

# Recycling Updates

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## Upcoming Report, Grant Reminders; RUs And MRFs Will Need MyWisconsin ID



The annual reporting season for Responsible Units (RUs) and Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) is getting underway. All RUs and MRFs should have received an email notifying them of the new requirement to get a MyWisconsin ID in order to complete this year's reports.

If you have not already done so, you are highly encouraged to create the new ID in advance of starting your report. While the steps take only about 15 to 30 minutes for you, the DNR Recycling Team will be processing a high volume of requests related to the transition. We want to ensure everyone gets the help they need! You will not be able to access or complete your RU annual report or MRF self-certification if you do not set up a MyWisconsin ID.

View the [step-by-step guide](#) to creating a MyWisconsin ID.

MRFs will receive notification that the MRF self-certification is available to be completed during the week of Feb. 16. It is due on March 30. RUs will receive notification that the RU annual report is available to be completed in mid-March. It is due April 30. Again, MRFs and RUs are encouraged not to wait until they receive this notice to create a MyWisconsin ID.

**Grant Check Reminder** — RUs are reminded that 2026 Basic Recycling Grants and Recycling Consolidation Grants will not be issued until May. RUs will receive an award letter

in early May, followed by the grant payment by the end of the month. If you have further questions on the recycling grant, please reach out to Wendy Soleska, Recycling Grant Manager, at [Wendy.Soleska@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Wendy.Soleska@wisconsin.gov).

## Recycling Excellence Awards Celebrate Businesses Taking On Waste

The DNR announced the [winners of the 2025 Recycling Excellence Awards](#) on America Recycles Day, Nov. 15, 2025. We will highlight the work of our winners over the next few editions of our Recycling Updates.



This year's winners included businesses that specialize in waste management and recycling, as well as businesses that took on improving waste management practices within their company.

**Inpro Corporation** is a global provider of architectural products for commercial buildings. The facility in Muskego, a Green Tier participant since 2020, recently received a Zero Waste Program Certification through SCS Global Services. As of June 9, 2025, SCS Global Services certifies that for the year 2023, Inpro waste diversion from the landfill was 63.99%.

**Veolia Environmental Solutions and Services** in Menomonee Falls, stores and processes hazardous waste to make these materials safe for proper disposal at an approved land disposal facility. Working with gas industry experts, Veolia developed a cost-effective gas recovery system that enables 100% recovery and recycling of end-of-life propane cylinders. The remaining propane is repurposed and recovered, while the empty metal containers are crushed and sent off-site for reconditioning or recycling.

**Winsert, LLC** is a leading global provider of innovative alloy solutions to a variety of industries. The facility located in Marinette, a Green Tier participant since 2007, began a Winsert-sponsored Universal Waste Collection for Recycling Day four years ago. This year alone, Winsert recycled a total of 3,570 pounds of electronic waste, 220.64 pounds of batteries, 210 light bulbs, 131.25 gallons of oil and 16 oil filters. Since the program's inception, over 10,000 pounds of electronic and universal waste have been recycled.

*Inpro staff pose with their award. / Photo Credit: Inpro Corporation*

## New E-Cycle Wisconsin Coordinator Announced

Erik Flesch has joined the DNR's Waste and Materials Management Program as the E-Cycle Wisconsin program coordinator. Erik brings many years of experience in program management, public outreach, program evaluation and grant administration to the program.



Most recently, Erik served in two part-time DNR positions working on food waste reduction for the Waste and Materials Management Program and on technical assistance and program evaluations for the Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Program. He takes over the role from Sarah Murray, who is now the recycling and solid waste section manager for the Waste and Materials Management Program.

*Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR*

## DNR Food Waste Evaluation Webinar Recording And Slides Available

The DNR hosted a webinar presenting on its Wisconsin Food Waste Evaluation on Feb. 3. The slides and recording of the presentation are now available, along with the full evaluation and executive summary.

Access the evaluation and webinar recording [online](#).



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## Call2Recycle Now The Battery Network



Call2Recycle has transitioned to its new name, The Battery Network. Their Collection Hub, formerly the customer portal, is where collection partners will find:

- Program details and updates
- Access to collection resources and materials
- Program assets and guidance
- Key information to support participation

The drop-off map is found on the [homepage](#).

*Photo Credit: The Battery Network*

## Upcoming Webinars, Online Conferences And Events

*\*All times are in Central Time.*

### **Glass For A Sustainable Future**

Feb. 18, noon to 1:15 p.m.

Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center and the National Recycling Coalition

[Register online](#).

### **Waste Characterization Studies**

Feb. 24 noon to 1 p.m.

The Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association

[Register online.](#)

### **Modernizing Michigan's Bottle Deposit System: Insights From New Research**

March 12, 11 a.m.

Council of the Great Lakes Region

[Register online.](#)

### **Hold The Plastic: How To Get This Toxic Material OUT Of Student Meals**

March 12, 3 p.m.

Beyond Plastics

[Register online.](#)

Several webinars can also be found on the [Public Resources-Product Stewardship Institute](#), the [EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Program](#) and the [Northeast Recycling Council](#) websites.



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