

## 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

The following items are banned from WI landfills and must be recycled. 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> <i>Summer Hours:</i> Wednesday Saturday <i>Winter Hours:</i> Saturday	W8493 E Parkview Rd 10 am – 2 pm 9 am – 3 pm 9 am – 3 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 Pit Rd (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 – 1 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>	W7480 Broken Arrow Rd 8 am – 2 pm
<u>Village of Ingram</u> Saturday	N5923 Bisson Rd 10 am – 2 pm
<u>Curbside pickup</u> 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 (crushed) and Pie Tins
- ♻️ Glass Bottles and Jars
- ♻️ Metal Cans (food metal only)
- ♻️ Plastic Bottles & Jars (any # 1 – 7\*)
- ♻️ Plastic Containers, Tubs, & Lids (any # 1 – 7\*)
- ♻️ Plastic Hanging/Potted Plant Containers (any # 1 – 7\* - no trays)
- ♻️ Empty Aerosol Cans (MUST be empty – discard caps)



\* No PS #6

## 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 Thermometers
- ♻️ Mercury Switches
- ♻️ Fluorescent Bulbs (Fee Charged)
  - \$.60 Tubes 4' and under
  - \$.85 Tubes > 4'

## 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. It is usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June.

## 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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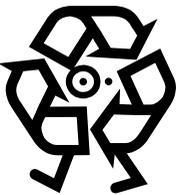
Office is open approximately 1 ½ days a week. If the office is not open, contact UW Extension at 715-532-2151 for assistance.



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REUSE  
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