

## What Should You Recycle in Your Building?

Your building accepts the following materials for recycling:

- Newspapers
- Magazines, catalogs and other materials on similar paper
- Corrugated cardboard
- Glass containers
- #1 and #2 plastic bottles and containers
- Aluminum cans
- Steel (tin) cans
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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Recycling is the law in Wisconsin. For a full list of materials banned from Wisconsin landfills and incinerators, visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search "what to recycle."

## Recycling...

- **Saves energy.** Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run your television for three hours.
- **Conserves resources.** Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 463 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, and enough energy to heat an average home for six months.
- **Supports jobs.** Recycling 10,000 tons of material supports 10 jobs, while sending the same amount to a landfill supports one job.



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## A Renter's Guide to RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION



Wisconsin has one of the strongest and most effective recycling programs in the country, keeping more than 40% of its waste out of landfills.

### Recycling Contacts in Your Area:

▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
Your landlord/building manager

▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
Your local recycling program

## Renter Responsibilities

1. Separate recyclables from garbage in your house/apartment.
2. Prepare recyclables so they are clean.
3. Place recyclables in the container(s) provided by your landlord or city.

## Landlord 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 at move-in, and at least twice a year thereafter.
4. Comply with local recycling ordinance requirements.

Call your community recycling program if your landlord is not providing the required recycling services.

Visit [www.RecycleMoreWisconsin.org](http://www.RecycleMoreWisconsin.org) for community recycling contact information.



For more information about recycling in Wisconsin, visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search “**recycle.**”

## Other Materials to Consider

In addition to what's collected where you live, many other materials must be recycled in Wisconsin. Check with your community recycling program to see what additional materials may be collected locally.



• **ELECTRONICS**, in most cases, may not be put in the trash. Many electronics can be recycled through E-Cycle Wisconsin, a program that provides free or low-cost electronics collection sites around the state. Find a collection site in your area at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search “**ecycle.**”

• **PHARMACEUTICALS** contain toxic substances and should not be flushed down the toilet or thrown away in the trash. Contact your community recycling program for local disposal options.



• **HOUSEHOLD MEDICAL SHARPS** should NEVER be put in the trash, recycling or medication collection drop boxes. To find a collection site near you, visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search “**sharps.**”



• **VEHICLE ITEMS** such as lead-acid batteries; tires; used oil filters; and waste oils and **APPLIANCES** such as air conditioners and microwaves may not be put in the trash. They should be recycled at collection or drop-off programs in your community or at retail outlets when replacements are purchased.

## What Else Can You Do?

Increasing the amount you reuse and decreasing the amount you throw away not only helps the environment, it can also save you money. Get started on reducing your waste with these habits:



• **REUSE** products and containers as much as possible.

• **RECYCLE** when away from home. If recycling containers aren't readily available, carry your recyclables home with you.

• **BUY IN BULK**, and buy cleaning supplies in concentrate. This will decrease the amount of packaging you use, and save you money in the long run.

• **BUY RECYCLED PRODUCTS** with minimal packaging.

• **DONATE** materials such as furniture, clothing and other household goods when you're done with them.

