

Stormwater and Recycling Municipal Updates for February and March 2025

Annual Community Meeting – Thank you to everyone who attended the annual community meeting at Retzer Nature Center on January 28th. The PowerPoint presentation can be found by visiting the [Land and Water Conservation or Recycling Municipal Resources webpage](#). I will individually email recycling partners next week with an infographic about their community's 2024 recycling activity.

MS4 Reporting – Just a reminder that the e-reporting of your MS4 permit is due by March 31. For the education and outreach and public participation portions of the report, you will find reporting instructions and data on our municipal webpage at www.waukeshacounty.gov/municipal in the MS4 reporting tab of the land and water section. We will be sending you a separate e-mail to let you know when that information is ready.

Recycling Posters – Educating the public about recycling right is the best way to ensure a successful recycling program. Please help us keep residents informed by requesting recycling posters to hang throughout your building(s). Please complete the request form located [HERE](#) and our staff will arrange for delivery to you.

Recycling Tip – Want to reduce waste in 2025? Start by being mindful of food waste. Check out this great TMJ4 Morning Blend Segment with Recycling and Solid Waste Supervisor, Abbie Liedtke, to learn more! <https://www.tmj4.com/shows/the-morning-blend/new-year-less-waste>

Stormwater Workshop – April 1 and 2 agenda and registration coming soon at <https://wisconsinlandwater.org/conservation-training/2025-stormwater-workshop>

Household Hazardous Waste Spring Reopening – The site located at 1500 North University Drive will reopen for operation in March. More information on site operating hours, locations, and accepted materials can be found here: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste>.

Recycling Program Update – Waukesha County is excited to share progress in formalizing its long-term recycling processing plans! We released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for processing and marketing recyclable materials on November 13th and received several proposals by December 10th. After a thorough evaluation, we've selected a vendor for the private processing of curbside recyclables and are entering negotiations for a 10-year contract. We anticipate smoothly transitioning to the new processing location with a 2-week lead time once the contract is finalized. We are committed to keeping everyone informed and will provide guidance to municipalities and their haulers for this transition. Additionally, we will be forming a municipal workgroup to review and amend the intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) to align with the updated processing arrangements. We anticipate assembling this workgroup sometime in April. Your partnership is invaluable, and we deeply appreciate your continued support as we work together to enhance our recycling efforts. We will continue to keep you updated with all important developments. We appreciate your ongoing support and will continue to provide important program updates as they become available.

Upcoming Recycling and Stormwater Outreach Events

- Wild Winter Night, February 13th 6-8:30pm at Retzer Nature Center
- 'Composting From Start to Finish' March 10th 6:30PM at the Delafield Library
- Spring Workshop, March 15th 9am – 12:00 pm at Retzer Nature Center