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### COUNTY RECYCLING INCREASES 47%

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department has released a 2014 Recycling Report showing total recycling in the county increased by 47% from 2013 to 2014. Overall, nearly 47,000 tons of material was recycled through the County Recycling Program last year. This amount of recycled material exceeds the state mandated goal by 18%.

“This study shows we are exceeding state standards, increasing recycling, and decreasing the tonnage of material being placed in our landfill,” stated Mark Liedl, Crow Wing County Land Services Director.

In 2014, commercial recycling represented 85% of all county recycling at 41,600 tons and increased by 55% from 2013. Residential recycling represented 15% of total recycling at 5,320 tons and increased 8.3% from 2013. Proactive efforts by the county, local businesses and local waste haulers to effectively capture recyclable materials out of the waste stream greatly contributed to the increased recycling totals for 2014.

The complete 2014 Recycling Report can be viewed on the Crow Wing County website at [www.crowwing.us](http://www.crowwing.us), and search for “Recycling Report.” The full report presents data and contains additional discussion on the County's state-of-the art landfill and integrated solid waste management system, which provides a safe, reliable, and essential disposal option for residents and businesses.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping our residents make wise decisions that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Environmental Services - Solid Waste Office at (218) 824-1125 to discuss solid waste issues or visit the Crow Wing County Web Site at [www.crowwing.us](http://www.crowwing.us) for more information.

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