

**City of Madison Parks Division
Recycling Program – 2019 Review**

General Parks

- Recycling Program runs Memorial Day through Labor Day
- Receptacles are emptied once per week during the program.
 - Parks Staff may borrow a packer from the Streets Division to make the weekly recycling run. However, with Streets picking up trash at certain parks it has allowed schedule changes making it possible for Parks use their own packer most of the time.
- Parks does provide, for a fee, recycling receptacles upon request for Special Event organizers. Most Special Event organizers either rent, contract out or provide their own receptacles as a requirement of their conditions.
- Approximately 95 Receptacles provided total at the following locations:

Bowman (Baseball, Softball)	Marshall (Shelter, Beach House, Boat Launch)
Brittingham (Shelter)	McPike Park (Park)
Burrows (Shelter)	Northland Manor (Shelter)
Demetral (Shelter, Athletics)	Olbrich (Restrooms, Athletics, Boat Launch)
Elvejhem (Shelter)	Olin (Boat Launch, Shelter)
Elver (Shelter, Athletics, Splash Pad)	Quann (Tennis, Soccer)
Garner (Shelter)	Reindahl (Shelter, Athletics)
Goodman (Softball and Pool)	Rennebohm (Shelter)
Hiestand (Disc Golf)	Tenney (Shelter, Boat Launch)
Highland Manor	Spring Harbor (Boat Launch)
Hoyt (Shelters)	Vilas (Shelter)
James Madison (Shelter)	Warner (Shelters, Athletics, Boat Launch)
Lake Edge (Shelter)	Westmorland (Shelter)
Lake View (Shelter)	

Since the Recycling program runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day, data is still being compiled for 2019. Total Recycling within General Parks over the past three years is as follows:

	2016	2017	2018	
Central	2.81	4.35	3.57	tons
East	4.76	7.12	7.1	tons
West	2.89	4.08	4.31	tons

General Parks recycling comments and challenges:

- Large amount of contamination. We would like to see better sorting of recycling from the merchants, it is hard to determine which items are trash and which are recycling.
- Lack of a dedicated recycling vehicle leads to inefficiencies. Purchasing a “recycling” specific, enclosed, vehicle would eliminate the cost of trash liners. We have looked into this, but have yet to find a suitable solution.
- Many requests to extend the recycling season.

- Frequency of collection can be a problem sometimes. More frequent collection would help.

Mall Concourse

- Recycling Program runs year-round.
- Receptacles are emptied daily from approximately April through October
- Frequency and volume of pick up decreases in winter months.
- Parks does provide, for a fee (\$18.75 each), recycling receptacles upon request by special event organizers.
- Contaminated recycling is deemed trash by workers while on the trash route. Most contamination occurs on weekend trash.
- Merchant recycling pickups occur every other week in the Service Area.

Recycling collected from the Mall over the past 3 years:

	2016	2017	2018	
Mall	35.06	37	35.02	tons

Mall recycling comments and challenges:

- Large amount of contamination.
- Mall specific: “Recycling” labeled bags may help Mall Maintenance staff in determining trash from recycling.
- The new “trash dumping ordinance” has helped the recycling cans from overflowing from illegal dumping.