



Monroe County Solid Waste Management

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Monroe County Citizens:

Recycling benefits everyone by conserving natural resources, protecting our environment, and reducing the volume of waste paid to be landfilled. Recycling is Monroe County's method of disposal—and because of it, we received the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 'Recycling Excellence' Award in 2012.

Following is a twelve year comparison of the basic household recycling collection numbers compared to the total landfill volume. As you can see, recycling volumes have nearly doubled and landfill volume has remained fairly constant. Basic household recycling does not include any large items or commercial and industrial recycling. Household Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) is just a small part of the total landfill volume which includes commercial, business, institutional, demolition and construction waste. We are confident that the household MSW is down by about 50% volume because of the increasing recycling collection data.

The Monroe County Solid Waste Department has recruited additional MSW from Fort McCoy and a small amount from Jackson County. This allows the Solid Waste Department to meet our financial obligations and at the same time, able to maintain the lowest advertised tipping fee of any public or private landfill within 100 miles. We continue to operate as a true enterprise fund using 0- Monroe County tax dollars.

This success story is only possible because of our dedicated citizens using the Monroe County recycling programs that are in place. It is also of great help that Modern Disposal Systems continues to provide convenient recycling collection services to most of our participating municipalities!

We would like to challenge the citizens of Monroe County to keep this upward-moving trend of recycling growth, growing in future years. Let's continue to keep Monroe County a great place to live!

