



# Winfield News

*This newsletter is being sent to all Town of Winfield residents and residential property owners.  
It contains recycling information and the latest in town news.*

**December 2019**

## **Letter from the Chairperson**

I would like to thank everyone for being so patient and kind while we tried to keep up with all the road repairs this year. If you have any concerns, please give me a call at 608-495-0822.

*Ron Churchill, Chairperson*

## **Flood Damage**

Flood damages from the summer of 2018 cost the town over \$47,000. The town board applied for FEMA funds to help cover this cost. In 2019, we were awarded over \$45,000 to help with these costs.

## **Dead Deer**

A few years ago, the state DNR declared that counties were responsible for removing dead deer on county roads and towns had the option of removing the deer or not. The Sauk County Highway Department will remove dead deer from town roads at our request.

## **2020 Census**

A country-wide census count will take place in 2020. If you receive a census form, please complete it as requested. For those forms not returned, census workers have been hired to visit each residence and gather information in person. These in-person visits cost the US government even more money to conduct the census.

## **Plan Commission**

Current Plan Commission members include:

Chairman Brad Schyvinck

Secretary Jerry Moll

Jerry Dorow

Keith Churchill

Town Board Rep Jason Dorow

## **Name Change**

Sauk County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department changed their name to: Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department.

## **Building Inspection Fee Increase**

The cost for building inspection services for a new house will increase in 2020. The new fee schedule is:

\$0.25 per square foot (minimum \$700)

\$35 for the state seal

\$95 for erosion control

\$350 plus \$0.25 per square foot for  
manufactured houses

## **Town Board Meetings**

The town board meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the town hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **Recycling Update**

Provider: Peterson Sanitation, Inc. (a division of Town and Country Sanitation, Inc. of Boscobel).

Service: Recycling and garbage pick up.

Cost: \$165.89 per year (added to your tax bill).

Pick Up Day: Garbage every Tuesday.  
Recyclables every other Tuesday.

Requirements: Garbage should be put in plastic bags and sealed. Recyclables should be put in the plastic bins provided by the company. Please keep newspapers and cardboard dry.

Exceptions: Please note that if a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, our pick up day will be Wednesday. In 2020, these Wednesdays are: 5/27/20 and 9/9/20.

Contact Number for Company: 608-524-6603.

Although every Wisconsin community recycles paper, plastic bottles and containers, glass bottles and jars, metal cans, and cardboard, the requirements vary across the state. This might cause confusion, but here are some guidelines:

### **Rinse Your Recyclables (and empty them too!).**

Food residue and liquids in bottles can cause problems with the sorting equipment, as well as have impacts on other materials like paper and glass. A quick rinse is all that is required.

**Cut the Cups.** Single use cups such as paper and foam cups are not recyclable in the vast majority of programs. This is also true for paper plates and Styrofoam to-go containers. These materials have very few markets.

**Don't Be Flexible.** Flexible packaging, such as sandwich bags, frozen food bags, toothpaste tubes, food pouches, zip pouches, and others are typically not accepted in curbside.

**Plastic Bottle Caps.** Our recycler wants bottle caps returned to the empty bottle. Bottle caps should never be loose in your bin.

Once your materials are collected they travel to a material recovery facility (MRF) to be combined with other recyclables and are then sorted. Like materials are compressed into bales for easy shipping. The bales are then transported to industries to be re-manufactured in to new products.

Recycling happens in a global marketplace and these markets are constantly in flux. Regardless, recycling in Wisconsin has built a strong local market for our collected materials. Recycling is here to stay because our local mills and factories depend on clean, well sorted recyclables to serve as feedstock to make their new products.

Today, our ability to move materials to end markets so they can be turned into new products relies even more on our ability to deliver quality bales of recyclables. This begins at the bin with each and every one of us. Recycling right will ensure our recyclables are made into new products.

### **The Plastic Numbers**

People are sometimes puzzled about which plastics can be recycled and which should go in the trash. And for good reason! Plastics are a group of very chemically diverse materials. Fortunately, a national coding system requires most consumer plastics to be labeled with a resin code 1-7. This helps consumers identify the types of plastic used in making bottles and other containers. The resin coding system consists of a recycling triangle with a number 1-7 in the center. Numbers 1-6 each represent a different type of plastic resin. Number 7 includes all other plastics.

**#1 PETE** - polyethylene terephthalate  
Common forms: bottles for soft drinks, water, juice, sports drinks, mouthwash, ketchup, and

salad dressing; food jars for peanut butter, jelly, jam, and pickles

Recycled into: fiber for carpet, fleece jackets, comforter fill, and tote bags

#### #2 HDPE - high density polyethylene

Common forms: bottles for milk, water, juice, cosmetics, shampoo, dish and laundry detergents, and household cleaners

Recycled into: plastic lumber for outdoor decking, fencing and picnic tables; piping; floor tiles; buckets; crates; flower pots; garden edging; recycling bins; bottles for non-food items, such as shampoo, conditioner, liquid laundry detergent, household cleaners, motor oil, and antifreeze

#### #3 PVC - polyvinyl chloride

Common forms: rigid packaging like blister packs and clamshells, bags for bedding and medical supplies, shrink wrap, deli and meat wrap, and tamper-resistant packaging

Recycled into: pipe, decking, fencing, paneling, gutters, carpet backing, floor tiles and mats, resilient flooring and mud flaps, cassette trays, traffic cones, garden hose

#### #4 LDPE - low density polyethylene

Common forms: bags for dry cleaning, newspapers, bread, frozen foods, fresh produce, and household garbage; shrink wrap and flexible film; container lids; squeezable bottles like honey and mustard; toys

Recycled into: shipping envelopes, garbage can liners, floor tile, paneling, furniture film and sheeting, compost bins, trash cans, landscape timber, and outdoor lumber

#### #5 PP - polypropylene

Common forms: containers for yogurt, margarine, butter, dairy products, takeout meals and deli foods; medicine bottles, bottle caps, and closures

Recycled into: automobile applications, garden rakes, storage bins, shipping pallets, sheeting, and trays

#### #6 PS - polystyrene foam – Styrofoam

Common forms: food service items such as cups, plates, bowls, cutlery, hinged takeout containers (clamshells), and meat and poultry trays; packing peanuts; compact disc cases; aspirin bottles; protective foam packaging for furniture, electronics, and other delicate items  
Recycled into: thermal insulation, light switch plates, vents, desk trays, rulers, license plate frames, and egg cartons

#### #7 Other

This category includes products which contain all other plastics, mixed plastics or multi-layer materials.

#### Other Comments

Rinsing greatly reduces and prevents the “yuck” in recycling. Food residue attracts vermin, creates odors, and is unpleasant for the sorters. Even though machines do much of the sorting, manual sorting is still necessary. Studies show that the energy savings from recycling aluminum, glass, plastic, and steel far outweigh any energy and water used in rinsing the containers.

Markets for clean #1 and #2 plastics are consistently high. Currently, there is not a consistent, reliable, and cost-effective market for plastics #3-7. It is more difficult to accumulate and sell significant volumes of these materials, but our recycler does collect them.

If cardboard pizza boxes have grease stains on the bottom, you can tear off the clean top and sides and recycle them with your other recyclable cardboard. The greasy bottom should be disposed of in the trash. If the top has cheese or other toppings stuck to it, the whole box is considered contaminated and should be thrown in the trash.

Plastic bags tangle up the machinery that is used to sort bottles, cans, and paper items collected. However, many retail, grocery, and service stores provide special bins for recycling plastic bags. These collected bags are handled

using machinery designed for that purpose. Clean plastic bags have a high recycling value and are used to make plastic lumber and other products.

### **Dog Licenses**

The town treasurer issues dog licenses. You may use the form found later in this newsletter. If you get a dog from the Sauk County Humane Society, they may also issue you a dog license.

### **Election Info**

**Polling Place & Poll Hours** - The polling place is the Winfield Town Hall at the intersection of County Roads K and F just north of Reedsburg (S1992 County Road K). The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Voter Web Site** - Wisconsin has a voter web site called My Vote Wisconsin. Voters can look up their registration status, voting history, polling place location, the district assignments, and office holders in those districts. Voters can also complete an absentee ballot form from this web site, and register to vote. Check out this web site: <http://myvote.wi.gov>.

### **Election Dates**

2/18/20	spring primary
4/7/20	spring election & presidential preference primary
8/11/20	partisan primary
11/3/20	general election & presidential election

### **Road Upkeep**

In 2019, the town spent over \$67,800 for snow plowing, over \$1,400 for brushing, over \$4,800 for mowing, and over \$2,800 for emergency tree removal.

### **Snow Plowing**

The town board will continue to contract with the Sauk County Highway Department to plow the town roads.

### **Culverts**

Property owners are reminded that the culverts on their property are their own responsibility to keep clear so water can freely run through them.

### **Building Permit Information**

If you plan to build a new agricultural building, contact Kurt Mead for a permit at 608-963-7073.

If you plan to add an addition to your house, build a new house, build any building, or build a non-ag fence, please inform Kurt Mead 608-963-7073.

If you plan to install or change a driveway, please contact the town clerk at 608-524-6654.

### **Town Web Site**

On the town's web site, you can find meeting agendas and minutes, a calendar, forms, and ordinances.

Town Web Site: [www.townofwinfieldwi.com](http://www.townofwinfieldwi.com)

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### **Town of Winfield Contacts**

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**Winfield Population: 872**