

DOUGLAS COUNTY RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

For the Residents of Rural Douglas County, WI

Hello Douglas County Residents!

Summer is here! The weather is warmer, the birds are singing, and spring cleaning has been in full-force. Douglas County Recycling is thankful for your efforts in making our world a better place by recycling.

In total, the Douglas County Sites collected over 812 tons of recyclable materials in 2021. We greatly appreciate your efforts to help make our world a better place by recycling. There are currently ten drop off centers within Douglas County where residents can bring their recyclables. Please remember that items must be clean and dry. This newsletter will also discuss what is and is not recyclable, and how to properly dispose of your hazardous waste materials in a safe way.

We would like to extend a thank you to the recycling sites in Douglas County. Without their support, the Douglas County recycling centers could not operate as they do. Each recycling center and site staff do an outstanding job of minimizing contamination, helping educate the public, and providing support to those who recycle at our sites.

Again, thank you for your continued participation in the Douglas County recycling program. Please continue reading this newsletter for more information, and check out the Recycling section on the Douglas County website. We hope to see you all at one of our recycling sites!

Have you ever wondered what exactly happens to recyclable materials after they are picked up? These materials are sent to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), where they are then sorted and properly processed. Type the following link into your internet browser to watch a great, short, and informative video on how single stream recycling works!

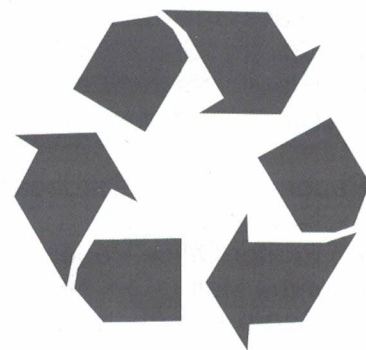
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdGjiKJsgRk>



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Visit the Douglas County website for information on recycling as well as other waste disposal options:

[https://
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wi.org/369/Recycling](https://www.douglascountywi.org/369/Recycling)



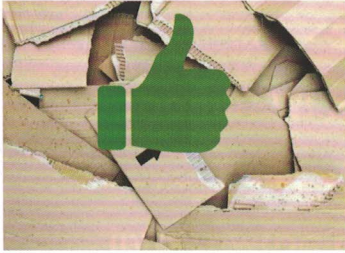
Interested in being added to our email list?

Email your interest to:
info@nwrpc.com

You will receive updates on recycling, hazardous waste, and other interesting information.



WHAT IS AND IS NOT RECYCLABLE



What Is Recyclable:

Plastic Bottles & Containers

- Plastic Bottles
- Plastic Jugs
- Plastic Tubs
- Plastic Items with a 1, 2, & 5 ONLY

Food & Beverage Cans

- Metal Cans
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel Cans
- Tin Cans

Glass Bottles & Containers

- Glass Bottles
- Colored Glass Bottles
- Glass Jars
- Glass Tubs

Paper, Flattened Cardboard, & Paperboard

- Newspaper
- Printer/Office Paper
- Junk Mail
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Paperboard
- Paper Bags
- Paper Books
- Magazines
- File Folders
- Notebook Paper



What Is NOT Recyclable:

Plastic Bags & Containers

- Plastic Bags & Film
- Clear Plastic Wrap
- Bubble Wrap
- Chip & Cereal Bags
- Plastic Mulch Bags
- Pellet Stove Bags
- Plastic Containers with no recycle #
- Plastic Items with a 3, 4, 6, & 7

Food & Beverage Containers

- Styrofoam
- Food and Garbage
- Liquids
- Foam Cups/Containers
- Plastic "To-Go" Food Containers
- Foam Egg Cartons
- Packing Peanuts

Household Items

- Decorative Glass
- Mirrors
- Ceramics
- Window Glass
- Metal/Plastic Hangers
- Electrical Cords
- Christmas Lights

Paper Towels & Soiled Items

- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Dirty Pizza Boxes
- Diapers
- Old Dirty Clothing
- Coated Paper Containers
- Tissue Paper

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

CLEANSWEEP WILL ACCEPT:

Household hazardous waste will be accepted at the below locations and only at the designated time. Items will be taken for free from residential properties, with the exception of fees charged for bulbs and batteries. Acceptable items include materials such as oil based paints, aerosol spray paints and lubricants, solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, household and hazardous cleaners, corrosives, flammables, mercury, lead tackle and shot, old gas, antifreeze, and other chemicals you wouldn't consider dumping. Mercury containing thermostats, switches and thermometers, and lead based paint will also be accepted. Unwanted Rx will be taken for free. Douglas County residents may attend any of the local HHW collections.

Visit <http://www.nwrpc.com/873/Northwest-Cleansweep-Program> for more information!

CLEANSWEEP WILL NOT ACCEPT:

- Latex Paint
- Empty Paint Cans
- Oil Filters
- Motor Oil
- Explosives, Flares or Fireworks
- Freon 11 & 12
- Radioactive Materials (including smoke/Co2 alarms)
- Ammunition
- Compressed Gas Cylinders-any size
- Recyclables
- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Biological or Infectious Wastes
- Sharps or EpiPens
- Spray Foam Cylinders
- Incandescent Light Bulbs
- PFAS Containing Items

Douglas County NW Cleansweep Household Hazardous Waste & Unwanted Rx Medication Collection

Contact Ashtin Gronning with any Questions: agronning@nwrpc.com or 715-635-2197

Date:	Time:	Location:
Tuesday, June 21st	1:00 pm—5:00 pm	Douglas County—Gordon/Wascott Transfer Station 148535 St. Croix Rd, Gordon
Wednesday, July 13th	2:00 pm—6:00 pm	Burnett County—Burnett County Hwy Shop 8150 St Rd 70, Siren
Thursday, July 14th	2:00 pm—6:00 pm	Washburn County—HHW Site 1650 Cottonwood Ave, Spooner
Tuesday, September 13th	2:00 pm—6:00 pm	Bayfield County—Iron River Fairgrounds 7080 N Main St., Iron River
Wednesday, September 21st	2:00 pm—6:00 pm	Sawyer County—Sawyer County Fairgrounds 14655 Cty Hwy B, Hayward

Propane cylinders of any size and aerosol cans are not recyclable in the Douglas County recycling containers and carts! Aerosol containers can be disposed of at the HHW collection program. Propane cylinders can be scrapped at a local scrap yard.



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Recycling

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Spooner, WI 54801

Recycling Specialist

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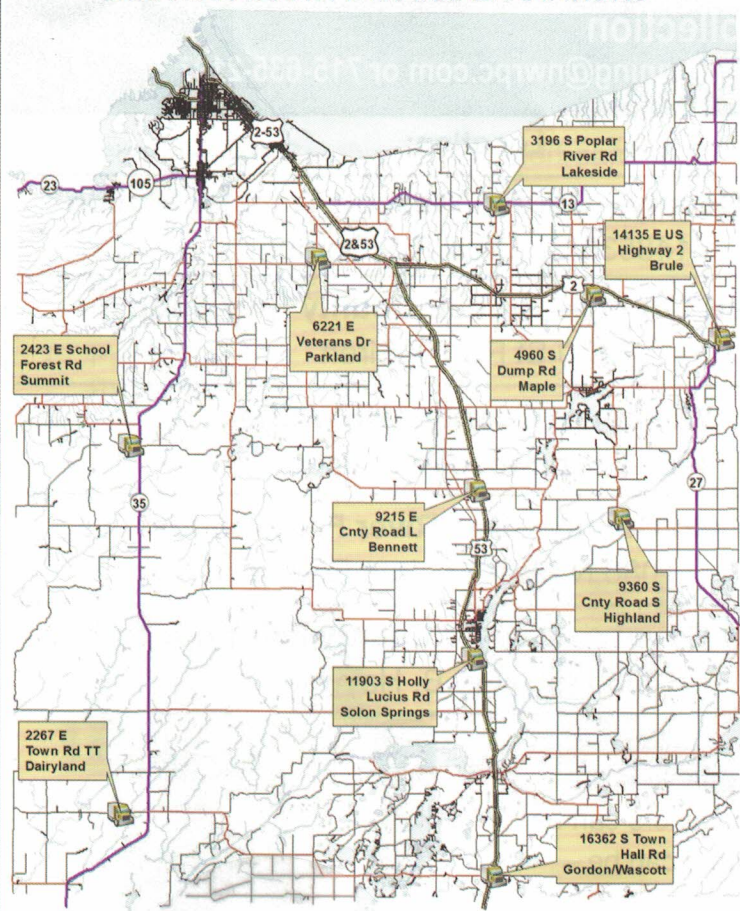
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DOUGLAS COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS



Waste Management, the Douglas County Recycling firm contracted to collect recycling, currently accepts residential plastic food/water containers numbered 1, 2, & 5. In the future, the availability of certain numbered plastic containers may be eliminated from the recycling stream due to limited or no markets to recycle some plastics. Should a specific numbered plastic be identified as no longer acceptable, citizens will be informed of the changes via social media, recycling collection sites, and future recycling newsletters.

***Businesses are not allowed to use the recycling containers as DNR funding does not allow it.**

Remember these three basic rules the next time you recycle!



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.