

LADYSMITH AREA GARAGE SALE

Saturday, Sept. 29 from 8am – 4pm

There will be a community garage sale this year as part of the Leaf it to Rusk Fall Festival. Do you have something you need to get rid of and don't want to throw away? Those interested in having a garage sale are encouraged to call the Rusk County Recycling Dept. no later than September 19 to be put on a map that will list all the garage sales in the Ladysmith area. Those that live outside of the Ladysmith Area can participate by having their sale in the Connections Store & More parking lot. You will be given a designated area and are responsible for your own tables, chair, tent, etc. Limited spots are available. Maps will be available at the Rusk County Visitor Center and City Hall the week of September 24. There is no cost to be put on the map.

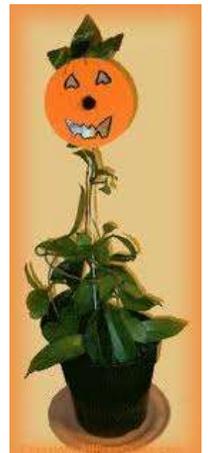
For those of you who have items you want to get rid of but don't want to have a garage sale, think of donating your items to charity, bring them to a consignment shop, or visit www.freecycle.org to learn how you can become a member which will allow you to post items on the internet that you *need* and also items that you *want* for FREE!

For more information on the garage sale, waste reduction or recycling; contact Charmaine at the Recycling Department at 715-532-2167 or email charmaine@ruskcountywi.us.

"LEAF IT TO RUSK" FALL FESTIVAL

Make a Pumpkin CD for Halloween!

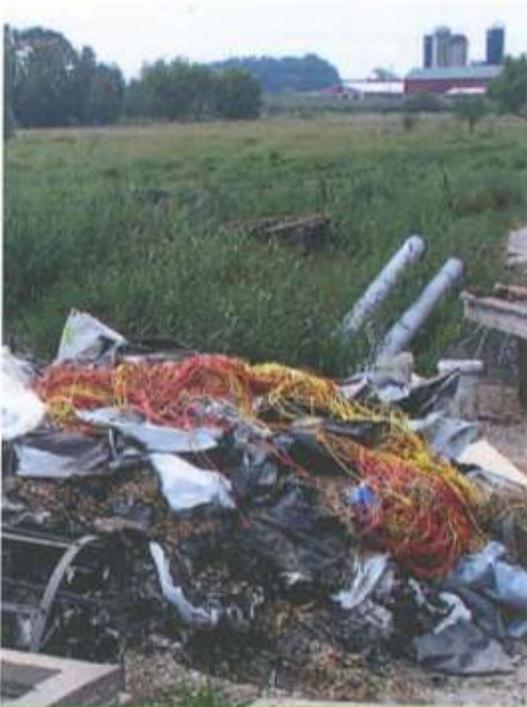
No matter how creative or NOT creative you are, you can easily make a fun craft out of used CDs. The Recycling Dept. has lots of CD's to give away no matter what type of craft you would like to do. You can use construction paper, felt, glitter, paint, anything you can imagine. Add your CD to a stick and you can even decorate your plants!



DON'T BE FRIGHTENED - RECYCLING IS EASY!

DON'T BURN AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS

KEEP THE AIR AS CLEAN AS YOUR FIELDS



Common ag plastics:

- **Film:** Silage and haylage bags; bunker, greenhouse and row covers; bale wraps and woven tarps; horticultural mulch; other flexible products.
- **Rigid plastic containers:** Pesticide and other product containers, nursery pots.

What's so bad about burning ag plastics?

It's unhealthy. Burning plastics releases toxic and potentially cancer causing chemicals into the air.

It pollutes. Toxins released into the air during burning can fall on our soils and in our water.

It's unsafe. Burning garbage or brush can lead to wildfires, property damage and sometimes loss of life.

The smoke and ash can irritate eyes and lungs, which is especially bad for people with asthma or heart disease.

It's illegal to burn any plastics in Wisconsin:

Under no circumstances should agricultural plastics be burned, even on your property. Wisconsin rules are clear about this. Visit the DNR website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/> Search "ag plastics"

Alternatives to burning

Pesticide Containers: Recycle your used pesticide containers.

- **Clean Sweeps** accept used containers with leftover chemicals. Check with your local extension office or visit: http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Clean_Sweep/index.aspx.
- The **Container Services Net (CSN)** offers FREE collection/recycling of triple-rinsed containers from ag retailers, applicators and growers that accumulate at least 1,000 pounds. Visit them at <http://www.container-services-network.com/>.

Film and Other Containers: Recycling options are limited so landfilling is the best alternative at this time. Minimize waste by purchasing just what you need.

- Cut plastic film to make it more manageable for transport. Slice from the bottom at 10 or 15 foot intervals.

Throw your pumpkin on your compost pile over the winter and you might grow your own next year!