



# 2020 OCONTO COUNTY RECYCLING GUIDE



## MAKE A GOOD DECISION, RECYCLE WITH 20/20 VISION!!

- ✓ PAPER, CARDBOARD, PLASTIC BOTTLES & PLASTIC CONTAINERS, METAL & GLASS CONTAINERS CAN ALL BE RECYCLED TOGETHER IN YOUR MUNICIPAL DROP OFF CENTER RECYCLING DUMPSTER.
- ✓ If you are in doubt, toss it out!! Do not "wish" recycle an item if you are unsure if it can be recycled. Many consumer products may appear to be of value for recycling and you may wish it could be recycled and then toss the item in the single stream recycling bin without thinking. Not all products are easily recyclable and these items can increase the processing cost to recycle. View brochure for new recycling labeling found on certain products. Questions on proper recycling please contact the Oconto County Solid Waste Dept. at 920-834-6827.

- ✓ **Please note:** Garbage/trash, used oil, e-waste, scrap metal, used tires, etc must remain separated from the single stream recyclables and disposed of properly. Plastic bags, wrap, film can also be recycled just not in the single stream containers. See back page for proper recycling and why bags, ropes, etc are detrimental to single stream recycling.

### Plastics-Accept

- All Food, Beverage & Household Bottles
- Jars & Jugs
- Dairy Containers & Lids
- Deli, Bakery & Produce Containers & Lids

### Do Not Accept

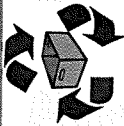
- Plastic Bags, Wrap or Film
  - Motor Oil Bottles or Jugs
  - Styrofoam
- Empty & rinse all bottles/containers. Replace caps and lids.

### Paper & Cardboard-Accept

- Newspapers & Inserts
- Cardboard (flattened) & Paperboard (food boxes)
- Junk Mail & Catalogs
- Office & School Paper
- Milk, Juice & Soup Cartons
- Phonebooks, books (hard & soft cover) & Magazines

### Do Not Accept

- Pet food bags
- Tissue Paper



### Metal- Accept

- Aluminum Bottles & Cans
- Steel, Tin & Bi Metal Cans
- Empty Aerosol Cans

### Do Not Accept

- Aluminum Pans or Foil
- Empty Paint Cans
- Large/bulky Scrap Metal Items

Empty and rinse tin cans. Labels can remain on cans.

### Glass-Accept

- Food & Beverage Bottles & Jars

### Do Not Accept

- Window Glass
- Ceramics, China or Drinking Glasses

Empty and rinse all bottles and jars. Metal jar caps and lids are also recyclable.



## MISCELLANEOUS RECYCLABLE ITEMS NOT PART OF SINGLE STREAM THAT CAN BE DISPOSED OF AT YOUR MUNICIPAL DROP OFF CENTERS (CONSULT ATTENDANT ON ACCEPTABLE DISPOSAL)

### OIL FILTERS, ABSORBENTS & ANTIFREEZE: \$1 fee for each 3 gallons of items (price subject to change)

Store in leak proof container. Drop off at designated drop site. Place used engine filters, absorbents (oil rags, floor dry, etc), antifreeze or glycol in designated drums, where available.

### USED MOTOR OIL: No charge for disposal. No industrial oil or oil mixed with antifreeze, gas, grease or water.

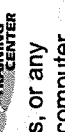
**BATTERIES (lead acid):** Vehicular batteries (lead acid batteries only). Batteries shall have caps on.

**SCRAP METALS:** All scrap metal accepted such as appliances, copper tubing, sheet metal, etc. Air conditioners, refrigerators or any other freon contained appliance are charged a fee. Ask attendant for current fee. No TV's, microwaves, chemical aerosols, insecticides etc.

**TIRES:** All vehicle tires are acceptable. Charges for disposal are based on size and/or weight. Heavy ply tires such as tractor, skid steer or large equipment tires may not be accepted by your municipality. Ask attendant for disposal charge and if they accept the heavier ply tires. Heavy ply tires may be taken to the Oconto County MRF for disposal where charges will apply by the weight of the tire.

**ELECTRONICS, CFL'S & LED BULBS & MERCURY RELATED ITEMS:** See waste items on brochure for recycling of these items.

**RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES CAN BE RECYCLED FOR FREE:** Bring to the MRF for proper recycling. (For safe disposal, tape ends or place in separate plastic bags as dead or drained rechargeable batteries still contain sufficient charge to potentially start fires when in contact with other metals) Alkaline, Manganese Carbon Zinc batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 6V & 9V) can be placed in the trash.



**REUSABLE ITEMS, DONATIONS:** Search websites where reusable items can be donated. Reusable clothes, toys, cookware, books, or any computer related items (monitors, keyboards, hard drives, etc). View [www.reconnectpartnership.com](http://www.reconnectpartnership.com) for further details on recycling computer related items. Donate items to local nonprofit organizations in Northeast WI such as Goodwill Industries, St. Vincent DePaul, or New Beginnings Store, 230 Van Buren Street, Oconto Falls. Contact the store to confirm your donated items are acceptable. 920-846-0349

**THE BURNING OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLES IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. ONLY BRUSH, LEAVES, PERSONAL PAPERS, AND CLEAN, UNPAINTED OR UNTREATED WOOD MAY BE BURNED. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT RECYCLING IS MANDATORY IN OCONTO COUNTY AND THE STATE OF WISCONSIN. BUSINESSES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (920) 834-6827 OR VISIT [www.co.oconto.wi.us](http://www.co.oconto.wi.us)**

# 2020 OCONTO COUNTY RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTERS

To find recycling locations visit the Oconto County Website: [www.co.oconto.wi.us](http://www.co.oconto.wi.us) and view County Quick Links to see an Interactive Recycling Map.

## MUNICIPALITY HOURS OF OPERATION

Abrams 3394 Nikodem Ln. Bagley 9812 County Rd Z	Sat. 8:00am – 12pm Sun. 1pm – 3pm (4/1 – 8/31) & Wed. 5 – 7pm (4/1-10/31); Sat. 1pm – 3pm only (9/1 – 3/31)
Doty 16894 Star Lake Rd Lena/Village of Lena 301 West Railroad St. Little Suamico 6297 Allen Rd Maple Valley 8362 Brock Rd Morgan 3276 CTY C	Sun. 1pm – 4pm, Sat. & Wed. 9am – 12pm Open Memorial & Labor Day 9am-12pm Mon. 10am – 1pm (Tues. if holiday) Wed. 5pm – 7pm Sat. 8am – 12pm Sat 8am – 12pm Mon. 4pm – 7pm (closed on Holidays) Sat. 9am – 1pm & Tues 5pm-7pm (May – Oct 31); Sat. 9am – 1pm (Nov. – April 30) Sat. 8:15am – 12:15pm
Oconto 6608 Elm Grove School	Fri. 2pm – 4:15pm Sat. 9am – 1:45pm
Riverview 14319 Tar Dam Rd Riverview-Crooked Lake – 15702 Ciy Rd W Siles 5718 Watercrest Rd	Wed/Sat/Sun 1pm – 5pm (5/28 – 9/4) Wed/Sat/Sun 1pm – 4pm (9/5 – 5/25) Wed/Sat/Sun 1pm – 5pm (5/28 – 9/4) Wed/Sat/Sun 1pm – 4pm (9/5 – 5/25) Tues. 1pm – 4pm Sat. 8am – 12pm
*City of Oconto Falls & Town of Oconto Falls 325 Pioneer Dr Village Spring/Town How 364 S. Knapp St.	Tues. & Sat. 7am – 3pm Thurs. 7am – 11 am Wed 12pm – 4pm (Nov-March) Wed 12pm – 5pm (April – Oct) Sat. 9am – 1pm (Nov – March) Sat. 8am – 1pm (April – Oct)

**Don't rely on the Recycling Number on Plastics!** \*What does each number mean on a plastic container? Do we recycle only #1 and #2 plastics? The numbers called "resin identification codes" only identify the type of plastic resin the product was made from. The numbers don't necessarily mean that the plastic is recyclable. The resin code simply allows recycling plants to classify plastics to help know how to process the materials. The good news is that there is already a change in product labeling to make recycling more user-friendly. **How2Recycle** labeling has been developed to better explain if an item can or cannot be recycled, when to check with your local recycler and when to take the item to a retail store drop-off location and how to prep the item for recycling. See description of **How2Recycle** labeling in this brochure below.

**Accepted at the MRF and most drop-off centers:** TV's, Electronics, Fluorescent Bulbs, Rechargeable Batteries  
Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Location: 153 Evergreen Rd, Oconto, WI (located in the Oconto Industrial Park)  
MRF Hours: Monday & Tuesday (hours vary please call MRF office at 920-834-6876)

### Electronics (TV's, PC's, Printers, Fax machines, DVD, VCR)

Properly recycle electronics to protect citizens and the environment. Businesses, agencies and institutions are not included in the recycling program and are to manage their own waste.

<b>Electronics Disposal Cost (subject to change)</b>	
Flat Screen TV's (LED, LCD, etc)	\$20
All CRT TV's (Tube Televisions)	\$25
PC monitors	\$15
Misc. Electronics	\$2
(Microwaves, Printers, DVD Players, VCR's, Fax Machines, Telephones, Cameras, Etc.)	
Laptops, Hard drives	No Charge
Smoke Alarms	\$10

Electronic items with cords cut off or missing  
**Double Fees!**



### Tire Recycling (prices subject to change)

All vehicle tires are accepted for disposal. Disposal cost is based on size of tire:

<b>Vehicle (passenger &amp; light truck) &amp; garden tires</b>	
-17 inch or smaller	\$4.00
-18 to 22 inch	\$6.00
-Tire with rim	Double fee

**Agriculture, Semi & Heavy ply tires** may be accepted based on the following disposal cost (consult with attendant).

-Large truck/Semi tires	\$15.00
-Skid Steer/Wagon Tires	\$40.00
-Heavy Ply Tire with rim	Add \$40.00
-Tractor/Large Equip tire sizes (consult with site attendant as cost varies)	

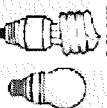
If not accepted at the drop off center, heavy ply tires may be brought to the Oconto Co MRF. The disposal cost is based on weight of tire & the price/ton for disposal, currently \$265/ton.

### Fluorescent Bulbs/CFL's/LED's, etc.

(Prices subject to change)

(Package carefully to prevent breakage)	
LED bulbs (all sizes)	\$2.50
Tubular Bulbs	\$0.50
Compacts (CFL's):	\$0.50
Shatterproof/Shielded Lamps: (plastic coated)	\$1.50
UV/Ultraviolet Bulbs	\$1.50
High Intensity Discharge: (mercury vapor, metal halide, high pressure sodium)	\$1.50
Ballast:	
(must be removed from fixture)	\$7.00/item

**Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFL's) can be recycled for free at locations found on the Focus on Energy website:**  
[www.focusonenergy.com](http://www.focusonenergy.com)

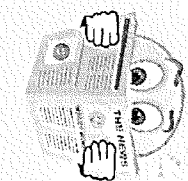


\*The City of Oconto Falls Curbside pickup route has converted to single stream curbside pickup. City residents can also take recyclables to the City drop off center as single stream recyclables in the recycling roll off containers.

To save on recycling costs to your municipality, please take your recyclables to your municipal drop-off center where you reside. Non-residents may be subject to additional charges to dispose of recyclables or not accepted at their drop off center.

The following municipalities manage the recycling for their citizens separately and are not affiliated with the Oconto County Recycling Program: Breed, Brazeau, Chase, Gilette (City & Town), Lakewood, Little River, Mountain, City of Oconto, Pensaukee, Spruce, Townsend, and Underhill.

Businesses are to provide for recycling through their contracted waste hauler. Single Stream recyclables brought to the MRF are subject to tipping fees.



**Recycle clean dry plastic bags and film packaging**

**Recycle plastic bags, film & wrap at participating locations such as grocery, retail & hardware stores. Oconto Co. MRF & drop off centers do not accept plastic bags, film or wrap. Loose plastics, rope, hoses & clothing clogs up processing equipment causing unnecessary expenses at recycling facilities.**

[plasticstherecycling.org](http://plasticstherecycling.org)

### How2Recycle labeling helps take the guess work out of how to recycle!!

**how2recycle.info**

<b>PAPER</b>	<b>PLASTIC</b>	<b>PLASTIC</b>
<b>BOX</b>	<b>COVER</b>	<b>TRAY</b>

Example for Foreign Food Package

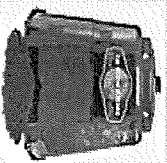
Packaging Material Identifies the material type of the packaging component

The Recyclability Icon indicates the recyclability of the packaging component

Special Instructions Specific directions for the consumer to ensure successful recycling

Program Website Provides resources and information on the label, local recyclability and proper recycling

\*Not recycled in all communities



**Purchase a Compost Bin for \$35 and create your own garden compost.** Composting is the natural decomposition of organic matter. Over one half of your household garbage is organic!

**Mercury Thermostats are accepted free of charge at the Oconto County MRF.** Broken thermostats are not accepted. Only wall mount thermostats with glass tube mercury switches are accepted. Please recycle the entire thermostat. For information on handling spills and cleanup search the EPA website [www.epa.gov/hel/](http://www.epa.gov/hel/)

