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**OVER \$879,000 RETURNED TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR RECYCLING  
Includes Rebate Incentive for Tons Recycled**

Waukesha, WIS. – Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas announced that 25 municipalities will receive checks this week totaling more than \$879,000 for participating in the County Recycling Program and delivering their recyclables to the Material Recycling Facility (MRF).

Vrakas said, “The total amount returned to our local government partners this year increased by \$153,000. Our highly successful recycling program is a cooperative endeavor that reduces duplication of services and operates in a cost-effective manner while conserving natural resources, creating jobs, and meeting the growing demand by manufacturers for recycled materials. The County, participating municipalities, residents, companies, and our environment all benefit.”

The self-sufficient program uses state grant funds received on behalf of participating municipalities and revenue from the sale of recyclables to coordinate program education, as well as process and market recycled materials at the recycling facility. In total, participating municipalities have received a \$5.3 million return on investment to offset their costs since 2001.

As a result of efficient program operations, higher market revenues for recycled materials in recent years, and continued grant funding, municipal disbursements range from \$1,705 to \$219,128 this year. The rebate incentive formula is based on the number of tons recycled in each community and the percent of waste recycled. Consequently, the more residents recycle and reduce waste, the larger the rebate is for their community.

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**“Over \$879,000 Returned to Municipalities for Recycling,” continued...**

Since its start, the Material Recycling Facility has processed more than 347,000 tons of newspaper, cardboard, magazines, office paper/mail, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, and metal cans collected from residents. This is equivalent to about 17,350 semi trailers full of recyclables or a line of trucks 200 miles long.

For more information about the program or the recycling disbursement, please contact Karen Fiedler in the Waukesha County Recycling and Solid Waste Office at (262) 896-8300.

Residents that need an additional recycling bin for all their recyclables can contact their municipal office for a free bin. To find out what should be in the recycling bin visit the website at [www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling).

**Municipal Recycling Disbursement:**

**Villages:**

Big Bend	\$	6,039
Chenequa		2,571
Dousman		6,642
Eagle		6,436
Elm Grove		39,766
Hartland		31,989
Lac La Belle		1,705
Merton		9,352
Nashotah		5,121
Oconomowoc Lake		2,896
Pewaukee		29,676
Wales		8,754

**Towns:**

Brookfield		25,048
Delafield		27,599
Lisbon		32,962
Merton		11,056
Oconomowoc		12,261
Summit		24,590
Waukesha		32,154

**Cities:**

Brookfield		169,953
Delafield		19,801
New Berlin		52,565
Oconomowoc		61,063
Pewaukee		40,118
Waukesha		219,128