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FLAMBEAU, RED CLIFF, & ST. CROIX

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Town of Maple  
PO Box 243  
Maple, WI 54854

The Douglas County Extension Committee recently approved a two-year extension to their contract with Waste Management for recycling services. This letter is to inform you of the extension and to make you aware of the overall price increase at your site and the cost per container at your site if contamination (non-recyclables) is found to be in the recycling containers. Based on the current number of containers at your site, the current 2022 monthly cost will increase from \$270.13 to a new 2023 monthly rate of \$390.

Waste Management will implement an annual price adjustment in 2024. The scheduled increase on all services will be 100% of the change in the Consumer Price Index Water, Sewer, Trash 12 month rolling average. Waste Management price rates are flat rates, no fuel, environmental, or cost recovery charge fees.

Contamination charges may apply to drop off containers if recycling is contaminated per the Single-Stream Specifications. Contamination charges are currently set at \$12 per cubic yard container. If contamination is found in an 8yd container, a "contamination fee" of \$96 will be charged. Please be aware that Waste Management has an acceptable contamination level of 0%. Every container emptied into a Waste Management truck is video recorded, reviewed by a third party vendor for potential contamination, and reported back to WM for potential contamination.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sheldon Johnson at [sjohnson@nwrpc.com](mailto:sjohnson@nwrpc.com) or Ashtin Gronning at [agronning@nwrpc.com](mailto:agronning@nwrpc.com).

Thank you,

Ashtin Gronning  
Environmental Specialist

**SINGLE STREAM SPECIFICATIONS**

**RECYCLABLES** must be dry, loose (not bagged), unshredded, empty, and include ONLY the following:

Aluminum cans	Newspaper
PET bottles with the symbol #1 – with screw tops only	Mail
HDPE plastic bottles with the symbol #2 (milk, water bottles detergent, and shampoo bottles, etc.)	Uncoated paperboard (ex. cereal boxes; food and snack boxes)
PP plastic bottles and tubs with symbol # 5 - empty	Uncoated printing, writing and office paper
Steel and tin cans	Old corrugated containers/cardboard (uncoated)
Glass food and beverage containers* – brown, clear, or green	Magazines, glossy inserts and pamphlets

**NON-RECYCLABLES** include, but are not limited to the following:

Plastic bags and bagged materials (even if containing Recyclables)	Microwavable trays
Porcelain and ceramics	Mirrors, window or auto glass
Light bulbs	Coated cardboard
Soiled paper, including paper plates, cups and pizza boxes	Plastics not listed above including but not limited to those with symbols #3*, #4*, #6*, #7* and unnumbered plastics, including utensils
Expanded polystyrene	Coat hangers
Glass and metal cookware/bakeware	Household appliances and electronics,
Hoses, cords, wires	Yard waste, construction debris, and wood
Flexible plastic or film packaging and multi-laminated materials	Needles, syringes, IV bags or other medical supplies
Food waste and liquids, containers containing such items	Textiles, cloth, or any fabric (bedding, pillows, sheets, etc.)
Excluded Materials or containers which contained Excluded Materials	Napkins, paper towels, tissue, paper plates, and paper cups
Any paper Recyclable materials or pieces of paper Recyclables less than 4" in size in any dimension	Propane tanks, batteries
Cartons*	Aseptic Containers*

**DELIVERY SPECIFICATIONS:**

Material delivered by or on behalf of County may not contain Non-Recyclables or Excluded Materials. "Excluded Materials" means radioactive, volatile, corrosive, flammable, explosive, biomedical, infectious, bio-hazardous or toxic substance or material, or regulated medical or hazardous waste as defined by, characterized or listed under applicable federal, state, or local laws or regulations, materials containing information (in hard copy or electronic format, or otherwise) which information is protected or regulated under any local, state or federal privacy or data security laws, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended, or other regulations or ordinances or other materials that are deleterious or capable of causing material damage to any part of Vendor's property, its personnel or the public or materially impair the strength or the durability of Vendor's structures or equipment.

Vendor may reject in whole or in part, or may process, in its sole discretion, Recyclables not meeting the specifications, including wet materials, and County shall pay Vendor for all increased costs, losses and expenses incurred with respect to such non-conforming Recyclables including costs for handling, processing, transporting and/or disposing of such non-conforming Recyclable Materials which charges may include an amount for Vendor's operating or profit margin ("Cost"). Without limiting the foregoing, and County shall pay a contamination charge for additional handling, processing, transporting and/or disposing of Non-Recyclables, Excluded Materials, and/or all or part of non-conforming loads and additional charges may be assessed for bulky items such as appliances, concrete, furniture, mattresses, tires, electronics, pallets, yard waste, propane tanks, etc.

Vendor reserves the right upon notice to discontinue acceptance of any category of materials set forth above as a result of market conditions related to such materials and makes no representations as to the recyclability of the materials. Collected Recyclables for which no commercially reasonable market exists may be landfilled at County's Cost.

\* Glass may not be accepted in all locations. Cartons, aseptic containers and other plastics may be allowed if approved in writing by Vendor.