

## Stormwater and Recycling Municipal Updates for October and November 2024

**Recycling Posters** – Educating the public about recycling right is the best way to ensure a successful recycling program. We will deliver recycling education posters to municipalities within our program in October. Please complete the request form located [HERE](#) and our staff will arrange for delivery to you before elections.

**Recycling Tip** – Did you know that all recyclables should be loose, empty, and dry? Recyclables such as glass bottles, aluminum cans, and paper should not be bagged or contain significant food residue or liquids. Give your recyclables a quick rinse and let them dry before placing them in your recycling bin unbagged! Check out this great TMJ4 [Morning Blend episode](#) to learn more!

**Household Hazardous Waste Winter Schedule** – There are no more one-time collection events scheduled for 2024. The site located at 1500 North University Drive in Waukesha will close at the end of November. The Menomonee Falls location is open year-round during scheduled operating hours. More information on site operating hours, locations, and accepted materials can be found here: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste>.

**Recycling Program Update** –Waukesha County and the City of Milwaukee are wrapping up their work with a consultant to complete a financial proforma, which includes an analysis of rebuilding the MRF (“Material Recycling Facility”). Additionally, County recycling staff are nearing completion on the development of an RFP (“Request for Proposals”) and are working with a consultant to review prior to release.

**Winter Salt Training Opportunities** – Winter salting season is fast approaching! Look to [Wisconsin Saltwise](#) to find winter salt application training opportunities, equipment open houses and a lineup of Wednesday webinar topics. Waukesha County will be hosting a training event in 2025, but there are lots of training opportunities not too far away for this year.

**Science Fest at Retzer Nature Center** – Please share information about our [Science Fest](#) event on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be vehicles outside including a recycling truck and a snowplow as well as hands on learning activities inside. This is a great educational experience for families so help share the word. Please use [this graphic](#) to help spread the word!

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

- Science Fest at Retzer Nature Center – November 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:00AM – 2:00PM
- [Rain Garden program](#) at 10 Chimneys – October 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 10:30AM
- [Gwenyn Hill Farm Annual Open House “Dirt First”](#) – October 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00 – 3:00PM
- [Rock River Confluence](#) at Fitchburg Community Center- Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 4:15PM