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Germantown Recycling Facility

Fact Sheet

ABOUT OUR OPERATION

WM Germantown Recycling Facility is one of the largest in the state of Wisconsin, with the capacity to process up to 230,000 tons of material annually, including cardboard, mixed paper, metals, tin and plastic.

In 2024, WM completed a \$39 million automation update, utilizing state-of-the-art equipment that focuses on optical sorting technologies that have the potential to increase the amount of materials we can process.

WM is the largest recycler in our industry in North America, managing more than 15 million tons of material annually through more than 150 traditional recycling, organics, fly ash, construction & demolition and other specialty material facilities as well as recycling brokerage programs.

We are reimagining a circular economy and set a goal to increase recovery of recyclable materials by 60% to 25 million tons by 2030. To achieve that objective, WM plans to invest more than \$1.4 billion to build or upgrade approximately 40 recycling facilities across the U.S. and Canada with sophisticated technology. Upgrades to the WM Germantown Recycling Facility is part of WM's planned investments and our efforts to provide communities increased access to recycling.

Once recyclable materials are collected and sorted at WM Germantown Recycling Facility or other WM facilities, they can be used to create new products such as WM driver uniforms, curbside recycling bins and common everyday items like backpacks, boxes, water bottles, cans and apparel.

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BY THE NUMBERS

- ✓ **\$39M** investments in upgrades
- ✓ **230,000** tons recycled annually
- ✓ **1M** pounds of materials processed per day
- ✓ **161,259** tons of material recycled as of 2025
- ✓ **117,000** square feet
- ✓ **4** states served



TECHNOLOGY SPOTLIGHT

Demand for recycled content and recycling services continues to rise. WM Germantown Recycling Facility is expected to bring sustainability solutions and increased recycling access to Wisconsin. Our state-of-the-art facility aims to strengthen recycling and streamline the material collection process by utilizing:

- ✓ 17 Optical Sorters
- ✓ Non-Wrapping Screens
- ✓ Ballistic Separators
- ✓ Advanced Fire Detection System

North America's Leading Provider of Environmental and Sustainability Solutions



✓ **The largest recycling facility in Wisconsin**

✓ **2024 Recycling Excellence Award** from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

WM IS NORTH AMERICA'S LARGEST RECYCLER

As the largest recycler in our industry in North America, WM continues to build our expansive network and leverage advanced technology to support our goal of increasing the amount of materials we recover annually to 25 million tons by 2030. Our growing network across North America includes:

✓ **113** recycling facilities

✓ **49** organics processing facilities

✓ **16.8M** tons of material recovered

✓ **3.8M** tons of mixed organics processed

RECYCLE RIGHT®

Knowing these rules and putting them into practice will help you recycle more efficiently. And it will help to ensure everything that makes it into your container finds a second life.



Rule 1

Recycle empty, dry, bottles, cans, cups, tubs, paper and cardboard.



Rule 2

No food or liquid.



Rule 3

No bagged recyclables.



Rule 4

No batteries in the recycling or trash.

Data as of Dec. 31, 2025, except where noted.