

## Single Sort Recycling is HERE! No Bagging, No Bundling, No Hassle! Let's Recycle, Waukesha County!

On January 1, 2015, the County and its 25 municipal recycling partners converted from a dual to a single sort recycling system where all recyclables can be mixed together in one larger container. This conversion is expected to increase recycling 25% or more with the expanded list of recyclable materials including all plastics #1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 along with paper, cardboard, aluminum, metals and glass as indicated on the new recycling guides shown.

Along with the changes to materials accepted, this conversion also provided municipalities the opportunity to transition to a fully automated collection system resulting in increased collection efficiencies and costs savings. Preliminary estimates show a collection *cost savings to community tax payers of over \$4 million per year*, primarily with a fully automated system. The automated collection communities received the industry standard 96 gallon, wheeled recycling containers which provide the necessary capacity for the expanded list of acceptable recyclables and costs savings with every-other-week collection. Communities that opted to maintain a manual collection system received the contractor recommended (for worker safety) 32 gallon recycling containers for weekly collection of the expanded list of acceptable items.

The County ceased operations at the Waukesha Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and began processing materials at the new, Joint City/County MRF in Milwaukee in March, 2015. This new, state of the art, privately operated facility was constructed in partnership between Waukesha County and the City of Milwaukee. It is able to process 35 tons of material per hour or 60,000 tons per year in one 8-hour shift. County/City cooperation on the project reduced program costs while increasing the return on investment for both communities.

AS OF JANUARY 1, 2015

### ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES

NO SORTING NECESSARY!



**CARDBOARD, FOOD BOXES, AND CARTONS**



**PAPER**  
OFFICE PAPER, JUNK MAIL, NEWSPAPER, BAGGED SHREDDED PAPER, ETC.



**GLASS BOTTLES & JARS**



**PLASTIC CONTAINERS**  
JUGS, BOTTLES, ETC.



**ALUMINUM, METAL CANS, POTS AND PANS**

PLEASE EMPTY

**NO**

NO FOAM CONTAINERS  
NO PLASTIC FILM

NO PLASTIC BAGS  
NO ELECTRONICS

NO FOOD OR YARD WASTE  
NO SHARPS OR INHALERS



#### ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES

##### PAPER

- Newspapers (including all inserts)
- Magazines/Catalogs
- Junk Mail (including envelopes)
- Office Paper (including computer & copy paper)
- Construction Paper
- Paperback Books/Telephone Books

##### CARDBOARD

- Empty Cardboard (flattened)
- Food Boxes (cereal, cake mix, frozen food)
- Beverage Carriers
- Paper Egg Cartons
- Brown Grocery Bags
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towel Tubes
- Tissue Boxes

##### GLASS

- Bottles and Jars

##### METAL CANS

- Aluminum Cans
- Steel/Tin Cans
- Clean Foil & Pans
- Empty Aerosol Cans (not paint or pesticide cans)
- Pots & Pans

##### PLASTIC CONTAINERS



LIQUIDS OUT, CAPS ON

- Bottles (water, soda, juice)
- Jugs (detergent, milk, juice, cleaning products, cooking oil)
- Tubs (margarine, sour cream, yogurt)
- Deli, Berry & Produce Containers
- Cups
- Lids

##### LARGE RIGID PLASTICS

REMOVE ALL METAL COMPONENTS

- Plastic Buckets (5 gallon, ice cream, kitty litter)
- Laundry Baskets
- Plastic Crates
- Plastic Dish Drying Racks

##### CARTONS

REMOVE CAPS & STRAWS

- Juice Boxes
- Soup Cartons
- Milk & Juice Cartons

#### UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- NO Appliances
- NO Batteries
- NO Ceramics
- NO Clothing
- NO Compost
- NO Diapers
- NO Electronics
- NO Foam Cups
- NO Foam Deli Containers & Trays
- NO Foam Packaging
- NO Food
- NO Furniture
- NO Hangers
- NO Hoses
- NO Light Bulbs
- NO Loose Caps and Lids
- NO Mirrors
- NO Motor Oil Bottles
- NO Paint
- NO Paper Cups
- NO Pesticides
- NO Pipe or Tubing
- NO Plastic Bags
- NO Plastic Film
- NO Propane Tanks
- NO Sharps or Inhalers
- NO Take Out Packaging or Utensils
- NO Trash
- NO Used Paper Plates
- NO Window Glass
- NO Wires
- NO Yard Waste

# Recycling in the Community

Recycling doesn't have to be limited to what goes in your curbside recycling container! There are many other common household items that can be recycled in your community, including at retail stores, thrift shops, non-profit organizations, home improvement, and electronics stores.

Call retailers for details, as policies, items accepted and fees change frequently. This is not an all-inclusive list. No endorsement of any business by Waukesha County is intended.

ITEM/MATERIAL	DESCRIPTION	LOCATIONS FOR RECYCLING
Plastic Bags & Plastic Film	Clean, dry plastic bags from produce, newspapers, bread, dry cleaning, plastic case wrap from snack and beverage cases, and plastic packaging wrap from napkins, paper towels, bathroom tissue, and diaper packaging.	Pick 'n Save, Sam's Club, Metro Market, Woodman's, Target, Kohl's, JC Penney, Walmart.  Please visit <a href="http://www.PlasticFilmRecycling.org">www.PlasticFilmRecycling.org</a> for more locations that accept plastic film for recycling.
Rechargeable Batteries & Cell Phones	Rechargeable batteries and cellphones contain valuable minerals and metals that can be used in the manufacturing of new products.	Best Buy, Batteries Plus Bulbs, Home Depot, Office Depot/OfficeMax.  Visit <a href="http://www.rbric.org">www.rbric.org</a> for a complete list of participating businesses.
Light Bulbs	Compact fluorescent bulbs, fluorescent tubes, circular fluorescents, U-bend fluorescents, plastic coated and shatter shield, spot/flood lamps, UV and germicidal lamps, incandescent, halogen, cold cathode, metal halide, high pressure sodium, mercury vapor, and ballasts.	Batteries Plus Bulbs, Home Depot (collects CFLs only).  Visit <a href="http://www.lamprecycle.org">www.lamprecycle.org</a> for a complete list of participating businesses.
Electronics	DVD players, VCRs, speakers, computers, monitors, printers (ink cartridges may also be accepted), cables and connectors, iPods, MP3 players, boom boxes, alarm clocks, GPS, digital cameras/camcorders, chargers, CDs, DVDs, e-readers, hair dryers, curling and flat irons, vacuums.	Working electronics can be donated by non-profits such as Goodwill, St. Vincent de Paul, or Purple Heart.  Non-working or old electronics are recyclable at non-profits and local retailers such as Best Buy (no charge for most electronics), Goodwill (no charge), Jensen Environmental in Muskego which recycles electronics for \$0.25/lb, and Recycle Technologies of Waukesha for \$0.45/lb.
Tube (or CRT) Televisions	Some curbside trash and recycling haulers pick up TVs through their local contracts but may have a size restriction and/or nominal fee to do so. Call your hauler before placing it at the curb.	Best Buy will accept TVs 32 inches or smaller (no consoles), St. Vincent de Paul will accept TVs that are less than 10 years old, 27 inches or smaller and working, Jensen Environmental in Muskego recycles TVs for \$0.25/lb, Waukesha Recycling Company will take TVs for \$30 each, and Recycle Technologies in Waukesha will recycle TVs for \$0.45/lb.
Shredded Paper	Junk mail applications can be torn in half and recycled. Mail with a basic name and address is not considered sensitive, so shred only what's necessary.	Put shreds in a clear plastic or paper bag, tied or folded down and taped, marked as such and place in recycling container.  Look for shredding events at local banking institutions.  Other options include Office Depot or Kard Recycling in New Berlin. Minimal fees may apply.
Appliances	Appliances, such as washers, dryers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, ovens, stoves, microwave ovens dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, furnaces, boilers, and water heaters.	Working appliances can be donated and even picked up by non-profits such as the Waukesha Habitat ReStore or Purple Heart.  Non-working appliances are recyclable at local appliance and electronics retailers such as Best Buy or Sears. Fees may apply.
Textiles	Gently used clothing, as well as old, worn out clothing and other textiles. Depending upon the condition when donated, these textiles will be resold as clothing or recycled into industrial wiping cloths and other products.	Goodwill, Milwaukee Textile Recycling, Better Earth Recycling.

For more information about other items that can be recycled in the community, visit our website: [www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling)

# Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Information

Safely dispose of your chemicals and household hazardous items.

## Collection Sites - Open to all Waukesha County Residents

<b>MUSKEGO</b> W144 S6347 College Ct. • February – November 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 8am – 12pm	<b>WAUKESHA</b> 900 Sentry Dr. • April – November 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8am – 12pm • February – March 2nd Saturday, 8am – 12pm
<b>MENOMONEE FALLS</b> W124 N9451 124th St. (Boundary Rd.) • January – December Mondays and Wednesdays, 11am – 6pm Saturdays, 8am – 2pm	<b>SPECIAL ONE-DAY COLLECTIONS</b> 8am – noon Mukwonago – May 16th Brookfield – June 6th Delafield – June 20th Oconomowoc – September 12th
<b>FRANKLIN (MILWAUKEE COUNTY)</b> 10518 S. 124th St. • February – November 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8am – 2pm	

*\*Locations, days, and times of permanent and one day collections subject to change*

## Items Accepted at HHW Collection Sites

- Cleaning solutions with solvents
- Thermometers, thermostats w/ mercury
- Fertilizer w/ weed killer
- Pesticides/herbicides
- Rat/rodent poison
- Insect/bug killer
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs and tubes (check local retailers for recycling)
- Gasoline, fuels
- Lead-based/oil-based paint
- Paint remover
- Paint thinner/turpentine
- Stain, varnish, lacquer
- Automotive chemicals & solvents

## Unacceptable at HHW Drop-offs:

- Ammunition/fireworks
- Batteries
- Waste from businesses or institutions
- Radioactive materials (Smoke Detectors)
- Antifreeze & motor oil (check our website for municipal oil recycling locations)
- Empty containers
- Latex paint
- Sharps (Needles/Syringes)
- Medicines

## Use less toxins in the home

Before purchasing a cleaning, automotive, or garden product, see what's available at a Product Exchange Program. This free program is available at all permanent county HHW sites. Quantities and types of materials vary. Participants are required to sign a liability waiver and standard release forms. IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED.

For more information about household hazardous waste (HHW), including a detailed list of what is accepted at collection sites and the holiday closing schedule, visit: [waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste](http://waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste)

# Recycling Drop-Off Sites

Recyclables and other common household items are accepted from all Waukesha County residents at these municipal sites:

COMMUNITY	HOURS	SUMMARY OF ACCEPTED ITEMS FROM ANY COUNTY RESIDENT
City of Brookfield	April – Nov: Tues & Thurs 1 pm – 7 pm All Year: Sat 8 am – 5 pm	Paper/Cardboard, Motor Oil/Filters, Antifreeze, Scrap Metal
Village of Hartland	April – Nov: 2nd & 4th Sat 9 am – 1 pm April – Nov: 2nd & 4th Tues 6 pm – 8 pm All Year: Fri 9 am – 3 pm	All Curbside Recyclables, Motor Oil/Filters, Antifreeze, Scrap Metal
Town of Lisbon	All day, every day (unstaffed drop-off)	Motor Oil/Filters and Antifreeze
Town of Merton	All Year: Sat 8 am – 12 pm	All Curbside Recyclables, Motor Oil/Filters, Antifreeze, Scrap Metal
Village of Pewaukee	Jan – Feb: Closed March – Dec: Sat 9 am – 3 pm March – Nov: Wed 4 pm – 7 pm	All Curbside Recyclables, Motor Oil/Filters, Antifreeze, Scrap Metal
City of Waukesha	April – Mid-Dec: Wed 11 am – 7 pm All Year: Sat 8 am – 4 pm	All Curbside Recyclables, Motor Oil/Filters, Antifreeze, Textiles

## ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SITES

Big Bend  
Delafield (City)  
Elm Grove

New Berlin  
Oconomowoc (City)  
Oconomowoc (Town)

Pewaukee (City)  
Summit  
Waukesha (Town)

These sites accept certain items from their residents only.

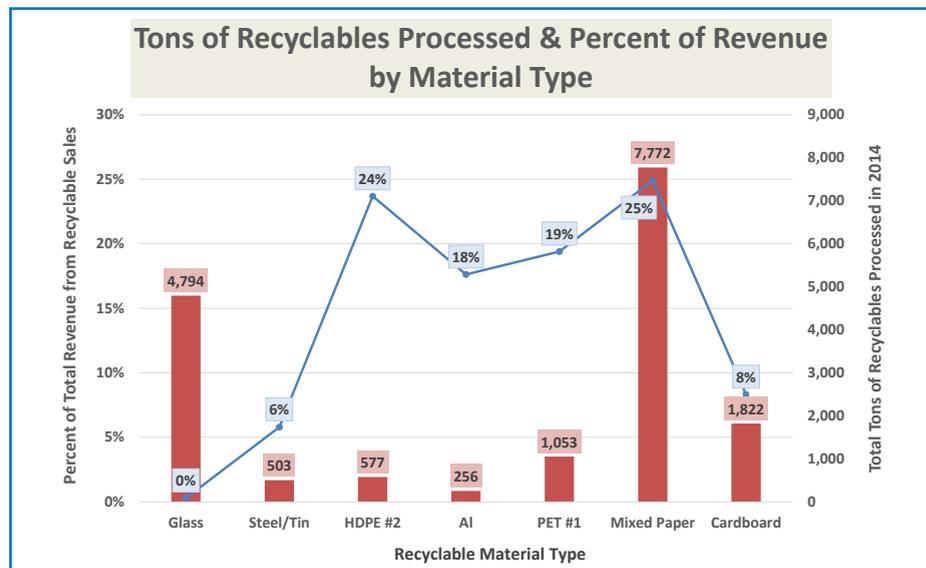


# Recycling and Solid Waste

## 2014 Program Review

### MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY (MRF) STATISTICS

In 2014, the Waukesha County MRF received and processed a total of 17,639 tons of materials from 93,463 households in the 25 partner municipalities. The MRF received an average of 67 tons per operating day. Processing these materials resulted in 647 tons, 3.86% of residue—unrecyclable materials that must be landfilled—and 16,777 tons of recyclables shipped out to market. By weight, paper, cardboard, and cartons were 57% of the materials recycled, 29% was glass, and plastics and metals (aluminum/tin) make up the remaining 14% but provide 67% of the overall revenue.



### MUNICIPAL RECYCLING DIVIDENDS

The continued success of the County's recycling program has allowed for the distribution of over \$13 million in annual dividends to each of the participating 25 municipalities in tax relief since 2001. This year Waukesha County will distribute up to \$1.7 million in recycling dividends including \$700,000 to support municipal costs for new, larger recycling containers and longer recyclable hauling distance to the Joint MRF in Milwaukee.

### EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND EVENT RECYCLING

Waukesha County recycling staff reached 7,365 County residents through education programs and outreach designed to increase recycling rates, encourage composting and ensure proper waste disposal. Over 3,300 residents visited the MRF including the biannual MRF open houses and 113 group visits. Staff conducted an additional 51 presentations in schools, 35 presentations out in the community for 3,978 residents and 41 outreach appearances. The County distributed event recycling bins for 47 community events in 15 municipalities.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

In 2014, there were 5,583 residents that dropped off 211,617 pounds of hazardous materials for safe disposal at either a permanent or satellite (temporary) collection site. Since 2002, the Waukesha County HHW Program has safely disposed 2.32 million pounds of hazardous waste from 63,655 residents.

### YARD WASTE COMPOSTING

Approximately 4,170 tons of yard waste was composted during 2014 from households in 14 participating communities, as well as Waukesha County highway and parks operations. Since 2004, the County program has composted 70,054 tons of yard waste, saving limited landfill space while producing a marketable soil amendment.

# Clean Water, Healthy Lawns

Yes! We can have healthy lawns and clean lakes and rivers—at the same time! All it takes is a little lawn care savvy and patience. Let's start with the savvy. Before putting anything on your lawn, you need to understand that when it rains, water flows off the lawn, over the curb and into the storm drain. Storm drains are connected to the nearest lake, river or stream. This means that anything on the lawn—fertilizers, pesticides, weed and feed—can run off and enter our waters. There are some simple steps to maintaining a beautiful lawn without harming our waters. It will take some time to apply them all and get results, so be patient!

**1. TEST YOUR SOIL.** Before using fertilizers, test your soil. It is a simple procedure that explains exactly how much fertilizer is actually needed to support the growth of grass. Excess application results in water pollution. Test kits are available at the Waukesha County UW-Extension office. More information is available at [waukesha.uwex.edu/horticulture/yard-and-garden](http://waukesha.uwex.edu/horticulture/yard-and-garden).

**2. SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS.** Is a completely weed-free lawn necessary? Realize that weeds are a symptom. The problem could be soil compaction not a lack of nutrients. Test the soil to treat the problem—not the symptom.

**3. MOW HIGH.** Set the lawn mower blade at 3". The longer grass will shade out weed sprouts and compete better against the weeds. Mow often enough to avoid removal of more than 1/3 of the grass blade—this will stress the grass, resulting in increased susceptibility to weeds.

**4. LET IT GO.** Unless caring for newly established lawn, allow the lawn to go dormant during hot, dry times. This will not harm the grass and will save money on the water bill. In fact, frequent watering promotes shallow roots and can harm your lawn.

**5. CLEAN UP!** After fertilizing or mowing the lawn, be sure to sweep any leftovers off the pavement and back onto the lawn. Fertilizers and grass clippings will wash into the storm drain and fuel weed and algae growth in local lakes and rivers.

These are just a few tips to get started on having a healthy lawn that is safe for your children and pets as well as our waters. For more in-depth information, you can attend a Clean Water Healthy Lawn workshop. Check the "You're Invited!" section for a listing of scheduled programs.

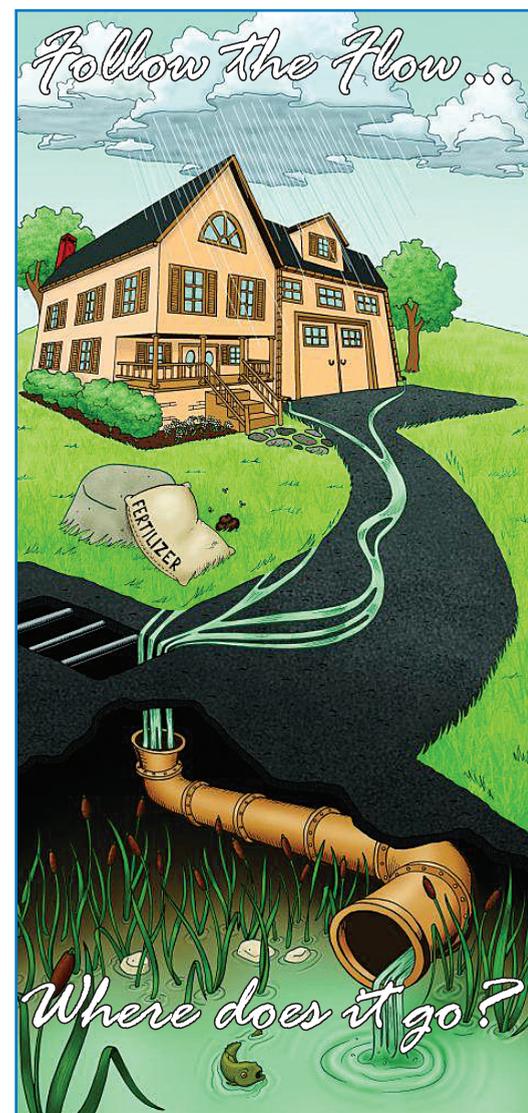
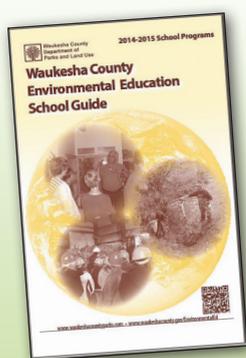


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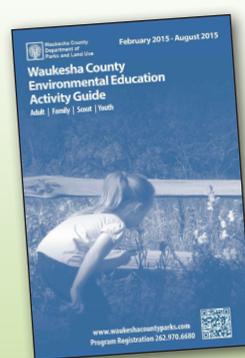
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# Schedule a FREE Public Program!

Waukesha County Recycling & Water Resources are proud to present our 2015 workshops! FREE for scouts, community groups and organizations! Contact us today! (262) 896-8300

## ■ RECYCLING 101: EASIER THAN EVER! (Youth or Adults) 30-45 mins

New cart, new collection system, new recyclables! Do you still have questions about the changes to recycling? Are you familiar with the list of new recyclables, including new plastics? Do you know what items should not be put in your container? Join recycling staff for a program overview and bring your questions. Find out how single sort recycling facilities get the job done.

## ■ GREEN CLEANING WORKSHOP (Adult) 45 mins-1 hr.

We strive to keep our homes & workplaces healthy by using chemicals that are toxic. Is there another way? Find out what common household ingredients can be used to keep your home healthy, clean, and safe. Find out what really works and which products on the market pass as "green." (Presentation only or add: "Make & Take" Creamy Soft Scrub to take home!)

## ■ HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOP (Adult) 1 hr-Available in Spring/Fall

Learn how to create your own compost, how to use it, and about different bin styles to build or buy. Find out the Top 10 Reasons to compost! Discover the secrets of healthy soil for beautiful lawns & gardens and the role compost plays.

## ■ ORGANIC LAWN CARE WORKSHOP (Adult) 45 mins-1 hr-Available in Spring/Fall

Find out the latest approaches and steps to a green & healthy lawn through organic practices that feed the soil and create the best growing medium for the biggest crop in America: the lawn.

## ■ TURN OVER A NEW LEAF WORKSHOP: EASY FALL YARD CARE (Adult) 1 hr-Available in Fall

Learn how to handle large amounts of fallen leaves without burning, raking, piling, bagging, or dragging. Find out the steps to organically improve your lawn and why fall is the best time to do it!

## ■ UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER RESOURCES (Youth or Adults) 45 mins-1 hr

Where does your water come from? Where does it go when you are finished with it? We'll answer these questions and more in this interactive presentation about water. You can become a positive influence on your watershed!

## ■ THE VALUE OF RAIN GARDENS & RAIN BARRELS WORKSHOP (Adult) 45 mins-1 hr.

Rain barrels have been used for many generations. Discover how they can actually help restore a more natural water flow while saving you money. Not only will we explore how to install rain barrels, we will learn about rain gardens, too! Rain gardens and rain barrels are a beautiful solution to water pollution.

## ■ CLEAN WATER, HEALTHY LAWN WORKSHOP (Adult) 45 mins-1 hr.

Learn how to have a healthy lawn and yard without harming local rivers and streams. This workshop will cover lawn care and watering as well as how to incorporate features like rain barrels and rain gardens into your landscape. Practices covered in this workshop are not only friendly to our local lakes and rivers, but to our pets and children as well.

# You're Invited!

Got questions? Need information?

Looking for something fun to do? Come and visit our booth, event, or themed workshop in a community near you! See our website for specific locations, dates, and times.

## ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE!

### ■ APRIL

April 9

Green Cleaning with Make & Take - Oconomowoc Public Library ■ 3pm

April 14

Green Cleaning with Make & Take - Pewaukee Public Library ■ 6:30pm

Rain Gardens & Rain Barrels Workshop - Mukwonago Community Library ■ 6:30pm

April 18

Rain Gardens & Rain Barrels Workshop - Poplar Creek Gardens, New Berlin ■ 11am

April 22

Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop - Waukesha Public Library ■ 7pm

April 23

Home Composting Workshop - Poplar Creek Gardens, New Berlin ■ 6:30pm

### ■ MAY

May 5

Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop - Muskego Public Library ■ 7pm

May 6

Rain Gardens & Rain Barrels Workshop - Delafield Public Library ■ 6:30pm

May 9

COMPOST BIN & RAIN BARREL SALE at Retzer Nature Center's Spring Sale ■ 9am - 12pm

Home Composting Workshop - Retzer Nature Center, Waukesha ■ 10am

May 12

Home Composting Workshop - Pewaukee Public Library ■ 6:30pm

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### ■ JUNE

June 20

Lake Country Clean Water Festival Booth - Pewaukee Lakefront Park Beach ■ 10am - 3pm

### ■ AUGUST

August 12

YMCA Pabst Farms Kids' Fest Booth - Roosevelt Park, Oconomowoc ■ 9am-1pm

August 13

Waukesha National Night Out Booth - Frame Park, Waukesha ■ 5pm-7pm

### ■ SEPTEMBER

September 12

LANDSCAPE PLASTICS RECYCLING EVENT at Johnson's Nursery, Inc. of Menomonee Falls ■ 8am - 12pm • Bring your used plastic growing pots, plant trays & containers for recycling.

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# Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale

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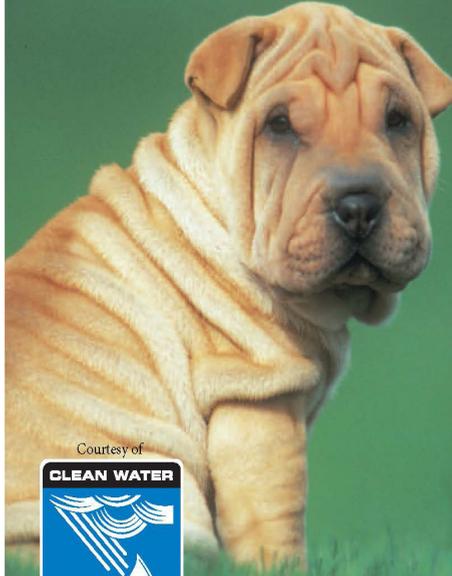
RAIN OR SHINE

Compost Bins \$50

Rain Barrels \$60-\$100

Held at

Retzer Nature Center's Spring Sale  
S14 W28167 Madison St., Waukesha, WI



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