



**MARATHON COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD – SPECIAL MEETING  
AGENDA**

**Date & Time of Meeting:** Friday, April 24, 2026, at 10:00 AM

**Meeting Location:** Wisconsin Room, 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI 54403, or Webex

**Marathon County Mission Statement:** *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)*

**Mission Statement:** *To provide the residents, businesses, and organizations of the region with a cost effective, comprehensive integrated waste management system. The system consists of programming, education and consulting services on waste reduction, recycling, composting and hazardous waste management, along with landfill disposal, with landfill-gas-to-energy production.*

**Members:** Thomas Seubert – Chair, Jean Maszk - Vice-Chair, Tim Sondelski, Kerry Brimmer, Jason Wilhelm, Harlyn Woodward, Al Christensen, Allen Drabek and Marilyn Bhend

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**Access Code/Meeting Number: 2488 427 8963**

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Educational Presentations / Outcome Monitoring Reports and Possible Action - None**
4. **Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration and Possible Action**
  - A. Consideration for Modifying Landfill Tipping Fees for Properties Impacted by April 17, 2026, Severe Weather
5. **Next Regular Meeting Time, Location, Agenda Items and Reports to the County Board –**  
Committee Members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion; next meeting May 11, 2026.
6. **Announcements / Requests**
7. **Adjournment**

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 one business day before the meeting.

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Presiding Officer or Designee

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**Marathon County Solid Waste Management Board 2026-2030 Strategic Goals**

1. Protect and enhance groundwater and air quality.
2. Maximize economic opportunities.
3. Build strong relationships.
4. Transition to resource management.
5. Sustain safe and productive operations.



# MARATHON COUNTY AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Marathon County Solid Waste Management Board and County Board  
**FROM:** Solid Waste Department  
**DATE:** April 22, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration for Modifying Landfill Tipping Fees for Properties Impacted by April 17, 2026, Severe Weather

## Action Requested

The purpose of this memo is to present for consideration the temporary modification of landfill tipping fees for properties directly impacted by the April 17, 2026, severe weather event (tornado) while establishing clear limitations and parameters for such modification.

## Purpose

Solid Waste Department is working to support safe, efficient, and compliant cleanup of tornado-related debris in the Town of Ringle and adjacent affected areas.

## Background

On April 17<sup>th</sup> 2026, a tornado impacted the Town of Ringle and surroundings communities, generating substantial debris including vegetation (trees, branches), construction & demolition (C&D), municipal solid waste, metals, appliances/white goods, electronic waste. Local roads and public right-of-way (ROW) required rapid clearance and to support the cleanup effort, materials have been accepted at the landfill for disposal. Both residents and contractors have been hauling significant volumes to the Solid Waste facility in the days following the event. Under Executive Order #289, Governor Evers has declared a State of Emergency and as such, all State fees on disposal are waived. At this time, the Solid Waste Department is keeping an accurate record of tonnage, haulers, names, addresses, and phone numbers for all materials being delivered for disposal.

## Discussion/Analysis

Property owners impacted by severe weather often face significant and unexpected financial strain. In addition to repair and rebuilding costs, landfill tipping fees may present an added burden during recovery.

A temporary modification to the standard landfill tipping fee could provide meaningful relief while maintaining compliance with applicable regulations. This effort would support timely rebuilding efforts and demonstrate responsiveness to community needs following the event.

## Key Considerations include:

- **Eligible generators**
  - Residents identified on the impact list
  - Commercial haulers assisting residents within the impacted areas
- **Debris types**
  - Municipal solid waste, construction and demolition, metal, appliances, electronics, tires, household hazardous waste – certain items must be separated.

- Right of Way (ROW) debris: Debris that has been collected and cannot be identified to a single home or street address.
- **Donated Support**
  - Tonnage amount donated in support of cleanup efforts – ROW Debris X tons
- **Landfill Tipping Fee Modification**
  - Standard full tipping rate will all fees added is \$65/ton
    - Wisconsin State Fee \$13.10/ton – Under State of Emergency Executive Order #289, Fees are Waived until June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026
    - Town of Ringle \$2.33/ton
    - Landfill tipping fee \$49.57/ton
      - Adjusted rate for tornado related debris – Discount of X
- **Billing:** Scale entry codes set to ensure appropriate tracking and documentation
  - Tonnage amount, names, addresses, phone numbers, haulers

**Special Consideration – Siting Agreement**

Under WI Statute 289.33, the Town of Ringle and Marathon County Solid Waste have a Siting Agreement dated May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, that allows disposal and recycling of certain materials and provides unique benefits to both the Township and its residents as the host Town of the Landfill. The following are currently applied:

- \$2.33 per ton for all materials entering the landfill – approximately \$450,000/yr
- Free municipal curbside collection (tonnage rate, not hauling)
- Free spring cleanup events
- 8 Tires, 2 appliances, 2 electronics, 1200 lbs of waste material
- \$30,000 per year split between various neighboring properties

*\*The Town of Ringle may consider a temporary waiver of the \$2.33/ton for materials generated from the event.*

**Recommendation**

The recommendation is to allow ROW debris that could not be identified to a single home or address to be accepted at no charge, or “donated”. This material is estimated to be approximately 250 tons. Once 250 tons has been reached, the donated services will be suspended, and a Modified Rate for the Natural Disaster can be applied. As cleanup continues, a tipping fee adjustment from \$49.57/ton to \$36.94/ton can be applied for residents and haulers moving materials from the impacted area. The rate can remain effective until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Additionally, with consideration to the Siting Agreement, impacted residents are currently allowed 1200lbs/spring cleanup. With the added challenges of the severe weather, the Department can temporarily increase the allowable amount to 2000lbs per impacted resident, to be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

**Financial Review**

If approved, Marathon County Solid Waste will track and monitor the tonnage volumes accepted, as well as the total amount of tipping fees collected. Because this event was weather-related and unanticipated, the associated activity, added revenue, and operational expenses were not included in the 2026 budget.

**From:** [Murray, Sarah C - DNR](#)  
**To:** [Murray, Sarah C - DNR](#)  
**Cc:** [Krausensky, Casey J - DNR](#)  
**Subject:** WI Landfills: Statewide emergency declaration & natural disaster waste  
**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2026 8:24:30 AM  
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Landfill Owners and Operators –

Governor Evers has declared a statewide state of emergency for the **flooding and severe weather beginning on April 13, 2026, and continuing through April 18, 2026**. Waste materials that are generated as a result of a natural disaster (which means a severe natural or human-caused flood or a severe tornado, heavy rain, or storm) may be considered [Category 28 waste](#) if they meet the criteria below. State tipping fees are waived for this waste. See the [Governor's executive order #289 here](#).

The disposal fee exemption applies as long as the storm debris waste from this specific declared emergency has been separated from all other waste and the waste is brought to a landfill by **June 17, 2026**, (60 days from the event covered in the declaration).

Solid waste materials that are generated as a result of a natural disaster are considered Category 28 waste and are exempt from landfill environmental tipping fees if the waste meets the following criteria:

- a. The natural disaster resulted in a federal or state disaster declaration.
- b. The solid waste materials were generated within a municipality that was included in the federal or state disaster declaration.
- c. The solid waste materials resulting from the natural disaster were disposed of in the solid waste disposal facility within 60 days after the occurrence of the natural disaster.
- d. The solid waste materials were removed as part of the disaster recovery effort and were segregated from other solid wastes when delivered to the solid waste disposal facility.

Also see the DNR's [table of environmental fees by waste category](#) and [Solid Waste Tip Fees webpage](#).

Haulers should work with landfills to determine how to track the Category 28 waste. The DNR does not prescribe how these records are to be kept. It is ultimately up to the landfill to track tonnages appropriately. One option could be that haulers provide a written certification to the operator of each landfill at which they will claim fee exemptions. The certification can be in the form of a letter or a form developed by the landfill operator, and should verify that the waste meets Category 28 specifications.

We have more information about managing storm debris for individuals and local governments on the DNR's [Cleaning Up Storm Debris webpage](#).

Please contact Casey Krausensky, Solid Waste Coordinator ([casey.krausensky@wisconsin.gov](mailto:casey.krausensky@wisconsin.gov)) or me if you have any questions.

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**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #289**

**Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to Flooding and Severe Weather Impacts**

**WHEREAS**, beginning on April 13, 2026, and expected to continue through this week, severe storms and record rainfall amounts caused and are expected to continue to cause flooding, structural damage, evacuations, and power outages throughout the State of Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, multiple fire services, law enforcement, public works, utilities, volunteer organizations, and other emergency response agencies have deployed to assist the public;

**WHEREAS**, additional personnel and resources from multiple state agencies are needed to expedite the response and recovery operations in the affected areas; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 321.39(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Governor may order such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as may be necessary to assist with emergency response and recovery operations in the affected areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of this State, specifically Sections 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, and 323.12(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of Wisconsin.
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist as appropriate in this response and recovery effort.
3. Call to state active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Adjutant General deems necessary to assist civil authorities for purposes of assisting in response and recovery efforts, as well as providing security and any other essential services.
4. Authorize the Adjutant General to utilize personnel called to state active duty pursuant to this order in emergency status.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this fifteenth day of April in the year of two thousand twenty-six.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State

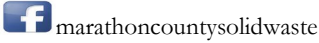


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[marathoncountysolidwaste.org](http://marathoncountysolidwaste.org)



## GENERATOR CERTIFICATION

### EXECUTIVE ORDER #289 – STATE FEE EXEMPTION

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*I certify that the material being disposed of meets the criteria identified above.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_