

## ***SORTING RECYCLABLES***

Rusk County offers Single-Stream recycling which allows all recyclable items to be put in the same container. No need to sort.

The collected recycling must be recycled and cannot be thrown away. Know where you are going to dispose of the collected items before you begin. If your event is at the Fairgrounds, contact the Maintenance Dept. for disposal needs.

Event holders should contract with a waste hauler for large quantities.

If you are saving the cans for a fundraiser, please be careful of bees when sorting out the aluminum cans. This will be a dirty job, so be prepared to get sticky. Please remove liquid from the bottles. Caps can be left on if the bottles are empty. No need to remove labels.

## ***TESTIMONIALS***

"We have used the portable recycle bins at our Northwoods Bluegrass Festival and at our Arts & Craft Fair. They are very easy to set-up and use and we are happy to be able to do our part to recycle."

Arlene Knops  
*Greater Ladysmith Area Chamber of Commerce*

"The directions are really easy to follow & we've had success using the tent stakes to secure the bins. The clear bags let people know the bins are for recycling."

Mary Federle  
*Habitat for Humanity, Shanty Town*

"The bin program is a very good service. The Coordinator made sure we had enough bins and they were easy to set up."

Carl Johnson  
*Glen Flora Community Club, Glen Flora Days*

## ***FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS***

**Are the bins hard to set up?** No. Instructions are included showing you how to attach the bag to the metal frame. Then put the lid on and you're done!

**Do I have to use a clear bag?** It's preferred that only clear bags are used. The whole idea of the bin is that you can see what is supposed to go in it. Event holders can also easily see any contamination. Using colored bags will result in more contamination. It is a good idea to put a few cans & bottles in each bag. Bags are supplied with the bins.

**Will the bins blow over if it's windy?** No - not if you use the tent stakes that are provided. Put a stake on each side of the rim and the bin will be secure. The lid is designed to attach to the frame so it doesn't blow off. Always have someone monitor and maintain the bins.

**Is there a cost to use the bin?** No. The only charge is if they are returned damaged beyond normal wear and tear or if they come back dirty.

**Where do I take the recycling after the event?** Contact the grounds keeper to see if there is already a recycling dumpster available. If not, find a business that will let you use their recycling dumpster or bring items to one of the county recycling sites.

**Can I keep the cans?** Yes, as long as all of the items are recycled. This is a great way to raise money for your event/organization. You might want to store the recycling in a locked shed or building until they can be sorted & recycled.

## ***CONTACT INFORMATION***

### **Rusk County Recycling**

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## **RECYCLING BINS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS LOAN PROGRAM**

**Festivals** **Sporting Events** **Fairs**



**Shows** **Picnics** **Reunions**

***Provided by***  
**RUSK COUNTY  
RECYCLING**



## 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 to recycle
- ◆ Reduces trash with potential cost savings on garbage
- ◆ Shows consideration for your Community
- ◆ Sets a good example for children
- ◆ Makes events cleaner
- ◆ Conserves resources

### Events need to provide recycling for:

- ◆ aluminum and steel cans
- ◆ plastic containers #1 and #2
- ◆ glass bottles and jars
- ◆ newspapers
- ◆ corrugated cardboard
- ◆ boxboard (cereal/soda)
- ◆ office paper
- ◆ junk mail



## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BIN

### Event Recycling just got easier — with the ClearStream CycleMax™ Bin!

- ◆ Very visible with clear bag & blue lid
- ◆ Easy to use, set up & transport
- ◆ Labeled for plastic bottles and cans only
- ◆ Reduces contamination
- ◆ Sturdy
- ◆ Place bin next to trash can for best results



## BIN LOAN PROGRAM

### How to get started —

1. Contact Rusk County to reserve bins.
2. Complete the reservation form.  
Rusk County staff will help event planners determine number of bins and bags needed and develop a plan for setup, servicing bins, and transporting recyclables.
3. Pick up bins and place them throughout event grounds.
4. Recycle at event & maintain bins throughout event.
5. Clean & return bins.



### Fees —

- ◆ No fees to use the bins but will be subject to replacement cost if bins are damaged beyond normal wear and returned dirty.
- ◆ Donations toward costs of bags is appreciated.

## "WORKS OF ART" BINS

A new addition are bins that have been made into works of art by Toadally Artsy Kids. These bins will give your large event the artistic touch. They are larger to haul so keep that in mind when you're picking them up.



## THINGS TO CONSIDER

**Contamination**—Can be easily found using clear bags. When setting up the bins, put some approved items in the bins for examples.

**Staff or volunteers & training**—Instructions are provided on how to set up the bins. Bins must be maintained and emptied when around 2/3 full.

Tent stakes are provided to help secure the bins from wind. Bins that fall over and aren't properly maintained aren't useful for anyone.

**On-site dumpsters/ placement, signage**—The bins will advertise themselves but additional signage is helpful. Know ahead of time where recyclables will be stored until disposal. Watch out for scavengers that steal the aluminum.

