



Waukesha County

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WAUKESHA COUNTY URGE RESIDENTS TO KEEP LANDSCAPE PLASTICS OUT OF CURBSIDE RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Recycle used plastic plant pots, trays and containers free of charge at Johnson's Nursery, Inc.

(WAUKESHA, WI) – With garden and landscape season at its peak, Waukesha County reminds residents to not place used plastic growing pots, plant trays, and plant containers into their curbside recycling containers. Residents and businesses are invited to drop these off free of charge at Johnson's Nursery, Inc., W180 N6275 Marcy Road, Menomonee Falls for collection.

“The curbside recycling program is unable to accept plastic plant containers due to high levels of contamination,” said Analiese Smith, Waukesha County Recycling and Solid Waste Supervisor. “Properly recycling these materials at local businesses keeps plastics out of landfills and saves more than 60% of the energy it takes to make brand new products.”

This program is a cooperative effort between Johnson's Nursery, Inc. and the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use to reduce impurities out of the City of Milwaukee/Waukesha County Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

Plastic plant containers must be free of plant debris, tags, and metals and must be sorted by plastic type. New pots will be made from the recycled donated materials. Residents may drop off containers year-round during business hours. Those with bulk quantities, such as businesses, are required to pre-sort, palletize, and call ahead to schedule a drop-off. Visit the retail office upon arrival for direction to the drop off area.

For more information about Johnson's Nursery's program, visit www.kb.jniplants.com/landscape-container-recycling/ or call 262-252-4988.

For a list of other local businesses with landscape recycling programs, visit: www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/recycling/other-subpage/plastic-planting-pots/ or contact Waukesha County Recycling at 262-896-8300.

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