

New Recycling Fee



Why a recycling fee?

A recycling fee is necessary to cover the increasing costs of the City's recycling program. Services include: bi-weekly curbside collection and household hazardous waste disposal at the La Crosse County Landfill. Due to budget restraints, the City needs to find revenue sources to help balance General Fund tax dollars.

When is the recycling fee effective?

City Ordinance 1756-2022 was approved on 12/13/2022. City Resolution No. 22-2022 established a quarterly recycling fee of \$8.77 per housing unit for all single-family residences and two-to-four unit dwellings. The recycling fee is effective as of January 1, 2023 and will be billed quarterly with sewer and storm water charges.

Who does this apply to?

Under the City of Onalaska's recycling program, all single-family homes and residential apartments with four units or less are eligible for recycling service under the City contract. All other owners of residential and non-residential locations must provide recycling collection service for their tenants by a licensed hauler at their own expense.

Who has to recycle?

Everyone in Wisconsin must recycle. State law bans the disposal of certain recyclables in landfills. It also requires every municipality in the state to operate a recycling program to manage those materials. The City contracts with Harter's Quick Clean-Up (608-782-2082) for curbside recycling service.



Why is recycling important?

Recycling enables resources to be recovered to be reused again. Recycling not only conserves our resources but also contributes to job creation and economic development in Wisconsin.

Is this new?

The *Recycling Resource Special Charge* is new to our City, but has been in place in many other Cities and Villages in Wisconsin for many years. Information can be found on the websites for Beaver Dam, Chippewa Falls, Dodgeville, Ellsworth, Fountain City, Hartford, Kaukauna, Madison, Medford, and Superior for example.

For more information on recycling in Onalaska, visit: cityofonalaska.com/refuserecycling