

## Stormwater and Recycling Municipal Updates for August and September 2024

**Election Posters** – Educating the public about recycling right is the best way to ensure a successful recycling program. We invite all community partners to host recycling education posters at your polling locations during Fall elections. Please complete the request form located [HERE](#) and our staff will deliver them to you.

**Recycling Tip** – Did you know that aluminum can's should not be flattened before recycling? When cans are crushed flat, it can be difficult for sorting equipment to detect the can. Contribute to recycling success at our facilities by leaving your cans intact before recycling.

**Household Hazardous Waste Reuse Program** - Waukesha County hosts year-round collections for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). At permanent sites, residents can pick up or drop off hazardous material that is still useful, free of charge. More information on site operating hours, locations, and accepted materials can be found here: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste>.

**Community Newsletters** – If your municipality has a recurring newsletter and need engaging, relevant content, please email [recycling@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:recycling@waukeshacounty.gov) for more prewritten articles. We can provide articles related to recycling right, composting, hazardous waste and more!

**Stormwater Awareness Week** - Stormwater Awareness Week is September 21 – 29. If you haven't signed up as a partner, please take a moment and do that on the [website](#). You can use this partnership on your MS4 reporting. Waukesha County will be hosting stormwater activity tables in the passport expedition at Apple Harvest Fest on September 21. We will also be offering Sustainable Yardening at the Waukesha Public Library, and a yard care and composting class at the Pewaukee Public Library during the week. If you would like to host an activity locally 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. Please reach out to your local library and encourage them to use the resources to offer programs as well. Visit the website <https://www.wistormwater.com> to see the resources available and to find out more.

**Recycling Program Update** – Staff continue to arrange for alternative processing of collected curbside recyclables through Waste Management and Johns Disposal. Additionally, the County continues to work with its consultant to gather data about the future of recycling processing for Waukesha County and draft a Recycling Processing Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP will be released later this summer.

**Winter Salt Training Opportunities** – Winter salt application training opportunities are fast approaching. Training locations include 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 Recycling and Stormwater Outreach Events** (for the complete list, visit the [activity guide](#))

- Oconomowoc Kids Fest August 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM-1:00PM
- Apple Harvest Festival – September 21<sup>st</sup>