



## RECYCLE RIGHT – CAN I RECYCLE THAT?

Great things happen when communities Recycle Right. When individuals recycle everyday items like those shown below, tons of raw materials, time, energy and money are saved. Plus, recycled materials become new products, and the cycle continues.

- Empty recycle materials directly into your recycle cart – don't bag recyclables.
- Containers that held food should be rinsed and free of food debris.

The following items may be recycled:



**Plastic Bottles & Containers** – found in 2-liter soda bottles, single use soda & water bottles, cooking oil bottles, salad dressing & vegetable oil containers, detergent & bleach bottles, milk jugs, shampoo bottles, motor oil bottles, bottle caps, 5-gallon buckets, etc.

**Paper Products** – examples: newspapers, office paper, cardboard, magazines, catalogs and phone books. Place shredded paper in brown paper bag or plastic bag.



**Glass Bottles & Containers** – found in wine bottles, juice containers, beer bottles, olive oil containers, jars of any color, cosmetic and perfume containers, etc.

**Food & Beverage Cans** – examples: soda cans, fruit & vegetable cans, or any tin can storage containers.



### DO NOT INCLUDE IN YOUR RECYCLE CONTAINER

- NO Food or Liquids
- NO Foam Cups & Containers
- NO Green Waste
- NO Batteries
- NO Loose Plastic Bags (recycle at local super markets)
- NO Clothing, Furniture & Carpet



2023 Every-other-week Recycling Collection Schedule

Green Recycling Collection      Gold Recycling Collection  
 Observed Holidays              Observed Holiday Week

January 2023							February 2023							March 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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29	30	31																		

  

April 2023							May 2023							June 2023						
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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July 2023							August 2023							September 2023						
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Village of Osceola residents are on the Gold Recycling Collection week.

**OBSERVED 2023 HOLIDAYS**

Please note, if a holiday falls on or before your collection day, service will be delayed by one day that week only.

- New Year's Day:** Sunday, January 1, 2023
- Memorial Day:** Monday, May 29, 2023
- Independence Day:** Tuesday, July 4, 2023
- Labor Day:** Monday, September 4, 2023
- Thanksgiving Day:** Thursday, November 23, 2023
- Christmas Day:** Monday, December 25, 2023

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Wheels & Wings** ~ September 9, 2023 ~ [www.wheelsandwings.org](http://www.wheelsandwings.org)

**Osceola Community Fair** ~ September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**St. Croix ArtBarn** ~ [www.stcroixartbarn.org](http://www.stcroixartbarn.org)

**Farmers Market** ~ Fridays beginning in May going through October from 2-6 pm.

**Osceola Braves** ~ [www.osceolabraves.com](http://www.osceolabraves.com)

- Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – @ Elmwood Expos @ 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – vs. Chisago Bulldogs @ 7:30 pm
- Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> – vs. Ellsworth Hubbers @ 7:30 pm\*  
\*Fan Appreciation Night w/chicken dinner!
- Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – @ Plum City Blues @ 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – vs. Spring Valley Hawks @ 7:30 pm
- Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> – vs. Prescott Pirates @ 7:30 pm
- Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> vs. St. Paul Capitals @ 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> @ Spring Valley Hawks @ 7:30 pm
- Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> vs. Bay City Bombers @ 7:30 pm
- Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> @ Hudson River Rats @ 1:00 pm
- League Tournament (game schedule TBD): August 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> @ Oakey Park



## OVER A BARREL – LABOR DAY FLOOD 2002 by Deb Rose

“When Osceola police officer Eric Lehman saw a four-foot wall of water headed in his direction, he knew it was time to act.” Opening line to an outdoor adventure novel? Or the opening line to the Osceola Sun article Wednesday, September 4, 2002? Yep, this was the opening line to the article about the Labor Day weekend flood in Millpond Park. Along with picnics and family gatherings the long holiday weekend also brought 5 inches of rain to the area. After an already more than usual rainy summer the saturated ground around the Osceola Creek couldn’t hold this storm.

Osceola Creek runs through the village and several parks in the community before heading over Cascade Falls and into the St Croix River. Prior to the flood a dam near Second Avenue helped create an upper and lower mill pond with the creek connecting them. During the summer months these ponds were great for fishing and the creek for wading. Situated along the shores of the creek near the lower mill pond was also the Falls Trailer Park.

The summer of 2002 had been rainier than usual. When the rain started falling over the Labor Day weekend the ground around the dam couldn’t handle the water anymore. Around 3 a.m. the dam gave way sending that wall of water towards Office Lehman and the south edge of our downtown area. The rushing water knocked trailers off of their foundations and pushed cars into each other causing the need for immediate evacuation to higher ground by those in the trailer park. Local emergency personnel descended on the area to try to help alleviate the growing deluge. Members of the fire department removed several of the boards in the Millpond outlet that ran under Hwy 35 to try to let the water flow more freely. Unfortunately once the dam was breached the drain under the road could no longer keep up with all the water and debris flowing its way. Sticks and weeds rushed towards the small outlet, the last straw was the 55-gallon drum that lodged its way into the opening. Water began flowing through the park and over the road causing Hwy 35 to be closed immediately.

The silty water tore through the Wilke Glen area and over and around the falls ripping away trees and dirt and other vegetation. Two bridges that gave access to the falls and a hiking trail to the river were washed away. Crews worked to clear debris and channel the water to try to minimize some of the damage. Cheers erupted from onlookers when after an hour of work, including the use of a front loader, the 55 gallon drum was removed allowing the flow to go back under, instead of over, the road. By mid-afternoon the road was re-opened. The Millpond Park area became a bit of a tourist attraction to travelers heading home through our town and locals who shared stories of the overnight calamity.

Overtime the area impacted by the flood has taken on a new look. We now have a creek that flows through native grassland, an improved culvert to allow better water flowage under the road and a pathway to walk along the stream and Millpond. With the addition of restrooms and updated gazebos we have a park that gathers people and events all throughout the year. Over 20 years have passed since that memorable weekend, our resilience continues to make the Millpond Park a vibrant hub of our town.



Removing the 55 gallon drum – photo courtesy of The Sun

