



green tips

GREEN WEEK 2014

"Recycling Day" - February 14

DID YOU KNOW?

The average per-person recycling volume in Eau Claire County increased from 123.2 pounds in 2012 to 141.2 pounds in 2013. While recycling is an **essential** part of the equation, don't forget about the other steps that come before it: **REFUSE** what you do not need. **REDUCE** what you do need. **REUSE** what you consume. **ROT** (or compost) plant waste. **RECYCLE** what you cannot refuse, reduce, reuse or rot.

EVERYDAY RECYCLING TIPS:

Recycling laws vary from community to community and that can make things confusing. Here are some recycling tips for Eau Claire County:

- Plastics #1-5 and #7 are recyclable. This does NOT include #6 styrene products (Styrofoam, packing peanuts, cups, etc.) which are not accepted for recycling in our area.
- What you don't put in your recycling bin is just as important as what you do recycle. Know what's recyclable in your community so you don't contaminate the recycling process.
- Plastic bags, while recyclable, should be kept out of the recycling bin. These bags wrap around the sorting equipment and cause shutdowns. Grocery stores, pharmacies and big-box stores often have plastic bag recycling bins. [Click here](#) to find a drop off location.
- The following items should NOT get thrown in your recycling bin:
Toys or Hangers • 5-gallon Buckets • Motor Oil or Transmission Fluid Bottles • Cookware or Dishes
Flower Pots (Bring these to a nursery for reuse or recycling that accepts them) • Soda and Beer Boxes
Freezer and Refrigerator Food Boxes • Wax Coated Boxes (Milk and Juice Cartons) • Light Bulbs
Greasy Pizza Boxes (You CAN recycle the non-greasy top) • Napkins, Tissues, Gift Wrap
- Remember, just because something may not be picked up curbside doesn't mean it's not recyclable. There are many, **MANY** resources that will tell you where you can recycle these objects. [Click here](#) to get started.



video:

"YOU CAN RECYCLE THAT"

STARRING KT & SADIE

cool stuff
"upcycled"



TERRACYCLE PALLETS
(recycled cigarette butts)



CRAZY CRAYONS
(recycled crayons)



HIPCYLE DRINKING GLASSES
(recycled wine bottles)



TERRACYCLE MESSENGER BAG
(recycled drink pouches)



ALCHEMY GOODS WALLET
(reclaimed bicycle inner tubes)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
[Eau Claire County Recycling](#)
[Zero Waste Home](#)
[Catalog Choice](#)