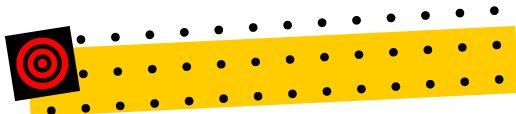




WISCONSIN has one of the strongest and most effective recycling programs in the USA, diverting more than 40% of its waste from landfills.



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**A Tenant's Guide
to Recycling &
Waste Reduction**



▶ One out of every 3 Wisconsinites, or 33% of the state's population, rents a home or apartment.

As a tenant or landlord, you play an important part in recovering materials and reducing Wisconsin's waste!

Recycling Contacts in your area:

Your landlord: (fill in yours)

Your hauler: (fill in yours)

Your local responsible

unit: (the local unit of government that creates and enforces recycling ordinances for your area):

(fill in yours)

DNR Regional Offices:

Eau Claire 715-839-5171

Green Bay 920-662-5493

Madison 608-267-7550

Milwaukee 414-263-8369

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▶ Wisconsin laws require you to recycle the following:

In bins at your apartment building

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Cardboard
- Glass jars & bottles
- Plastic Containers (1 & 2)
- Aluminum cans
- Steel / Tin cans



By separate collection or drop off

- Motor Oil
- Tires
- Vehicle batteries
- Appliances

Your Responsibilities

1. Separate recyclables from garbage in your home/ apartment.
2. Prepare recyclables so they are clean and free of contamination.
3. Place separated recyclables in the container provided by your landlord.



What Else Can You Do?

Reduce the amount of waste and garbage generated — and SAVE MONEY — by practicing these *waste reduction ideas*.

- Reuse products and containers as much as possible.
- Recycle when you're away from home. Get your kids involved!
- Buy in bulk and buy concentrates.
- Cut down on unwanted mail by removing yourself from mailing lists. (www.dmaconsumers.org/cgi/offmailing)
- Encourage your landlord to reuse, mulch or compost yard materials such as grass clippings and leaves.

Your Landlord's Responsibilities

1. Provide adequate, separate containers for recyclables.
2. Arrange for the collection and transportation of recyclables to a recycling or processing facility.
3. Notify apartment residents in writing about your recycling program when they move in, and at least semi-annually thereafter.
4. Comply with local recycling ordinance requirements.

Call your municipal recycling or waste office if your landlord is not providing recycling services.

Other Issues



PHARMACEUTICALS

* Check with your local government about disposal options.

USED ELECTRONICS

- * Computers
- * TVs
- * Cell Phones



These items contain TOXIC substances and should not be disposed of in landfills. For recycling and/or other disposal options, contact municipal waste management, recycling and hauler services. Many communities also host clean sweep or other collection services.

When you recycle & reduce waste, you're:

1. Conserving energy
2. Saving natural resources
3. Reducing the need for new landfills
4. Decreasing pollution
5. Preserving and creating jobs
6. Reducing disposal costs of garbage
7. Saving money



Waste Reduction is a balance created by:

- A) **Reducing** wastes and toxins generated in manufacturing and shipping products, as well as in purchasing and use by consumers.
- B) **Diverting** products and packaging out of the waste stream by **reusing** and **recycling**.



Learn More:

BeSMART:
www.besmart.org

Envirolink Network:
www.envirolink.org

WasteCap Wisconsin:
www.wastecapwi.org

Global Recycling Network:
www.grn.com/grn

University of Wisconsin Extension:
www3.uwm.edu/Dept/shwec/

