

## WHO IS REQUIRED TO RECYCLE IN WI?

### Everyone, everywhere, all the time!

Wisconsin's recycling requirements apply to everyone in the state, at all locations. This includes schools, public places, businesses, special events, homes and apartments.

## LANDFILL BANS IN WI

Recycling is enforced by banning a material from disposal at all WI landfills. Some communities go above and beyond what is required by law.

- ♻️ Plastic containers including milk jugs and detergent, soda & water bottles
- ♻️ Aluminum, Steel & Bi-metal containers
- ♻️ Glass containers
- ♻️ Magazines, catalogs and junk mail
- ♻️ Newspaper and office paper
- ♻️ Corrugated & other container board
- ♻️ Major appliances, including air conditioners, clothes washers and dryers, dishwasher, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, ovens, dehumidifiers, furnaces, boilers and water heaters
- ♻️ Yard waste, including grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden debris and brush under 6" in diameter
- ♻️ Lead acid batteries
- ♻️ Computers, televisions, desktop printers, computer peripherals, DVD players, VCRs, digital video recorders, fax machines, phones with video displays
- ♻️ Used automotive oil, oil absorbents over one gallon and used oil filters
- ♻️ Used tires

## RUSK COUNTY RECYCLING SITES

<u>Town of Big Bend</u> Saturday (4/1-10/31) Sat. (11/1-3/31)	N1195 Hwy 40 8 am – NOON 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> same hours
<u>Town of Flambeau</u> Wednesday Saturday	W8493 E Parkview Rd 10 am – 3 pm 9 am – 4 pm
<u>Town of Grant</u> Wednesday Saturday	W8590 CTH P 10 am – 3 pm 9 am – 2 pm
<u>Town of Hawkins</u> Monday	810 Maple Ave Noon – 5 pm
<u>Town of Marshall</u> Monday Thursday (5/1-9/30) Saturday (10/1–4/30)	N446 CTH D 10 am – 2 pm 3 pm – 7pm 10 am – 2pm
<u>Town of Murry</u> Saturday	W11109 Lone Pine Rd 8 am – 1 pm
<u>Town of Stubbs</u> Saturday	N4662 N. Hutchinson Rd 8 am – 3 pm
<u>Town of Thornapple</u> Saturday	N4925 Thornapple Rd 9 am – 1 pm
<u>Town of Wilson/Wilk.</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of month	W16097 N Bucks Lake Rd 8 am – Noon
<u>Town of Willard</u> Sat. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup>	N7480 Broken Arrow Rd 8 am – 2 pm
<u>Village of Ingram</u> Saturday	N5923 Bisson Rd 10 am – 2 pm

Curbside pickup in V. Bruce, V. Conrath, V. Hawkins, V. Sheldon & C. Ladysmith

You may use ANY of the above listed sites for recycling services.  
*Contact your municipality officials to find out where to bring your garbage, what the costs are, and if they have a spring or fall cleanup.*

## SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING ALL ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN ONE CONTAINER!

*City of Ladysmith is Dual Sort and follows an every other week schedule.*

## ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

### PAPER

- ♻️ Corrugated Cardboard (flattened)
- ♻️ Paperboard (no refrigerated or freezer items)
- ♻️ Brown Paper Bags
- ♻️ Magazines, Catalogs, and Newspapers
- ♻️ Office Paper, Envelopes, and Junk Mail
- ♻️ Shredded Paper (must be in closed paper bag)
- ♻️ Phone Books (don't need to remove cover)
- ♻️ Paperback Books, Empty Paper Towel & Toilet Paper Rolls
- ♻️ Milk, Juice, Broth and Soup Cartons (empty – discard cap)



### GLASS/METAL/PLASTIC

- ♻️ Aluminum Cans
- ♻️ Clean Aluminum Foil and Pie Tins (crushed)
- ♻️ Glass Bottles and Jars
- ♻️ Metal Cans (food metal only)
- ♻️ Plastic Bottles & Jars (any # 1 – 7)
- ♻️ Plastic Containers, Tubs, & Lids (any # 1 – 7 except PS #6)
- ♻️ Plastic Hanging/Potted Plant Containers (any \* 1 - 7 - no trays)
- ♻️ Empty Aerosol Cans (MUST be empty – discard caps)



## PREPARATION

- ☺️ Rinse food from all containers
- ☺️ Can leave lids & caps on – please don't throw in small caps & lids separately
- ☺️ No need to remove labels
- ☺️ Break down all large items to maximize space (cardboard no greater than 3' x 3')
- ☺️ Please don't leave liquids in recyclables

## NOT-ACCEPTABLE

- ☹️ Plastic Bags, Plastic Wrap or Film
- ☹️ Ceramic, Porcelain, or Crystal Glass
- ☹️ Food Waste & Food-tainted paper
- ☹️ No Styrofoam Products
- ☹️ Napkins, Tissues, Paper Towels
- ☹️ Hazardous Waste/Needles/Syringes
- ☹️ No Scrap Metal or Electronics

For a more in-depth list, please visit <http://www.ruskcounty.org/departments/recycling/acceptable-items/>.

## YARD WASTE

Compost improves low quality soils by adding organic matter and nutrients. Plants grown in good soil are healthier and have greater resistance to diseases and insects.

### 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 make 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 used on the lawn, for potted plants, tree & shrub planting, in the garden, as mulch, and starter mixes.

Information packets are available at the Recycling Dept. along with diagrams on how to build your own bin.



## RUSK COUNTY RESPONSIBLE UNIT

The Rusk County Responsible Unit consists of most of Rusk County except Villages of Tony & Weyerhaeuser; Towns of Big Falls, Dewey and Grow.

**RUSK COUNTY RECYCLING ORDINANCE** applies to all residences, multi-family, commercial and industrial entities in the Rusk County Responsible Unit. The ordinance requires separation of garbage from recyclable items. Penalties for violating this ordinance can be fines not less than \$10 or more than \$1,000 for each violation.

## OFFICE COLLECTIONS

The Recycling Department collects the following from residents at no charge:

- ♻️ Printer Cartridges (Inkjet & Laser)
- ♻️ Cell Phones
- ♻️ Rechargeable & Button Batteries
- ♻️ Mercury Fever Thermometer
- ♻️ Mercury Switches
- ♻️ Fluorescent Bulbs (Fee Charged)
  - \$.50 Circular or up to 4' tube
  - \$.75 6' tube and over

## CLEANSWEEP & TIRE RECYCLING

There is an annual Cleansweep program in Rusk County for household hazardous waste including pesticides, non-latex paint, chemicals, fertilizers and much more. There are also additional collections for appliances, electronics, tires, and pharmaceuticals. Call the office for dates, times, and locations.

## RECYCLING AWAY FROM HOME

### Recycle at:

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



The Recycling Department has a bin loan program for your special events at no charge. Call the office to reserve bins and for more details.

### Why Recycle at Special Events?

- ✓ It's the law!
- ✓ People know that cans and bottles don't belong in the trash and expect to recycle
- ✓ Saves money – the materials have value and saves on garbage costs.
- ✓ Recycling makes the event cleaner and shows consideration for your community
- ✓ Sets a good example for children
- ✓ Conserves resources

## CONTACT INFO

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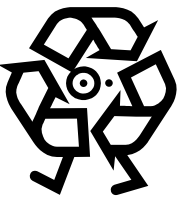
Office hours are Mon. & Tues. from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wed. from 8 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.



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