




Pilot program in Dunn County will focus on recycling of plastic film and bags

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The Dunn County Board of supervisors recently approved a resolution proclaiming June as plastic film and bags recycling awareness month in Dunn County.

The Dunn County Solid Waste Division has been selected to participate in a pilot program that will focus on increasing recycling of plastic film and bags found in most businesses and homes. Only two communities were chosen for the program. The other was Milwaukee.



The recycling program named Wisconsin Wrap Recycling Action Program includes stretch wrap, pallet wrap, furniture wrap, retail bags and more. Other plastic can include retail bags, produce bags, bread bags, newspaper bags, case wrap, dry cleaning bags, air pillows used in shopping and plastic packaging around napkins, paper towels and bathroom tissue. Plastic film and bags from residents are currently being collected at the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center, area collection stations, Marketplace Foods and Wal-Mart. A drop off for plastic film and bags from businesses and the industrial sector is located at Indianhead Enterprises in Menomonie. Businesses interested in participating in the program should contact the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at 715-232-4017.

"The majority of our plastic film is in industries," said George Hayducsko, the county solid waste coordinator.

The program was made possible through the coordination of both local and national organizations including the American Chemistry Council, Flexible Film Recycling, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Indianhead Enterprises and the Trex Company.