost

Finished compost is a crumbly, sweet smelling dirt-like substance. It can be mixed into the soil to help the seeding process and to help fight erosion. It can also be used as mulch instead of commercial soil additives.

Information packets are available at the office.

RUSK COUNTY RECYCLING ORDINANCE

WHO IT APPLIES TO:

- ♻️ ALL OF RUSK COUNTY except Villages of Tony & Weyerhaeuser; Towns of Big Falls, Dewey and Grow.
- ♻️ All residences, multi-family, commercial and industrial entities.

WHAT IT REQUIRES:

- ♻️ Separation of garbage from recyclable items.
- ♻️ Recyclable items are listed inside this brochure

PENALTIES:

- ♻️ \$50 First Offense
- ♻️ \$200 Second Offense
- ♻️ \$2000 Third or Subsequent Offense

OFFICE COLLECTIONS

The following may be dropped off at the Recycling Department at no charge:

- ♻️ Printer Cartridges (Inkjet & Laser)
- ♻️ Cell Phones
- ♻️ Rechargeable Batteries
- ♻️ Alkaline Batteries
- ♻️ Mercury Fever Thermometer
- ♻️ Mercury Switches

- ♻️ Fluorescent Bulbs (Fee Charged)
 - \$.40 Circular or up to 4' tube
 - \$.60 5' tube and over

RECYCLING AWAY FROM HOME

Recycle at:

- ☺ Festivals
- ☺ Sporting Events
- ☺ Fairs
- ☺ Picnics
- ☺ Reunions
- ☺ Parades

Why Recycle at Special Events?

- ✓ It's the law! Wisconsin requires everyone in the state to recycle at home, at work and at special events.
- ✓ People know that cans and bottles don't belong in the trash and expect recycling
- ✓ Saves money – the materials have value and keeping them out of the trash reduces costs for landfill fees & taxes.
- ✓ Recycling makes the event cleaner and shows consideration for your community
- ✓ Sets a good example for children
- ✓ Conserves resources

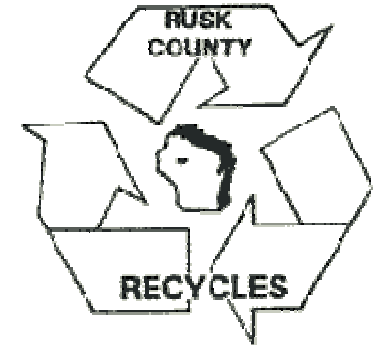
FOR MORE INFO

Contact Rusk County Recycling

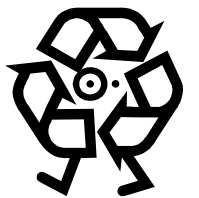
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charmaine@ruskcountywi.us or visit
www.ruskcounty.org/services/recycling.asp

RUSK COUNTY RECYCLING GUIDE



REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE



Annual Hazardous Waste Cleansweep & Tire Collection in August. Call office for details.

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REDUCE – REUSE - RECYCLE

Produce less waste by practicing the 3 R's:

1. Reduce the amount and toxicity of the trash you discard.
2. Reuse containers and products; repair what is broken or give it away to someone who can fix it.
3. Recycle as much as possible, which includes buying products with recycled content.

BENEFITS OF RECYCLING

Recycling turns materials that would otherwise become waste into valuable resources. In addition, it generates a host of environmental, financial, and social benefits. Materials like glass, metal, plastics, and paper are collected, separated and sent to facilities that can process them into new materials or products.

In addition recycling:

- ♻️ Conserves resources for our children's future
- ♻️ Prevents emissions of many greenhouse gases and water pollutants
- ♻️ Saves energy
- ♻️ Supplies valuable raw materials to industry
- ♻️ Reduces the need for new landfills and incinerators

RUSK COUNTY RECYCLING SITES

<u>Village of Hawkins</u>	Maple & River Ave
Monday	Noon – 5 pm
<u>Village of Ingram</u>	Bisson Rd
Saturday	10 am – 2 pm
<u>Town of Marshall</u>	CTH D & Pit Rd
Monday	10 am – 2 pm
Thursday (5/1-9/30)	3 pm – 7pm
Saturday (10/1-4/30)	10 am – 2pm
<u>Town of Willard</u>	Broken Arrow Rd
Saturday (4/1-11/30)	8 am – 1 pm
Sat. 1 st , 3 rd & 5 th (12/1-3/31)	
<u>Town of Grant</u>	CTH P west of 27
Wednesday	10 am – 3 pm
Saturday	9 am – 4 pm
<u>Town of Murry</u>	Lone Pine Rd
Saturday	8 am – 1 pm
<u>Town of Thornapple</u>	Hwy 8 & Thorn. Rd
Saturday (9/1-5/31)	9 am – 1 pm
Saturday (6/1-8/31)	8 am – 1 pm
<u>Town of Wilson/Wilk.</u>	CTH F at Town Hall
1 st Sat. of month	8 am – Noon
<u>Town of Stubbs</u>	N. Hutchinson Rd
Saturday	8 am – 3 pm
<u>Town of Big Bend</u>	Hwy 40 at Town Hall
Saturday (3/1-10/31)	8 am – NOON
Sat. 2 nd & 4 th (11/1-2/28)	same hours
<u>Town of Flambeau</u>	Hwy 27 at Town Hall
Wednesday	10 am – 3 pm
Saturday	9 am – 4 pm
<u>Curbside pickup</u> in Bruce, Conrath, Hawkins, Ladysmith & Sheldon	

You may use ANY of the above listed sites for recycling services.
THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO GARBAGE!

NEW SINGLE SORT RECYCLING

ALL ACCEPTED ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN ONE CONTAINER!

City of Ladysmith will not change to Single Sort and will continue on same pick-up schedule. These changes do not apply to Village of Bruce which has its own recycling guidelines.

ACCEPTABLE

PAPER

- ♻️ Business Envelopes (window type OK)/ Manila Envelopes (pressure sensitive OK)
- ♻️ Business Forms/File Folders
- ♻️ Corrugated & Gray Cardboard (flattened)
- ♻️ Cereal/Cake Mix/Detergent/Shoe Boxes/Pop cases/Beer cases*
- ♻️ Computer/Copy/Fax/Typing Paper
- ♻️ Ledger/Scratch Paper/Sticky Notes
- ♻️ Magazines/Junk Mail
- ♻️ Newspaper
- ♻️ Telephone Books (Do not have to remove cover)

FOOD CONTAINERS

- ♻️ Aluminum/Steel/Tin Cans/Pie Tins
FOOD METAL ONLY
- ♻️ Beer/Wine/Liquor Bottles
- ♻️ Food/Glass Jars
- ♻️ Narrow-Neck Plastic Bottles (regardless of the # on the bottom)
- ♻️ Non-aerosol Steel Containers (Example: Shaving Cream)
- ♻️ Washed wide mouth peanut butter jars/Wide Mouth Juice Concentrate #1 & 2
- ♻️ Wide mouth coffee containers #2 with lids
- ♻️ Aleve[®], Advil[®] Type medicine bottles

*** Any gray cardboard that doesn't directly come in contact with food is acceptable.**

NOT-ACCEPTABLE

- ⊘ Plastic Bags!
- ⊘ Aerosol Cans
- ⊘ Auto/Mirror or Tinted Glass
- ⊘ Blueprints/Overhead Transparencies
- ⊘ Carbon Paper
- ⊘ Carpeting
- ⊘ Clothing
- ⊘ Hazardous Waste/Oil Containers/Oil Filters
- ⊘ Crystal Type Materials or Beverage Glasses
- ⊘ Disposable Diapers
- ⊘ Egg Carton Containers
- ⊘ Light Bulbs
- ⊘ Paper/Waxy Milk & Juice Containers
- ⊘ Metal or Steel Objects such as nails, wire, hangers or case strapping
- ⊘ Paper Towels/Napkins or facial tissue
- ⊘ Pet-Soiled Paper
- ⊘ Photography or Photographic Paper
- ⊘ Pizza Boxes or other food tainted items
- ⊘ Plastic cups and silverware
- ⊘ Thin Plastic Materials (take-out food trays, TV dinner trays, wrap, strapping, film cups)
- ⊘ Pyrex and other heat-resistant ovenware
- ⊘ Rubber Type Materials/Latex
- ⊘ Styrofoam Products
- ⊘ Toys
- ⊘ Wax Coated Products

Many of these items are great REUSE items or can be donated to local charities.

Introducing Single Sort Recycling.

- * **Single Sort** makes recycling easy. All your recyclables go in one container.
- * **Single Sort** increases recycling participation. Simple means of recycling can lead to more recycling and more recycling means less material being thrown into a landfill.

- ✓ Please rinse food from containers and break down large items to maximize space.
- ✓ Labels do not need to be removed and caps can be left on.