

Stormwater and Recycling Municipal Updates

The Annual Community Meeting for Waukesha County Stormwater and Recycling partners will be held at Retzer Nature Center on **Thursday January 29th, 2026, from 1pm-3pm**. Come to hear the latest news about the MS4 education program and the recycling program. Please RSVP [here](#).

Agenda:

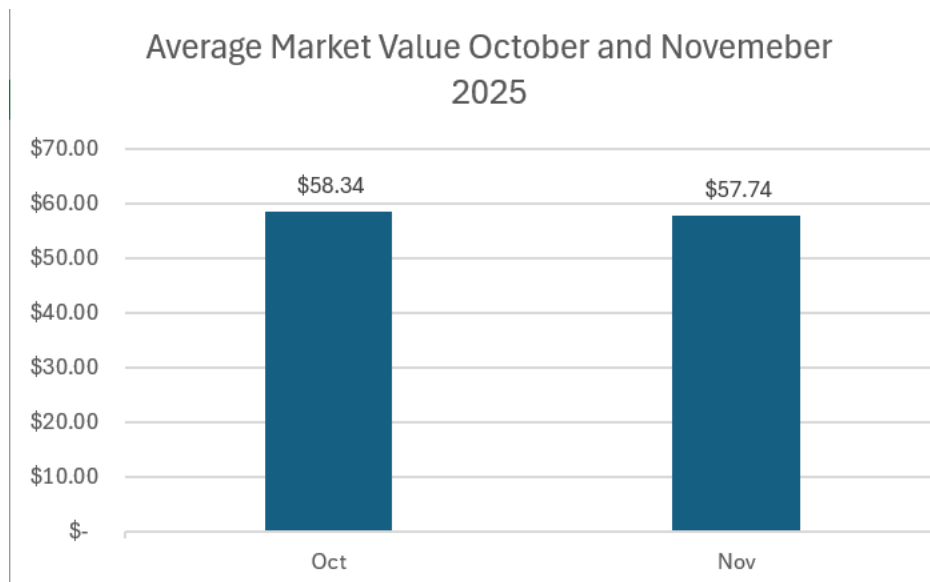
1. Welcome and Introductions
2. 2025 Review of RSW and Stormwater Programs
3. 2026 Look Ahead
 - a. Recycling Composition Analysis
 - b. Salt Awareness and Stormwater awareness weeks
 - c. Stormwater workshop
4. HOA Resources
5. DNR Updates
6. Customer Service Survey

Homeowner Association Education Meeting Summary - A resource page for HOA's is being created that will show the reporting requirements for each municipality and how and when to report. Please send what you want listed for your municipality to water@waukeshacounty.gov. In addition, if you know of contractors that HOA's could hire for brush removal, heavy mowing and other tasks for maintenance, please send that info as well.

Recycling, Stormwater & Parks Tax Insert – If your community expressed interest in receiving the 2025 Recycling, Stormwater and Parks tax insert then they should be included in your tax bills. If you have any questions concerns, please email triple@waukeshacounty.gov.

2025 Household Hazardous Waste Program Invoices – Waukesha County will send out your municipality's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) invoice by January 31, 2026. Please contact recycling@waukeshacounty.gov with any questions.

Recycling Performance – Effective May 1st 2025, all Waukesha County RU material is processed at the Waste Management recycling facility in Germantown. Below, please find the monthly average market value per ton for recyclables.



Website Updates – Early this year, Waukesha County launched a new website. Please check your website to ensure that all links work correctly and are up to date. Helpful links are shown below:

- Waukesha County Recycling Homepage (updated recycling guide): www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling
- Household Hazardous Waste: www.waukeshacounty.gov/HHW
- Disposal Options: www.waukeshacounty.gov/disposal
- Composting and Yard Waste: www.waukeshacounty.gov/compost
- Actions for Clean Water: www.waukeshacounty.gov/cleanwater

Email List – Is someone at your municipality missing out on these updates? Please share their email with triple@waukeshacounty.gov to get added to the distribution list!

Recycling Tip – Did you know that many recycling facility fires are due to lithium-ion batteries? Help spread the word to protect recycling staff and equipment by keeping batteries out of the recycling stream. Attached to this email you will find a helpful article about lithium-ion batteries that can be incorporated into upcoming municipal newsletters or other communications. If you have interest in other recycling topics for your newsletter, e-news or website, please email triple@waukeshacounty.gov.

***NEW Education Highlights for October and November –**

Based on municipal feedback, below you will find key highlights from recycling and stormwater staff on education activities:

- The recycling team launched its new “Master Recycler” program which included a classroom workshop and optional MRF tour, highlighting the importance of recycling, how

to recycle right and how to engage with others in the community to share this important message. Here is a photo of one of the groups who took advantage of this training!



- Forged a new partnership with Learning in Retirement of Waukesha County to provide recycling and stormwater workshops.
- WDNR invited Waukesha County Recycling to provide a presentation to Green Tier businesses in Southeast WI regarding waste management and recycling strategies and boosting engagement.
- Hosted Smart Salting training through Wisconsin Saltwise on November 12th. Attendees learned how salt pollutes our waterways and damages infrastructure and how to SAFELY reduce salt use and protect yourself from lawsuits.
- Staff promoted America Recycles Day on WTMJ4's The Morning Blend by discussing common recycling myths. You can watch the video clip here:
<https://www.tmj4.com/shows/the-morning-blend/sorting-it-out-top-recycling-myths-and-facts>