

KALMAR TOWNSHIP – RECYCLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Per the Kalmar Landfill agreement (dated Nov. 14, 1989), Kalmar agrees to use 25 % of the fee assessed (for the landfill) to comply with MN statute 115A.921 for waste abatement or a similar program within the township. (State Statute 115A.921... Revenue produced by ... the fee must be used only for purposes of landfill abatement or for purposes of mitigating and compensating for the local risks, costs, and other adverse effects of facilities.)

Kalmar Township defines 'waste abatement' as the active efforts made by Kalmar residents to reduce the amount of waste deposited in a landfill.

Receipts for the following items are accepted for reimbursement:

Recyclable Appliances and Electronic Items - Appliances [examples - air conditioners, clothes washers & dryers, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, freezers, furnaces, hot water heaters, microwaves, conventional ovens, ranges, refrigerators, stoves, garbage disposals] and electronic waste (e-waste) [examples - computers, modems, computer monitors, hard drives, printers, scanners, copy machines, fax machines, phones, speakers, stereo equipment, keyboard, laptops, microwaves, televisions, DVD players, VCR players] are accepted for a fee at county facilities where they are then recycled. Kalmar Township will reimburse residents for the fee charged by the county or by a store / installer for recycling costs.

Tires –In Olmsted County, tires maybe recycled or burned depending on current market conditions for shredded rubber. However, since discarded tires are known to be breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other pests, Kalmar Township will reimburse the cost of tire disposal regardless of their final destination.

Items NOT accepted – The intent of this incentive is to keep items out of the county's waste stream; therefore, receipts for trash, garbage and other forms of solid waste will not be accepted. Common 'recyclables' such as aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles, newsprint, magazines, tin cans and cardboard are accepted without charge at Olmsted county's Recycling Center Plus and at the Dodge county transfer station. Since counties offer this as a free service to those residents who take their items to collection points, Kalmar will not reimburse expenses other residents incur by contracting with waste haulers for regular collection of the same items.

Reimbursement – Each Kalmar household may submit up to \$300 of expenses for reimbursement in the calendar year. The reimbursement form, available on the Kalmar website, must be submitted to the Township clerk by December 1. Submissions will not be accepted after that date. Receipts, identifying the type of items recycled and the amounts paid, must accompany the form.