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**CENTER TOWNSHIP OPENS RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITE**

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department is working with Center Township to provide an additional recycling drop off site for area residents. This drop off site will open June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year and will be located next to Center Township's town hall at 24491 County Rd 19 Merrifield, MN 56465.

“This additional opportunity will allow people to recycle, increasing recycling, and decrease the tonnage of material being placed in our landfill,” stated Chris Pence, Crow Wing County Division Manager for Environmental Services.

In 2016, commercial recycling represented 90.3% of all county recycling at 44,147 tons. Residential recycling represented 9.7% of total recycling at 4,732 tons. Proactive efforts by the county, residents, local businesses and local waste haulers to capture recyclable materials and keep them out of the waste stream contributed to the County achieving a 2016 recycling rate of over 50% where 35% is required by the State of Minnesota.

For more information pertaining to residential recycling opportunities, please visit the County Web page at [www.crowwing.us](http://www.crowwing.us) and search for “Recycling Locations”. This will provide the locations and a map of the County showing 12 recycling locations, 11 oil drop off sites and 5 pharmaceutical drop off sites.

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 at (218) 824-1010 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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