

## Stormwater and Recycling Municipal Updates for June and July 2024

**Election Posters** – Please consider hosting a recycling and/or stormwater outreach poster during upcoming Fall elections. More information including sign up will be provided later this summer. In the meantime, please review the Recycling and Stormwater municipal hub for access to other outreach resources: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/municipal>

**Household Hazardous Waste** - Waukesha County continues to host year-round collections for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). Oil-based paints, stains, varnishes, gasoline, pesticides, mercury containing items, and non-water-based cleaners are accepted. More information on operating hours, locations, and accepted items can be found here: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste>.

**Recycling Education** – If your municipality has a newsletter and is looking for engaging educational content, please email [recycling@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:recycling@waukeshacounty.gov) for more information. We can provide articles related to recycling right, composting, hazardous waste and more!

**Stormwater Awareness Week** - Stormwater Awareness Week has moved to September 21 – 29. We will be hosting stormwater activity tables in the passport expedition at Apple Harvest Fest on September 21. If you would like to host an activity locally during the week, reach out to [water@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:water@waukeshacounty.gov).

In addition, we have added new resources for libraries and classrooms to do programming and education during the week. Visit the website <https://www.wistormwater.com> to see the resources available and to find out more.

**Recycling Program Update** – May 31 marked one year since the Joint Material Recovery Facility (MRF) fire. While the fire brought significant challenges to us all, there is still much to be thankful for, including the safety of our team and the unwavering support from our partner communities. In the last year, the recycling team has worked closely with the City of Milwaukee to evaluate impacts to the building and equipment, continually arrange for alternative processing and engage with a national consultant to assess next steps. Right now, County staff are working on drafting a Request for Proposals (RFP) which will include both publicly and privately owned recycling processing options. The RFP will be released later this summer.

**Winter Salt Training Opportunities** – While we are not hosting a training in Waukesha County this year, there are training opportunities not too far away including Bristol, Elkhorn and Fitchburg. See the complete list of both [road and parking lot trainings](#). If your staff is already trained, check out the [equipment open house events](#) listed. These are a great opportunity to talk with other salt applicators and see the way others are operating.

**Upcoming Outreach Events** (for the complete list, visit the [activity guide](#))

- Clean Water Festival June 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00-3:00 pm on the Pewaukee beach.
- Retzer Nature Center 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: June 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:00-9:00PM