



Press Release

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Recycling Just Got Easier in Waukesha County!

Now Residents Can Place All Recyclables in One Container

Waukesha, WI – The days of separating recyclables are over! Recycling just got easier! Now all recyclables including paper, cardboard, plastics, aluminum cans, glass bottles, and cartons all go in the same container, mixed together. It's called "single sort" recycling. No bagging. No sorting. No hassle.

Over the next several months, contracted haulers for each municipality will deliver new, larger recycling containers. These new recycling containers have increased capacity to collect the expanded list of materials that can now be recycled. Once the new recycling container arrives, residents may simply recycle the old bin in their new recycling container, use the old bin for storage or bring it to a municipal drop off site for recycling, however, until the new container is delivered, residents should continue to use the blue bin and recycle all materials on the newly expanded list.

Waukesha County and the City of Milwaukee partnered to construct a new single sort materials recycling facility. This facility will process all of the recyclables collected from residents in the communities participating in the Waukesha County recycling program. While this new recycling facility can handle many more plastics, the County requests that grocery bags and film remain out of the recycling containers and continue to be recycled at local grocery and department stores. Plastic film can easily get stuck in the conveyor belts or other equipment, thus halting the recycling process, damaging equipment and potentially harming workers.

For more information visit waukeshacounty.gov/recycling or call 262-896-8300.

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