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RECYCLING PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BE STRONG IN 2020

Crow Wing County has 4 recycling drop sites that are available for use to all County residents.

- ❖ Crow Wing County Landfill – 15728 State Highway 210, Brainerd
- ❖ Ideal Township Transfer Station – 33503 West Island Lake Drive, Pequot Lakes
- ❖ City of Nisswa – 25636 Main Street, Nisswa
- ❖ Crow Wing Township – 6930 Cuyuna Ave, Brainerd

Historically there were 12 drop sites located throughout the County, however increasing costs have led to a reduction in the number of sites. Two sites that have recently closed their recycling operations include the City of Crosby and Crosslake Roll-Off. The City of Crosby had challenges with contamination, overfilled dumpsters, and overall monitoring of the site, so the City requested the County provide extra funding to help with monitoring, or remove the dumpsters altogether. Contamination fees have amounted to 20+% of Crosby's overall recycling bill. Crosslake Roll-Off was challenged with increasing costs.

Looking forward into 2021, the County is considering moving forward with 2 drop-off sites located at the County Landfill and the Ideal Transfer Station. The County is also considering offering a 50% cost sharing program for Cities and Townships that prefer to have a recycling drop site in their jurisdiction. "An option where local governments can partner with the county is one of the best ways to share costs and continue to provide additional recycling opportunities", stated Ryan Simonson, Environmental Services Supervisor.

In addition to the drop-off sites, an even better recycling method is curbside service. Four cities have ordinances in place requiring haulers to provide curbside recycling in their cities. These cities include Brainerd, Baxter, Pequot Lakes, and Ironton. "The county encourages these types of curbside recycling ordinances because the volume speaks for itself", added Simonson. The Cities of Brainerd and Baxter recycle more volume through curbside service than is recycled at all of the drop-off locations combined.

The Landfill site and Ideal Transfer Station are located in the southcentral and northwestern portions of the County, respectively, and serve a large number of residents. The distance from downtown Nisswa to the Ideal Transfer Station is 10.9 miles. Downtown Crosslake is 12 miles from the transfer station. Further south, the distance from downtown Deerwood to the Landfill is 9.6 miles, while downtown Crosby is only 6.8 miles from the Landfill.

Our Vision: Being Minnesota's favorite place.

Our Mission: Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.

Our Values: Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping our residents make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Environmental Services Solid Waste Office at (218) 824-1290 or for more information regarding mattress disposal options. Please visit the county website at www.crowwing.us and search for "Solid Waste".

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