

## 2013 Annual Summery

This last year has bought us some changes in the companies we were using for our recycling. We started the year using KARD a company out of Madison but with the increasing rates they were applying we decided to go with Pioneer Industries out of Milwaukee. They promised us a great profit on our recyclables but that didn't last long either. So in November we started and are still working with the City of Watertown which is working out great.

In 2013 we have made a big decrease in what has been sent to the landfills. We recycled 10,599 lb's of Cardboard, 446 lb's of Office Paper, 1,172 lb's of Shrink Wrap, 5,675 lb's of Plastic for fuel pellets, 2,426 lb's of Film used for our pillow packets and 172 Wood Pallets for a total weight of 23,753 lb's. We also shortened our pillow packets by a half an in which saved us 5,453 feet or just over 1 mile of film.

We collected just over 19 inches of rain which equated to a total of 419 solids saved from going into the Rock River. With our roasting process we have chaff that comes off during the roast. We used to take it to a land fill but now a local farmer is mixing it with his feed for the cattle. This year we collected 2,558 lbs of chaff for them.

We also had a battery collection for employees to bring in their dead batteries so they don't go to the landfills and we collected 123 batteries of all sizes. We also added LP gas to our route vehicles to help save on petroleum based gas.

Looking into the future with our recycling we predict to recycle about 1,200 – 1,500 lbs a month. Depending on the rains we will continue to save solid from going into the Rock River and with the LP gas we will still be able to cut our petroleum fuel usage down by almost half.

Sincerely,

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