

Recycling Updates

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2022 Recycling Data Presented To Wisconsin Council On Recycling

The DNR presented 2022 recycling data to the Wisconsin Council on Recycling on May 28. The summary data comes from annual reports submitted by responsible units and materials recovery facilities (MRFs) operating in Wisconsin.



Some highlights of the 2022 data include:

- MRFs reported recycling 721,516 tons of metal, glass and plastic containers, mixed paper and cardboard (landfill-banned materials).
- The amount of landfill-banned materials collected by RUs remains steady over time, with 406,000 tons collected in 2022.
- The residual rate (percent thrown away of what is received at an MRF) is ~14% for single-stream recycling.

The presentation on 2022 RU & MRF data, along with other presentations, is available on the [Wisconsin Council on Recycling webpage](#).

DNR Resources For Demolition Inquiries



Construction season is in full swing, and the DNR has several resources to help answer questions about demolition waste.

Multiple DNR programs and other agencies implement regulations related to construction and demolition. The following resources are from the DNR's Air Management and Waste and Materials Management programs.

Web Resources

[Demolition, Construction and Renovation](#): An overview of several pages related to asbestos and waste from structures.

[Asbestos Removal and Notification](#): The Air Management Program implements asbestos regulations in ch.447, Wis. Adm. Code. This page describes these regulations, links to the online notification system and has a map of regional asbestos inspectors.

[Handling Waste from Demolished Structures](#): Describes demolition wastes commonly called "clean or exempt fill" and the legal requirements and drawbacks to burying or burning structures.

[Can I Burn? Tool](#): Takes users through a series of questions that answers whether or not they can burn materials from standing or previously standing structures.

Publications

[Planning Your Demolition or Renovation Project](#) (WA-651): A guide to hazard evaluation, recycling and waste disposal. Also available in Spanish.

Wisconsin Science Festival Looking For Event Hosts



Does your organization want to help promote solid waste and recycling in Wisconsin? Consider participating in the Wisconsin Science Festival, a statewide event emphasizing science, technology, engineering, art/humanities and math. The festival is seeking hosts for hands-on science exhibitions, demonstrations, tours, workshops and more. The DNR traditionally promotes electronics recycling at an event in Madison.

This year's festival is Oct. 14-20. Submit an event by Aug. 1 and the organizers will send an event host kit, swag and more to help promote the event.

According to their [2023 report](#), there were over 41,000 attendees throughout 51 counties in Wisconsin with 80% of the events being held outside Dane County.

[Learn more and register to host an event.](#)

Call For Leads On Local Permanent Fishing Line Collection Sites

The DNR is working with the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay to add monofilament fishing line collection sites to the [Wisconsin Recycling Markets Directory](#). To help jumpstart this effort, the DNR is calling out to Recycling Updates subscribers.



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If you know of any local organizations or businesses that host permanent collection sites for fishing line, email the DNR Waste and Materials Management Program at DNRWasteMaterials@wisconsin.gov.

We appreciate any contact or location information for the collection site. These leads will help gauge the project's scope and may be used to verify the site.

Visit the DNR's webpage on [recycling monofilament fishing line](#) to learn why and how to recycle fishing line.

Updated Composting Publication Available

HOME COMPOSTING
Reap A Heap Of Benefits



The DNR's popular publication, *Home Composting: Reap A Heap of Benefits*, has been revised and is free through the online Recycling, Composting & Waste Reduction Publications Order Form. The updated version is also available in Spanish online.

The revisions included an expanded list of compostable materials, additional solutions to issues with piles and a QR code linking to the DNR's [Composting in Wisconsin webpage](#).

View publications and access the ordering form on the DNR's [Recycling Education and Outreach webpage](#).

USDA Funding Opportunity On Food Loss And Waste

USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research And Education (SARE) Grant Program Closes June 28

The national Community Foods Project Food Loss and Waste Training and Technical Assistance Grants Program are offering grants to entities implementing outreach, training and technical assistance efforts related to food loss and waste. Each SARE region will receive an award with anticipated award of \$500,000 to \$1 million per project. Wisconsin is part of the North Central SARE region.

[Read the full call for proposals.](#)

[View the recorded webinar on the grant offering on YouTube.](#)

Upcoming Webinars, Online Conferences And Events

Different Plastic Recycling Technologies Tackling Global Plastic Recycling Goals (Webinar)

June 13, 12:30 p.m. CST
Hosted by the Northeast Recycling Council

[Register online](#)

U.S. Paint EPR: Insights from a Decade of PaintCare Programs (Webinar)

June 18, 11 a.m. CST
Hosted by the Product Stewardship Institute and PaintCare

[Register online](#)

Revolutionizing Recycling: Innovations for a Circular Economy (Webinar)

June 19, noon CST
Hosted by the Stewardship Action Foundation

[Register online](#)

Small Format Batteries: Education and Outreach (Webinar)

June 20, 1 p.m. CST
Hosted by the U.S. EPA

[Register online](#)

New and Innovative Technology for Compost Facilities (Webinar, \$25 for Non-members)

June 26, 1 p.m. CST
Hosted by the U.S. Composting Council

[Register online](#)

Past Webinars

Several webinars can be found on the websites of the [Public Resources- Product Stewardship Institute](#), the [EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Program](#) and the [Northeast Recycling Council](#).



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