

Please don't throw me away!

## This Is Your 2010 Recycling/Trash Pickup Information

Fourteen 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.

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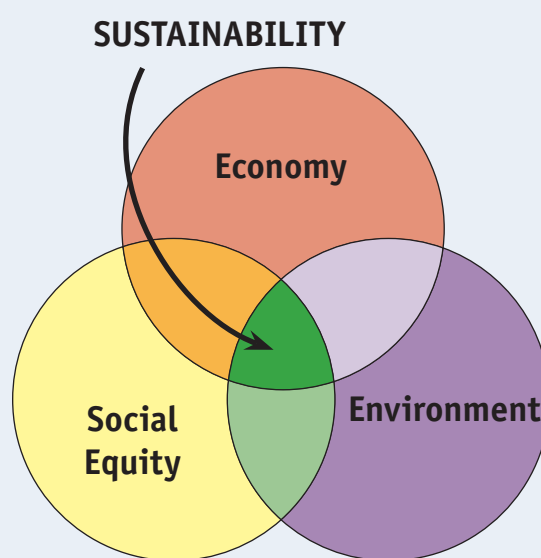
## La Crosse County Passes Strategic Plan for Sustainability

The County of La Crosse approved the strategic plan for sustainability this year. This plan, which you can find at [www.sustainablelacrosse.org](http://www.sustainablelacrosse.org), calls on the county to use the Natural Step program as a framework to become both sustainable and efficient. As a joint **Eco-Municipality\*** (one of the first joint programs in the nation between a city and county), we have set many goals to become a leader in this field. Through our work we are saving tens of thousands of dollars in taxpayer money, and with sustainability practices in your homes you can keep more of your hard-earned dollars at home.

### What Are Sustainability and the Natural Step?

Sustainability can be defined in several ways, including: *Using resources in ways that meet our needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.* Sustainability is sometimes referred to as a whole systems approach addressing the Environment, social Equity, and the Economy—the three “E’s” of sustainability. It is crucial to recognize that they are all mutually dependent, and it is important to consider all three E’s when evaluating program effectiveness.

Sustainable decision-making must be based upon this triple bottom line. This means that it must consider environmental performance, economic viability, and social inclusion. The following diagram illustrates this idea.



The County of La Crosse has chosen to follow the Natural Step Model for Sustainability, which relies on four system conditions for sustainability and the associated guiding objective for each:

**1. Nature is not subject to systematically increasing concentrations of substances extracted from the Earth's crust.**

This means that fossil fuels, metals, and other minerals must not be extracted at a faster pace than their slow redeposit in the Earth's crust. In practical terms, this means

radically reducing mining and the consumption of fossil fuels by finding environmentally friendly alternatives and renewable energy systems.

**2. Nature is not subject to systematically increasing concentrations of substances produced by society.**

In practical terms, this means reduced production of natural substances that are accumulating, and a phasing out of all persistent and unnatural substances. This can be done by healthy building design and reducing toxic construction materials along with landscape design that finds alternatives to chemical pesticides and herbicides

**3. Nature is not subject to systematically increasing degradation by physical means.**

This means that the productive surfaces of nature must not be diminished in quality or quantity, and that we must not harvest more from nature than can be recreated. Preservation of open spaces, forests and natural habitats along with reduced water usage.

**4. People are not subject to conditions that systematically undermine their capacity to meet their needs.**

This means that basic human needs must be met with the most resource-efficient methods possible, including a just resource distribution. Locally based businesses and food production, participatory community planning, development, and decision making

### Vision for Sustainability

- 100% carbon neutral in energy
- Top 10 healthiest community
- Consider the impacts of our decisions on our grandchildren
- Photovoltaics on our roofs
- Weekly media “Green Series”
- Lower annual traffic—SOV (single occupancy vehicle)
- Educate all employees, students, and citizens on sustainability
- Reduce sprawl—increase density
- Know our carbon footprint—and reduce it
- Use Natural Step framework as our compass
- Position La Crosse County as a regional center for green enterprise
- Increase local food use (by 10% annually)

In our sessions with Sustainability Associates, we looked at what our vision would be to achieve a more sustainable City/County. To summarize:

The above goals for sustainable development can be summarized into the following vision statement:

### Vision Statement

*As governing bodies of the City and County of La Crosse, we recognize a shared, collaborative responsibility to lead our organizations in accordance with the principles of sustainability. Using The Natural Step framework as our guide, we will work toward effective, affordable, sustainable government operations that meet the needs of the present while minimizing our negative impact on future generations. We will strive to lead by example and, whenever possible, support citizens, businesses and organizations in our community that are interested in adopting sustainable practices.*

For more information on how you can become more sustainable or to become an eco-municipality, feel free to call me with your questions, comments, or concerns. Thanks for thinking green.

Nick Nichols, Sustainability Coordinator, La Crosse County, 608-785-9768

## 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:**

- 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.



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Important recycling information for you

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**La Crosse Disposal System**  
6500 State Road 16  
La Crosse, WI 54601



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## Household Hazardous Materials Collection

**LOCATION**

**La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials (HHM)**  
6502 State Road 16, La Crosse

*Directions:* The HHM facility is at the La Crosse County Landfill Complex. Take State Road 16 east toward West Salem. The facility is approximately 1/2 mile east of Interstate 90 on the south side of State Road 16 (see map on back).

**HOURS**

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**  
Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 am–4:00 pm  
Call 785-9999 for an appointment.

**NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED**  
Wednesday, 10:30 am–6:00 pm  
1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9:00 am–noon

**CLOSED HOLIDAYS**

For answers to questions, call **La Crosse County HHM program, 785-9999** or visit our Web site: [www.lacrossecounty.org/hhm](http://www.lacrossecounty.org/hhm)

Garage & Workshop	
Acetone	H
Artist's paint & media	H
Antifreeze	H
Autobody repair products	H
Automobile oil	H
Battery acid	H
Brake fluid	H
Car wax, solvent-based	H
Compressed gas cylinders (propane)	H
Contact cement	H
Driveway sealer	H
Explosives	U
Fiberglass epoxy	H
Fluorescent light bulbs	H
Gasoline/oil mixtures	H
Gasoline & other fuels	H
Glue, solvent-based	H
Glue, water-based	H
Joint compound	H
Kerosene	H
Lighter fluid	H
Nonautomotive oils	H
Oil filters	H
Paint, latex	H
Paint, oil-based	H
Paint thinner	H
Paint stripper	H
Parts cleaner	H
Photographic chemicals	H
Rust remover	H
Shellac	H
Stain	H
Transmission fluid	H
Turpentine	H
Varnish	H
Windshield washer solution	D
Wood filler	H
Wood preservative	H

### Home & Garden

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

### Other

Infectious/biological waste	H
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

### Kitchen/Bathroom

Alcohol-based lotions (perfume, aftershave)	D
Bleach	D
Cleaners, ammonia-based	D
Cleaners, solvent-based	H
Cosmetics	T
Disinfectants	H
Drain cleaner	D
Floor care products	H

## 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
Keyboards/Mice		
Disk drives		

**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 Legislation Passed

In late 2009, Governor Doyle enacted legislation that requires electronics manufacturers to assist in the collection and disposal of e-waste. This legislation creates a landfill ban for covered electronics beginning September 1, 2010. The impact the new law will have on local programs is still unclear. Check the HHM program Web site for information, updates, and pricing:

[www.lacrossecounty.org/hhm](http://www.lacrossecounty.org/hhm)

## 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

\* **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. Carpet pickup is limited to small remodeling projects—1 room maximum. 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. You must rent a dumpster for large amounts of construction materials. 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

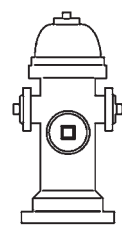
Automobile tires are \$3.00 each. Truck and tractor tires are \$10.00 each.

## Fire Hydrant Flushing (△ on calendar)

Fire hydrants will be flushed

**April 12–16 and September 27–October 1.**

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, paint, 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.
- 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 in garbage cans at the site—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 tinsel, ornaments, lights, etc. Trees placed in bags will not be picked up.

## 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](http://www.westsalemwi.com)

## Important Village Phone Numbers

- Village Hall . . . . .786-1858
- Public Works Dept. . 786-2850
- Public Works  
Emergency . . . . .792-3395
- Recreation Dept. . . 786-0222
- Police Department . 786-0407  
(non-emergency)
- Fire Department . . .786-0111  
(non-emergency)
- Emergency . . . . . 911
- US Post Office . . . . .786-1710
- Public Library . . . . .786-1505
- Swimming Pool . . . 786-0323
- West Salem Public Schools:  
District Office . . . 786-0700
- High School . . . . .786-1220
- Middle School . . . 786-2090
- Elementary School 786-1662
- West Salem Parochial Schools:  
Christ Lutheran . . .786-1250
- Coulee Region  
Christian . . . . . 786-3004

# 2010 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.

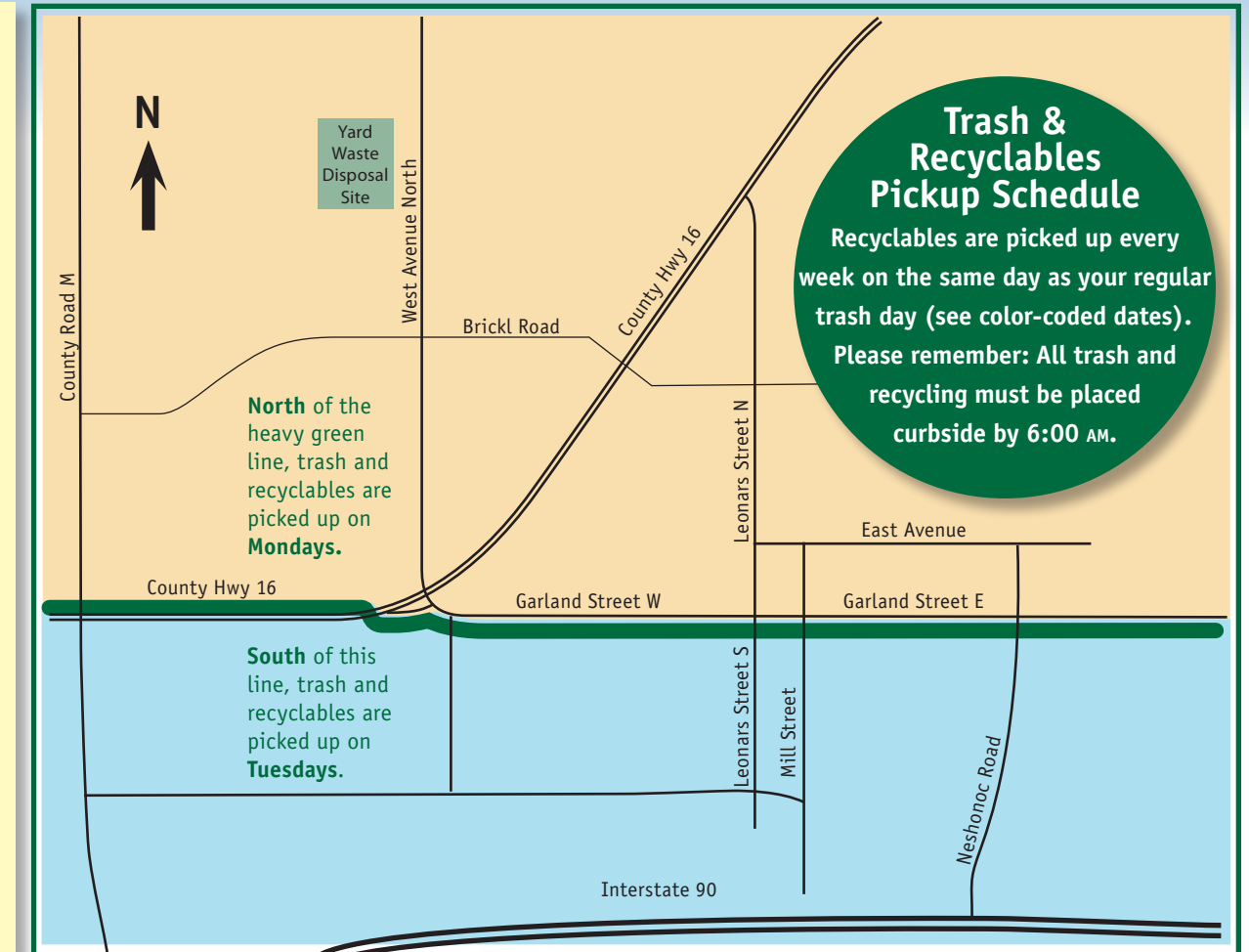
All general garbage along with the following nonrecyclable items should be placed in the clear plastic bags:

- light bulbs
- dishes
- drinking glasses
- window glass
- mirrors
- ceramic containers
- bottle caps
- foil
- pie plates
- plastic containers (except recyclable #1 & #2)
- books

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 26, June 14, August 9, October 11; pay fee before pickup) □ Other large article pickup (October–March, 2nd Wednesdays; April–September, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays) ----- Fire Hydrant Flushing (April 12–16, September 27–October 1)

## 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 with 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.