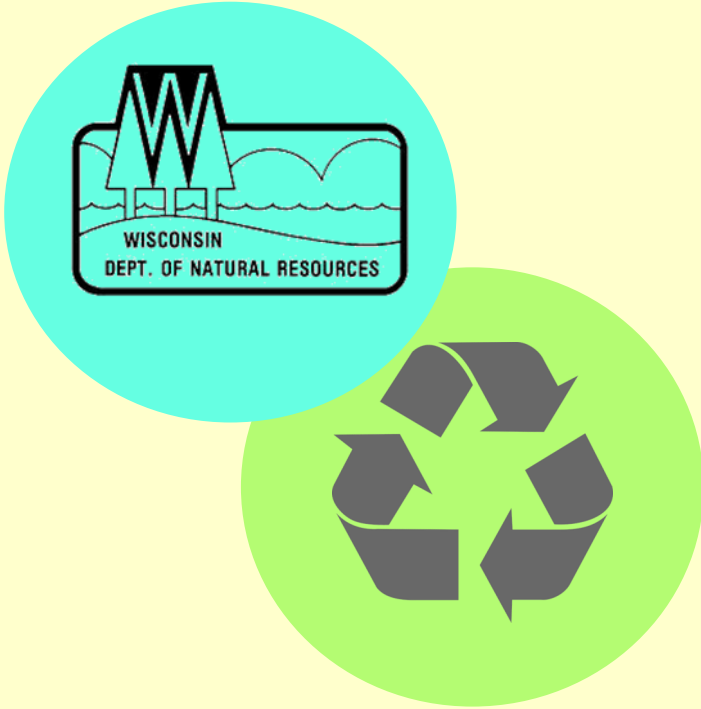


2020 DNR Recycling Consolidation Grant



THE BENEFITS OF RECYCLING

- Recycling has many clear and understood benefits to the environment that the public is well aware of and accepts, more noticeably the prevention of air and water pollution, savings on energy, and saving space at landfills.
- Many states have passed laws and ordinances that prevent hazardous materials from entering landfills. In Wisconsin, laws that promoted reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting passed in 1990. This law also gradually restricted more and more types of materials from being incinerated or placed in landfills, things such as appliances, batteries, newspapers, and aluminum cans.
- Municipalities and counties are required to develop and implement their own recycling programs. These governmental units are also required to meet certain guidelines to have continual approval from the State to run their recycling program or risk not being able to dispense of any waste within the State. The municipalities and counties are then provided grants from the State to help run these programs. Both the Town of Polk and the Village of Richfield enroll annually in the Basic Recycling Grant provided by the DNR.
- From 1990 to 2006, municipalities and counties have received \$370 million dollars' worth of grants from the State of Wisconsin for these types of convenient and accessible recycling programs.

2018 Actual Tonnage of Recycling Collected

Village of Richfield

1,084 Tons



Town of Polk

253 Tons



“Educational Initiative between the Town of Polk and the Village of Richfield”