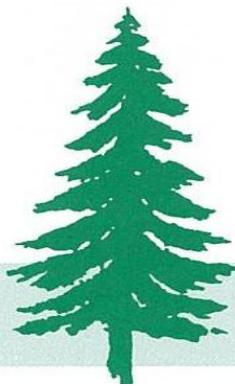


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CROW WING COUNTY INCREASES RECYCLING

The Land Services Department Annual Recycling Report shows that recycling was up in Crow Wing County in 2012 by 2,896 tons or 9.9% compared to 2011. Overall, the County exceeded the state recycling goal of 35% - a total of 46%. The commercial area increased from 22,720 tons in 2011 to 25,552 tons in 2012 – an increase of 2,832 tons or a 12.5% increase. The residential area dropped from 5,150 tons in 2011 to 4,962 tons in 2012 – a reduction of 180 tons or a 3.7% reduction. Overall, the commercial sector accounted for 80% of the total recycling tonnage in 2012.

“We are pleased with the amount of recycling occurring in Crow Wing County” stated Land Services Supervisor Chris Pence. “Recycling keeps items out of the landfill and conserves national resources.”

The annual report provides an updated overview of the solid waste/non-landfill related activities within the County. In addition, the report presents data concerning the overall waste generation, recycling activities within the County, and data on the other solid waste related programs. The 2012 Recycling Report is located at www.crowwing.us by searching for “recycling report”.

The County also provides recycling/used oil locations throughout Crow Wing County. Oil recycling locations can be found at www.crowwing.us and search for “oil recycling”. In addition, lead batteries can be recycled at the County Landfill at no cost.

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) 824-1290 or to visit the Crow Wing County Web Site www.crowwing.us and search for “Solid Waste” for more information.

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