

Please don't throw me away!

This Is Your 2009 Recycling/Trash Pickup Information

Twelve La Crosse County communities have joined to provide information about their recycling and trash pickup programs. Inside you'll find community-specific information on disposing of your household trash and recyclables. On the front and back is more helpful general information.

City of La Crosse	608-789-7508	www.cityoflacrosse.org
City of Onalaska	608-781-9500	www.cityofonalaska.com
Town of Campbell	608-783-0050	www.frenchislandwi.com
Town of Farmington	608-857-3139	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfFarmington
Town of Greenfield	608-788-6885	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfGreenfield
Town of Hamilton	608-786-0989	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfHamilton
Town of Holland	608-526-3354	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfHolland
Village of Holmen	608-526-4336	www.holmenwi.com
Town of Medary	608-781-2275	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/TownOfMedary
Town of Onalaska	608-783-4958	www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/townofonalaska
Town of Shelby	608-788-1032	www.townofshelby.com
Village of West Salem	608-786-1858	www.westsalemwi.com

La Crosse County Municipalities Are Leading the Way in Sustainability Efforts!

In recent years, the comprehensive planning efforts of La Crosse County municipalities have prompted many local initiatives focused on environmentally responsible practices. These efforts promise to lessen the impact of development on the environment, and communities that adopt such initiatives are sometimes referred to as *eco-municipalities* or *sustainable communities*. Some of those efforts involve *sustainability* and using the *Natural Step* model for sustainable communities.

What is sustainability?

One way to define **sustainability** is "Using resources in ways that meet our needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

What is the Natural Step?

The Natural Step is a philosophy communities can follow to make themselves more sustainable. The philosophy of the Natural Step can be summarized as follows:

- **What we extract from the Earth** (fossil and radioactive fuels, mined metals, and minerals), and **what we make synthetically** (chemicals, pesticides, plastics, etc.), must not accumulate long-term in the environment as **wastes**.
- **Wastes** must ultimately be **compostable** or remain in **closed-loop reuse cycles** that don't contaminate compostables.
- **Biodiversity and natural systems**—soils, forests, water, air, genetic material—must not be irreversibly degraded by human activities.
- **Food, raw materials, and natural systems** must be used equitably, fairly and efficiently so that the basic needs of all humans are met locally and globally.

How do being an eco-municipality (a sustainable community) and following the Natural Step fit into solid waste and recycling?

La Crosse's solid waste management process is consistent with being an eco-municipality. It starts with the three R's—**REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE**. After recycling materials are removed from waste, the nonrecyclable materials are used as a fuel source to generate electricity. What remains at the end of this process is stored in a landfill.

Another important concept in sustainability is **managing waste through a local system** instead of shipping it to distant landfills. This eliminates environmental liability in another landfill, reduces vehicle emissions for trucking wastes, reduces wear on roads, keeps dollars within the community, and reduces increases in local fees.

In 2008, La Crosse County hired Nick Nichols as sustainability coordinator. His work will enhance our sustainability, resulting in savings that will more than offset the cost of his position. For more information on how you can become more sustainable or to get involved on one of the many efforts going on in our region, go to: www.sustainablelacrosse.org or call Nick with your comments, questions, or concerns at **789-7812**.

If I rent a dumpster, how do I know if my waste is being managed through the La Crosse Disposal System?

For liability, sustainability, and community support reasons, it is important to know how and where your waste is being managed. You can find out by asking your waste hauler to dispose of the waste locally and require the hauler to provide a copy of the disposal facility's weight slip with the billing statement.

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Public Use of County Landfill

La Crosse County's easily accessible public drop-off site at 6500 Highway 16 is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. We accept waste from homeowners, renters, and businesses within La Crosse county or our region. We have five numbered and labeled containers so that you can separate your waste appropriately. To ensure that costs are allocated equitably among system users, disposal fees are 5¢ per pound, payable at the site (minimum \$2). Your vehicle will be weighed upon entering and leaving the landfill site to determine cost. **You must stop at the scale to be weighed, and you must provide your own labor.**

What Can Be Dropped Off?

Large Items: Furniture and furnishings including upholstered items, general household materials, toys, bikes, grills, lawnmowers (without gas and oil), mattresses, etc.

Demolition/Construction Debris:

Wood, drywall, doors, windows, sinks, toilets, tubs, roofing, bricks, carpets, tile, flooring.

Garbage: Normal household waste like bagged waste, paper, and food waste. Place in the Xcel waste-to-energy bin.

These other items may be dropped off for a higher fee; call 785-9999 for information:

- Yard waste/grass clippings
- Tires
- Shingles
- Brush
- Deer carcasses

What Cannot Be Dropped Off?

NO hazardous waste, propane tanks, or appliances are accepted. Call our information hotline, **785-9999**, for proper disposal or see the front of this brochure.

No Scavenging

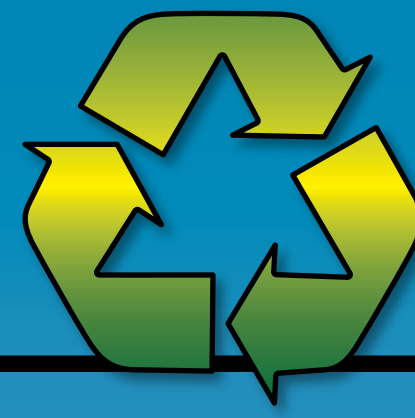
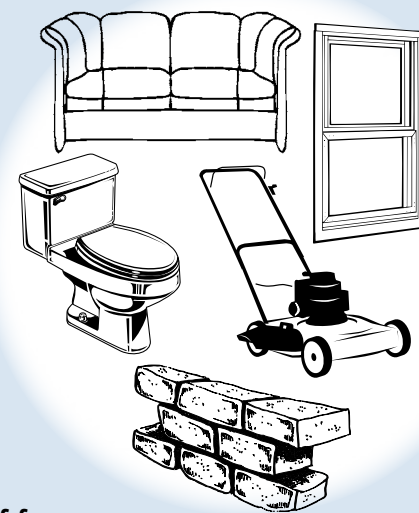
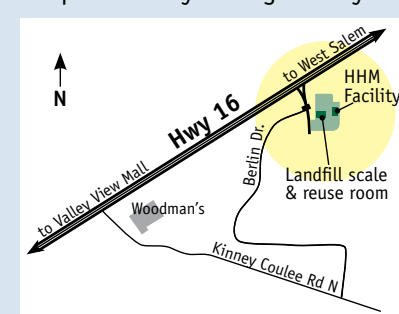
Only people authorized by site attendants may use the facility. Security cameras are in use and violators will be referred to law enforcement.

Where Do My Recyclables Go?

In La Crosse County (and beyond), most communities' recyclables go to Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling Service's Material Recovery Facility. This facility sorts almost **10 tons of aluminum cans, steel cans, glass bottles and plastic bottles every day**. It also collects and bales **close to 15 tons of newsprint and cardboard every day**.

Once separated, all recyclables are sent on to locations where they will be made into new products. For example, the newspaper is sent to a mill that makes new paper out of the old paper. Old cardboard boxes are turned into paperboard, which becomes cereal boxes. Plastic soda and water bottles are sent to a company that makes carpeting. Aluminum is sent to be made back into aluminum cans.

All materials collected through community recycling programs are guaranteed to be given a new life through recycling. Not only that, but when you recycle, you are helping the environment. For instance, recycling a five-foot stack of newspaper saves one tree. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a 100-watt light bulb for four hours. So thanks for your efforts to recycle. Remember, not only recycle, **RECYCLE MORE!**



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Household Hazardous Materials Collection

LOCATION	HOURS
La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) 6502 State Road 16, La Crosse	Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 am–4:00 pm (call 785-9999 for an appointment) Wednesday, 10:30 am–6:00 pm (no appointment needed) 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9:00 am–noon (no appointment needed) CLOSED HOLIDAYS

For answers to questions, call **La Crosse County HHM program, 785-9999** or visit our Web site: www.co.la-crosse.wi.us, then select **Household Hazardous Material** under **General Information**

Garage & Workshop	Hair remover	H
Acetone	Medicine (liquid)	H
Artist's paint & media	Nail polish	H
Antifreeze	Nail polish remover	H
Autobody repair products	Oven cleaner	H
Automobile oil	Permanent wave solution	D
Battery acid	Skin cream	T
Brake fluid	Thermometers (mercury)	H
Car wax, solvent-based	Toilet bowl cleaner	D
Compressed gas cylinders (freon)	Tub & tile cleaner	D
Contact cement	Window cleaner	D

Home & Garden	Batteries, alkaline	T
Aerosol cans, full	Batteries, button	H
Batteries, rechargeable	Dry cleaning solvent	H
Fertilizer (without pesticides)	Fertilizer (with pesticides)	H
Fungicide	Furniture polish	H
Insect spray	Light ballasts	H
Metal polish, solvent-based	Mothballs	H
Pesticides	Pool chemicals	H
Rat poison	Shoe polish	H
Spot remover	Stump remover	H
Thermostats (mercury)	Weed killer	H

Fee: \$0.20/lb. for TVs; \$0.10/lb. for other e-waste
Not accepted: appliances, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, anything with coolant or Freon

E-Waste Recycling

You may recycle electronic waste (e-waste) for a small fee at the Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) site (see hours above). Acceptable items:

Printers	Circuit boards	Stereos
Fax machines	Computer accessories	Microwaves
Copiers	Telephones	CB and ham radios
Computer monitors	Cameras	Computer gaming items
CPUs	VCRs/DVD players	Walkmans, iPods, MP3 players
Laptops	Cable/satellite TV equipment	Television sets

Fee: \$0.20/lb. for TVs; \$0.10/lb. for other e-waste
Not accepted: appliances, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, anything with coolant or Freon

Pharmaceuticals Drop-Off

Don't flush them or put them in the trash! This can have negative effects on fish and other aquatic life. **Don't keep them!** This can lead to accidental poisonings and make you a target for pill seekers. The Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) site now accepts pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter medications at no fee for La Crosse county residents (small fee for residents of other counties).

- tablets & capsules
- aerosols & inhalers
- liquids
- patches

WI DNR Approves, Commends La Crosse County Solid Waste Plan

On September 22, 2008, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) issued its approval of La Crosse County's comprehensive Solid Waste Plan. The plan, initiated in 2007 as an update to previous plans, was undertaken to solidify La Crosse County and the regional system by developing and strengthening relationships of current and potential future participants. The plan was also designed to serve as the guiding document used by the DNR to ensure coordination of services, programs and facilities with the region.



Other	U
Infectious/biological waste	U
Radioactive materials	U
Shock- or heat-sensitive materials (peroxide, picric acid)	U
Hazardous waste from businesses*	U

KEY
H Take to HHM
D Pour down drain (if connected to sanitary sewer)
T Place in trash
U Unacceptable waste

* **Note:** Businesses that qualify as Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG) can use the HHM program for a fee. VSQGs must pre-register and schedule an appointment before bringing materials to the collection facility. Call 785-9999 to receive a pre-registration and VSQG qualification packet.

Recycling of Large Articles, Appliances, and Tires, Yard & Garden Waste, Tree Limbs & Brush, and Christmas Trees

REMINDER

The Village of West Salem will no longer collect the following devices during regularly scheduled large article pickups:

- printers, fax machines, photocopiers, computer monitors, CPUs, laptop computers, keyboards, mice, disk drives, circuit boards, computer accessories, telephones, televisions, cameras, VCRs, DVD players, cable and satellite equipment, stereos, Walkmans, iPods, MP3 players, CB or ham radios, computer gaming items, or any other items with an electrical cord, whole or in part

Village residents desiring to discard any electrical devices will be required to transport them to a proper recycling facility or the La Crosse County Hazardous Waste Facility (785-9999). See front page for details.

Large Article Pickup (☐ on calendar)

FURNITURE / MATTRESSES / CARPETING NO APPLIANCES

The Village collects large and/or bulky items not exceeding 60 pounds several times a year. Rolls of carpeting must not be more than 8 feet long or weigh more than 60 pounds. Small amounts of lumber or similar material will be picked up if tied in a secure bundle not exceeding 4 feet long or 60 pounds. If you have construction or demolition waste (roofing, bathtubs, windows, siding, sheet rock, lumber, cabinets, concrete, asphalt, brick), you must rent a dumpster from a refuse disposal company. These materials will not be picked up.

Items should be placed curbside by 7:00 am and will be collected according to this schedule:

- October–March:** Items are collected on the second Wednesday of each month.
- April–September:** Items are collected on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Per Village Ordinance 2.01(F)(1), large articles or appliances may not be placed on the boulevard for pickup more than five days in advance of the pickup date.

Appliance/Used Tire Disposal Pickup (☐ on calendar)

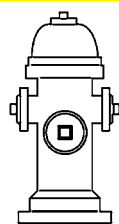
Four times each year the Village collects appliances and tires for a small fee. See the calendar for dates. Items must be placed curbside by 7:00 AM. Fees must be paid by the Friday before each scheduled pickup at the Village Administration Office.

Appliances (fee \$20.00 each)
Refrigerators, stoves, ovens, freezers, dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, furnaces, boilers, water heaters, microwaves. You may also recycle appliances at any recycling facility. Please check your local phone directory.

Tires
Automobile tires are \$2.00 each. Truck and tractor tires are \$10.00 each.

Fire Hydrant Flushing (△ on calendar)

Fire hydrants will be flushed April 16 & 17 and October 1 & 2. During this time rusty or discolored water may be noticed.



Unacceptable Trash

Construction materials

Items include: roofing materials, bath tubs, shower enclosures, windows, siding, sheet rock, lumber, brick, concrete, asphalt, and kitchen cabinets.

Hazardous materials

Cleaners, solvents, gasoline, oil, or other toxic, corrosive, explosive, or highly combustible materials may not be placed in the regular trash. These hazardous materials should be taken to the Hazardous Materials Facility (785-9999). See front page for details.

Vehicle parts

Vehicle parts and other metal weighing 10 pounds or more will not be collected. Take such items to a salvage yard.

Trash cans weighing over 60 pounds

Cans over 60 pounds will not be collected.

SNOW REMOVAL: All sidewalks shall be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after a snowfall. Sidewalks are to be kept clear the entire width of the sidewalk. Also, no person, in the course of removing snow or ice from any private property, shall cause or permit the snow or ice to be placed or left on any public way (Ordinance 5.04(J)). Your cooperation is appreciated!

Yard & Garden Waste

VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY

- The Village of West Salem does not collect yard and garden waste from residences.
- You are encouraged to reduce the amount of yard waste you generate by either mulching grass and leaves into your lawn or by operating a backyard composting program (see outside of this newsletter for more information).
- You may not burn yard waste.
- Yard Waste Disposal Site:** You may dispose of leaves, grass clippings and garden waste ONLY—NO garbage or debris—on West Avenue North just north of the Village Garage. Bags and containers must be emptied and disposed of properly—do not leave them at the site.

Tree Limbs & Brush (○ on calendar)

VILLAGE RESIDENTS ONLY

The Village collects tree limbs and brush curbside on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from April through October (see calendar opposite). Please follow these guidelines:

- Brush must be cut less than 6 feet long and cannot be thicker than 6 inches in diameter. Our chipper is not large enough to handle branches thicker than that. Disposal of brush in excess of 6 inches diameter is the homeowner's responsibility.
- Brush must be tied in bundles with stems pointing in one direction and placed curbside no later than 7:00 AM on collection days. Please tie bundles tightly; branches that fall out of the bundle or bundles that break will not be picked up! Please do not make bundles too heavy; this leads to a greater risk of back injury for the workers.
- You may leave 2 medium-sized piles no more than 3 feet high for pickup. Disposing of brush in excess of this amount is the homeowner's responsibility. A tree service can assist you with disposal of lot clearings, etc., since most have a larger chipper. The Village of West Salem does not allow private tree services to use the disposal site.
- Branches shorter than 24 inches and less than 3/4 inch in diameter can be taken to the yard waste disposal site on West Avenue just north of the Village Garage.

Please remember—No person shall permit leaves or grass clippings to remain upon any sidewalk or street pavement, or in gutters of any public street, or abutting property not owned by him (Ordinance 2.04(I)). Placing these items in the gutter may create problems with our storm water system and may cause a backup. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Christmas Tree Pickup

Christmas trees are collected curbside during the first and third weeks of January. Please remove ornaments and bags.

Contact Information

Village of West Salem

175 S. Leonard St.
West Salem, WI 54669
Phone: 786-1858

Waste Management

Phone: 784-1095

Household Hazardous Waste Site

(La Crosse County Landfill)
6500 Hwy 16, La Crosse
Phone: 785-9999

You will receive a brochure like this at the beginning of each year, so please keep this brochure! If you misplace it, please call 786-1858 for a new one.

Please visit our web site
www.westsalemwi.com

Important Village Phone Numbers

- Village Hall786-1858
- Public Works Dept. . 786-2850
- Public Works
Emergency792-3395
- Recreation Dept. . . 786-0222
- Police Department . 786-0407
(non-emergency)
- Fire Department . . .786-0111
(non-emergency)
- Emergency 911
- US Post Office786-1710
- Public Library786-1505
- Swimming Pool . . . 786-0323
- West Salem Public Schools:
District Office . . . 786-0700
- High School786-1220
- Middle School . . . 786-2090
- Elementary School 786-1662
- West Salem Parochial Schools:
Christ Lutheran . . .786-1250
- Coulee Region
Christian 786-3004

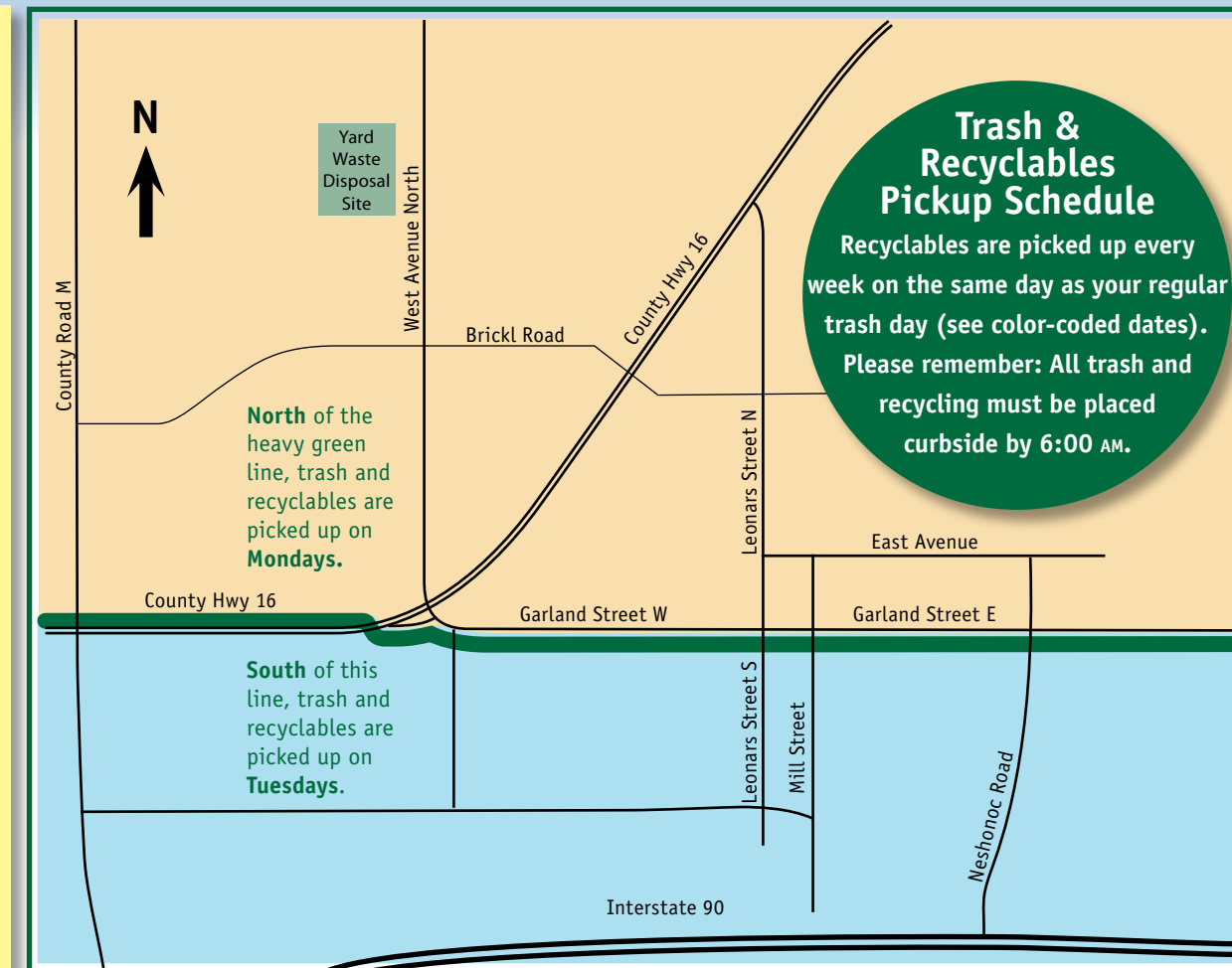
2009 West Salem Trash & Recycling Pickup Schedules

Trash Guidelines

Garbage is picked up every Monday and Tuesday. All of Garland Street and North of Highway 16 extended west of West Avenue will be picked up on Mondays. Residences located South of this line will be picked up on Tuesdays. (See map opposite.) Only refuse placed at the curb in clear plastic garbage bags will be collected. Bags may be purchased from area merchants. No recyclable materials may be included in these bags. All garbage must be placed curbside by 6:00 AM. All general garbage along with the following nonrecyclable items should be placed in the clear plastic bags:
light bulbs ceramic foil
dishes containers pie plates
drinking glasses plastic books
window glass containers
mirrors bottle caps

Cardboard boxes may also be put out for pickup. Flatten boxes, tie in a secure bundle not exceeding 2 x 4 feet, and place with garbage. Garbage or refuse not placed as described will be rejected by the collector.

If your garbage or recycling is not picked up, please contact Waste Management at 784-1095.



Calendar for Pickup of Trash, Recycling, Large Articles, Appliances, Tires & Brush • Hydrant Flushing

If you have questions or concerns, please call the Village Administration Office at 786-1858

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- Tree limb & brush pickup (April–October, 1st & 3rd Tuesday)
- ☐ Appliance/tire pickup (April 27, June 8, August 10, October 12; pay fee before pickup)
- ☐ Other large article pickup (October–March, 2nd Wednesdays; April–September, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays)
- △ Fire Hydrant Flushing (April 16 and 17, October 1 and 2)

How to Prepare Recyclables

GLASS: Jars and bottles only!

- NO light bulbs, dishes, glassware, window glass, mirrors, or ceramics.
- Remove metal rings and lids and rinse clean. No need to remove labels.

TIN CANS: Empty food, paint, aerosol cans only!

- NO chemicals, scrap metal, or vehicle parts.
- Rinse clean. Ends of cans can stay attached. Flattening of tin cans is appreciated.

ALUMINUM: Cans only!

- NO food or pie plates
- Drain liquid and rinse cans clean. Flattening is appreciated.

PLASTICS: #1 and #2 plastics only!

- NO plastic packaging, ice cream buckets, food containers, or Styrofoam.
- Rinse clean; discard cap.

NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES

- NO junk mail.
- Newspapers (including shiny inserts), magazines, and telephone books are acceptable.
- Keep papers as dry as possible! If rain/snow is predicted, please wait until your next recycling week to set out.



Place glass, steel cans, aluminum cans, and #1 and #2 plastics together loosely in recycling bin.

Bundle newspaper with cotton string or place in a paper bag and place beside or on top of your recycling bin.

Recycling Program

All Village residents, except those who reside in apartment buildings exceeding 3 dwelling units, have been supplied with an 18-gallon green recycling bin. Glass jars and bottles, tin and aluminum cans, and plastics may all be placed loosely in your recycling bin for pickup. Newspaper, including shiny inserts, must be bundled in a paper bag or tied with cotton string and placed next to or on top of your recycling bin for pickup.

Recycling Bins

You must put recyclables in your green recycling container for pickup. If the bin that was previously issued to your property has been lost or stolen, there will be a \$9.00 replacement fee. If your property is new construction, please stop in at the Village Administration Office to pick up your bin. Do not remove bins from the property! Bins are to stay placed next to the property when you move.

Please Note:

La Crosse County contracts with Xcel Energy to burn our waste for energy. Therefore, the Village recycles ONLY the items listed in this brochure. Items such as cardboard, plastic packaging, and nonrecyclable containers should be placed in your regular trash.