



Press Release

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Waukesha, WI - While residents are diligent with recycling, there has been an increase in non-recyclable material entering the Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility. Workers of the facility must remove residue (trash) from the recyclables when these non-recyclable items are placed in recycle bins at resident's homes. This residue must be disposed in a landfill which costs about \$60 per ton in Waukesha County.

Waukesha County and the recycling facility operator, ReCommunity Recycling, want to remind residents to recycle #1 and #2 plastics bottles, jars and jugs with liquids out and the caps left on, steel/tin and aluminum cans, empty aerosol cans, glass bottles and jars, and paper, including newspaper, magazines and catalogs, junk mail, beverage carriers, paper egg cartons, paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, phone books and other paperback books, corrugated cardboard, and cereal, snack, and tissue boxes.

Recyclables, and many other common household items, are accepted from **all County residents** at these municipal sites:

Community	Hours	Summary of Accepted Items from Any County Resident
City of Brookfield	April – Nov: Tues & Thurs 1 pm – 7 pm All Year: Sat 8 am – 5 pm	Paper/Cardboard, Motor Oil/Filters, Antifreeze, Electronics, Scrap Metal, Appliances
Village of Hartland	April – Nov: 2 nd & 4 th Sat 9 am – 1 pm April – Nov: 2 nd & 4 th Tues 6 pm – 8 pm All Year: Fri 9 am – 3 pm	Bottles/Cans, Paper/Cardboard, Motor Oil/Filters, Antifreeze, Scrap Metal, Electronics, Appliances
Town of Lisbon	All day, every day (unstaffed drop-off)	Motor Oil/Filters and Antifreeze
Town of Merton	All Year: Sat 8 am – 12 pm	Bottles/Cans, Paper/Cardboard, Motor Oil/Filters, Antifreeze, Scrap Metal, Electronics, Appliances
Village of Pewaukee	Jan – Feb: Closed March – Dec: Sat 9 am – 3 pm April – Oct: Wed 4 pm – 7 pm	Bottles/Cans, Paper/Cardboard, Motor Oil/Filters, Antifreeze, Scrap Metal
City of Waukesha	April – Dec: Wed 11 am – 7 pm All Year: Sat 8 am – 4 pm	Bottles/Cans, Paper/Cardboard, Motor Oil/Filters, Antifreeze, Electronics, Textiles

Other municipal recycling drop-off sites are available. Check sites for fees, regulations and other acceptable items. Proof of residency is required.

Many other common household items can be recycled outside of the blue recycle bin such as clean, dry plastic bags and film, which is utilized by Trex and other companies to make wood alternative composite decking.

These plastic films can be brought to many local grocery and retail stores, such as Pick N' Save, Kohl's and Target which have recycling bins near store entrances. These materials include plastic bags from produce, newspaper, bread, dry cleaning, retail stores and grocery stores, plastic case wrap from snack and beverage cases, and plastic packaging wrap from napkins, paper towels, bathroom tissue and diaper packaging. Please visit www.PlasticFilmRecycling.org for more locations accepting plastic film for recycling.

Also, other common items for recycling include rechargeable batteries, small lead batteries and cell phones as these materials have valuable metals and chemicals that can be used in the manufacturing of new products. These items can be recycled at participating businesses which include Batteries & Bulbs Plus, Sears, Target, Radio Shack, Home Depot, Office Depot, Black & Decker, Best Buy and Lowe's. Please visit www.rbr.org for a complete list of participating businesses.

For more information please visit waukeshacounty.gov/recycling or call Waukesha County Recycling at (262) 896-8300.

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