



**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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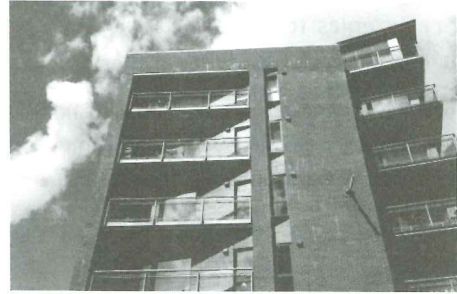


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## A Tenant's Guide to Recycling & Waste Reduction

▶ 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)

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Your hauler: (fill in yours)

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

(fill in yours)

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DNR Regional Offices:

Eau Claire 715-839-5171

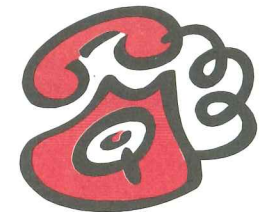
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**Wisconsin laws require you to recycle the following:**

**In bins at your apartment building**

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



**By collection or drop off programs at local recycling centers, or at retail outlets when you replace these items**

- 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](http://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:**

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Envirolink Network:  
[www.envirolink.org](http://www.envirolink.org)

WasteCap Wisconsin:  
[www.wastecapwi.org](http://www.wastecapwi.org)

Global Recycling Network:  
[www.grn.com/grn](http://www.grn.com/grn)

University of Wisconsin Extension:  
[www3.uwm.edu/Dept/shwec/](http://www3.uwm.edu/Dept/shwec/)