

## Stormwater and Recycling Municipal Updates for December 2024 and January 2025

**Annual Community Meeting – Mark Your Calendars!** The annual Stormwater and Recycling Community Partner Meeting will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Retzer Nature Center. Please be sure to have a representative from your community there. We will review 2024 and look forward to what is upcoming in 2025. A link to the agenda will be sent out with a reminder in January.

**Smart Salting for Wisconsin Roads class** – We had several municipalities interested in a training class for their crews, so we added a class. Please join us at Retzer Nature Center on December 5 from 8 - 11:30 am. Please see the link above for more details and registration. There is a snow date of December 9 in case crews are busy that day. [Register now!](#)

**Recycling Tax Insert** – The Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use has created a tax insert to be distributed to communities who responded to our email signup in October. Inserts will be distributed throughout November and December 2024.

**Recycling Posters** – Educating the public about recycling right is the best way to ensure a successful recycling program. We will deliver recycling education posters to municipalities upon request. Please complete the request form located [HERE](#) and our staff will arrange for delivery to you.

**Recycling Tip** – Did you know that lithium batteries are a fire hazard and should never be placed in your recycling bin? Lithium batteries are responsible for countless reported fires in recycling facilities across the country. Do your part to keep workers safe by properly disposing of lithium batteries after use. For disposal resources, please visit our [website](#).

**Household Hazardous Waste Winter Schedule** – There are no more one-time collection events scheduled for 2024. The site located at 1500 North University Drive in is now closed for the winter. The Menomonee Falls location is open year-round during scheduled operating hours. More information on site operating hours, locations, and accepted materials can be found here: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste>.

**Recycling Program Update** – Waukesha County released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for processing and marketing recyclable materials on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to receiving proposals from potential vendors by mid-December and are planning for a 10 year contract, anticipated to commence in March of 2025. After thorough consideration, Waukesha County has decided against pursuing a public/private MRF solution and will instead focus on leveraging private processing for the efficient and effective management of recyclables. We appreciate your ongoing support and collaboration. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

### Upcoming Recycling and Stormwater Outreach Events

- [Winter Cub Scout Night](#) – January 14<sup>th</sup>
- [Winter Girl Scout Night](#) – January 16<sup>th</sup>