

Residential Recycling Frequently Asked Questions

Curbside Recyclables

See backside. For a printable version, visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling and click the "Curbside Recycling" button, then click the "Curbside Recycling Guide" or "Curbside Recycling Guide – Spanish" button.

Large Trash Item or Missed Pick-Up

It is recommended to contact the contracted trash and recycling hauler to schedule a large item or missed pick-up. For an alternative option, you may contact a privately owned and operated landfill for disposal drop-off. Waukesha County does not own or operate any landfills.

Service	Phone Number
Trash/Recycling Hauler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GFL (262) 697-0860 • Johns Disposal Services, Inc. (262) 473-4700 • Waste Management (262) 369-3080
Landfills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GFL Environmental (Emerald Park) Muskego: (414) 529-1360 • Waste Management (Orchard Ridge) Menomonee Falls: (262) 253-8620

Trash/Recycling Container: Repair/Additional/New

Refer to the contract held between your municipality and the trash/recycling hauler that services your community or reach out to the hauler directly for further clarification (see above table for hauler contact information).

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Household hazardous wastes are typically considered to be household products that can catch fire, react or explode under certain circumstances, or that are corrosive or toxic. For example, oil-based paints, solvents, gasoline, and weed killer. No latex paint or other water-based materials accepted. No propane tanks or cylinders accepted. For more information visit, www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste.

Electronics or Televisions

Waukesha County does not host electronics disposal events, however your municipality may. Please contact our office if you would like more information in setting up an event. Other local disposal resources include:

- General Electronics: www.waukeshacounty.gov/electronics and click on the "Computers & General Electronics" button on the left for a complete list of community recycling options.
- Televisions: www.waukeshacounty.gov/tv for a complete list of community recycling options.

Yard Waste

Waukesha County does not have a residential yard waste drop off location. If your municipality does not offer a yard waste program, residents should contact a private firm or local landfill with composting operations (see above table for landfill contact information). Contact our office if your municipality wants to learn more about participating the County's program.

Other Items for Disposal

For proper disposal of other items such as latex paint, scrap metal, excess recyclables, appliances, propane tanks or cylinders, medical waste, and more visit, www.waukeshacounty.gov/productdisposal.



RECYCLE

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE:



Aluminum and Steel Cans
empty and rinse



Cartons



Food and Beverage Cartons
empty and replace cap



Glass



Bottles and Jars
empty and rinse



Paper



Cereal Boxes, Newspaper, Magazines & Mail, Flattened Cardboard, and Paper Tubes



Plastic



Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers
empty and replace cap
(#1△, #2△, #5△)

DO NOT RECYCLE THESE CURBSIDE:

Scrap Metal



No car parts or scrap metal

Plastic Bags



Do not bag recyclables; return plastic bags and wrap to retail stores

Hazards



No flammables, compressed cylinders, batteries, electronics, or sharps

Garbage



Empty all containers, no food, liquids, diapers, or garbage

Tanglers



No hoses, wires, or chains



Waukesha County Recycles

www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling

Unacceptable Materials

These items cannot be recycled in the curbside program. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable materials, visit our website www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling or download our free 'Waukesha County Recycles' mobile app.

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| ✗ Appliances | ✗ Garbage | ✗ Paper Plates or Cups |
| ✗ Bagged Recyclables | ✗ Garden Pots or Trays | ✗ Plastic Bags, Wrap, Film |
| ✗ Batteries | ✗ Hangers | ✗ Plastic Utensils |
| ✗ Car Parts (Brake Rotors, etc.) | ✗ Hard Cover Books | ✗ Propane Cylinders or Tanks |
| ✗ Ceramics | ✗ Helium Cylinders or Tanks | ✗ Scrap Metal |
| ✗ Chains | ✗ Hoses | ✗ Styrofoam |
| ✗ Christmas Trees or Lights | ✗ Liquids | ✗ Take Out Packaging or Containers |
| ✗ Clothing | ✗ Light Bulbs | ✗ Tires |
| ✗ Construction Debris | ✗ Loose Caps and Lids | ✗ Tissue Paper |
| ✗ Cords | ✗ Medical Waste & Medication | ✗ Toys |
| ✗ Cups (Paper or Styrofoam) | ✗ Motor Oil Bottles | ✗ Window Glass or Mirrors |
| ✗ Diapers | ✗ Needles, Sharps, Syringes | ✗ Wires |
| ✗ Drinking Glasses or Mugs | ✗ Paint or Paint Cans | ✗ Wood |
| ✗ Food | ✗ Paper Ice Cream Containers | ✗ Yard Waste or Compost |

Frequently Asked Questions



Why can't we include scrap metal, plastic bags, hazards, garbage, and tanglers in the recycling bin?

These items damage equipment or cause serious fires. These materials can also risk recycling haulers' and facility workers' safety which can result in serious injury. Lastly, items that don't belong in the cart are costly to dispose of and can make other recyclables less valuable. For more information about proper disposal of these unaccepted materials, please visit our website.



How do I dispose of paint?

Latex paint should be dried and thrown in the trash. Oil based paints are hazardous waste and should be brought to a household hazardous waste collection site for safe disposal. Visit our website for locations.



Who do I call with questions about my collection service?

Contact your City, Town, or Village or your trash/recycling hauler with questions about collection service.