

## Waukesha County Recycling Facts

1. Annually, each county resident recycles an average of 166 pounds of newspapers, magazines, junk mail, cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles, and glass containers compared to 577 pounds of trash.



2. The Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) processes about 21,000 tons of recyclables collected from residents annually.

3. About 39% of the waste generated by county residents is recycled or composted.



4. Workers at the recycling facility sort, bale and ship more than 1,000 semi-trailer loads of materials to markets each year to be processed into new products such as newspapers, tissue and toweling, insulation, new cans and bottles, carpeting and fiber for clothing.



5. Energy saved from recyclables processed at the county facility equals the average amount of energy use for about 3,800 households annually.



6. Reduced greenhouse gas emissions from recyclables processed at the county facility are equal to removing about 5,700 cars from the road per year.



7. Each year about 52,000 cubic yards of landfill space is saved as a result of recyclables processed at the county facility. That is the equivalent of a football field filled 30 feet high!