

## **Wisconsin government to begin new waste recycling effort - October 19, 2009**

Based on the success of a pilot program, Wisconsin state government is launching a much broader waste recycling effort next year, according to news reports.

Starting in January, 2010, construction and demolition debris from state projects costing more than \$5 million will have to be recycled rather than put in landfills. There are varying standards for projects with differing dollar values and types of work. (The Wisconsin Department of Administration current "Construction Waste Management and Disposal specifications - section 01 74 19 - are online.)

According to the state Department of Administration on Monday, a two-year-old pilot program involving the Department of Natural Resources, the Division of State Facilities and a nonprofit group called WasteCap Resource Solutions spurred the expansion. That pilot worked on developing methods, standards and staff training to increase recycling. WasteCap staff said they plan training at two sites in Minnesota in late 2009 and there will be training offered in Wisconsin in 2010.

According to an Associated Press Wire Service report, a 2002 study found that 30 percent of what goes into landfills comes from construction and demolition debris.