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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 16, 2026

TO: Winnebago County Signing Municipalities

FROM: Cassie Stadtmueller, Operations Manager
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RE: 2026 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 2026 Projected Recycling Revenues:

First quarter 2026 commodity prices are down approximately \$25 per ton from first quarter 2025. First quarter tonnages through the BOW System are down approximately 2% from 2025.

Winnebago County Signing Municipal tonnage through June 2026 is similar to the same timeframe in 2025. Commodity values can change dramatically with material supply and demand, but as it appears now, 2026 will likely be another year with minimal to no surplus for distribution.

The 2027 Recycling tipping fee will be under consideration as we develop our budget. While we recommended a \$2.50/ton increase for the Signing Municipal rate to our Solid Waste Management Board, the final decision is made by the County Executive/County Board during the 2027 budget deliberations.

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