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COUNTY 2016 RECYCLING EXCEEDS STATE STANDARDS

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department has released the 2016 Recycling Report showing total recycling in the county remained over 50 percent, exceeding the state standard by 15%. Overall, nearly 49,000 tons of material has been recycled through the County Recycling Program last year.

“This study shows we are exceeding state standards, increasing recycling, and decreasing the tonnage of material being placed in our landfill,” stated Chris Pence, Crow Wing County Division Manager of Environmental Services.

In 2016, commercial recycling represented 88% of all county recycling at 42,358 tons. Residential recycling represented 9% of total recycling at 4,732 tons. Materials such as appliances, scrap metal, electronics and tires accounted for the remaining 2,000 tons or 3% of total recycling. Proactive efforts by the county, local businesses and local waste haulers were effective by capturing recyclable materials and keeping them out of the landfill.

The complete 2016 Recycling Report can be viewed on the Crow Wing County website at 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 for more information.

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

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