

Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use

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WAUKESHA COUNTY REMINDS RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO RECYCLE LANDSCAPE PLASTICS AT JOHNSON'S NURSERY, INC.

Recycle used plant containers free of charge, keep plastic out of landfills

(WAUKESHA, WI) – With fall landscaping season at its peak, Waukesha County reminds residents and businesses to utilize Johnson's Nursery's free service to recycle landscape plastics not accepted in their curbside recycling containers. Johnson's Nursery, Inc. is located at W180 N6275 Marcy Road in Menomonee Falls.

"This program is a cooperative effort between Johnson's Nursery and Waukesha County Parks and Land Use," said Analiese Smith, Recycling & Solid Waste Supervisor for Waukesha County. "Taking the extra effort to properly recycle these materials helps keep plastics out of landfills and saves more than 60% of the energy it takes to make brand new products."

The used plastic growing pots, plant trays, and plant containers must be free of plant debris, tags, and metals, and be sorted by plastic type. Residents may drop off containers year-round during Johnson's Nursery's business hours. Those with bulk quantities, such as businesses, are required to pre-sort, palletize, and call ahead to schedule a drop-off. Visit the retail office upon arrival for direction to the drop off area.

Recycling plant containers diverts them from Southeastern Wisconsin landfills, keeps contaminated plastics out of the City of Milwaukee/Waukesha County Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), and closes the recycling loop. The used pots will be recycled and used to make new landscape plastics.

For more information about recycling at Johnson's Nursery, Inc., call 262-252-4988 or visit <u>www.kb.jniplants.com/landscape-container-recycling/</u>. For more information on Waukesha County recycling, call 262-896-8300, or visit <u>www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling</u>. Follow @WaukCoRecycles on <u>Twitter</u> or like Waukesha County Recycles on <u>Facebook</u>.

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