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## Winnebago County

### **Solid Waste Management Board**

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#### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 9, 2024

**TO:** Winnebago County Signing Municipalities

**FROM:** Kathryn Hutter, Director of Solid Waste  
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**RE:** 2024 Projected Recycling Revenues

The Winnebago County Solid Waste Department, in partnership with Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste and Brown County Port & Resource Recovery, reports the following 2024 Projected Recycling Revenues:

First quarter 2024 commodity prices are up approximately \$29 per ton from first quarter 2023. Expenses are trending slightly under budget. First quarter tonnages through the BOW System are down approximately 20%, primarily attributed to GFL moving materials to their new MRF located in Horicon.

While we are hopeful to gain value in plastics (as the market forecast predicts) the fiber/paper contracts we have with local buyers helps stabilize our material prices. We are also making gains on the value of glass through the use of a regional company that makes sand blast media. The addition of robotics also helps us reduce labor costs and produce an overall cleaner end product for plastic recyclers.

Winnebago County Signing Municipal tonnage through June 2024 is similar to the same timeframe in 2023. Commodity values can change dramatically with material supply and demand, but as it appears now, 2024 will likely be another year with minimal to no surplus for distribution.

The 2025 Recycling tipping fee will be under consideration as we develop our budget. We hope to have an official announcement in late-August 2024.

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