

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise chapter NR 530 relating to implementation of electronics recycling program requirements, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: May 28, 2026

Time: 1 p.m.

Virtual Location Teams Link: <https://events.qcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/cc75e5ad-4c09-4c3f-91b3-c04639dbbb6c@f4e2d11c-fae4-453b-b6c0-2964663779aa>

Join by phone: 1 608-571-2209, Phone conference ID: 452059786#

Rule Information

Wisconsin's electronics recycling law established a statewide product stewardship program, called E-Cycle Wisconsin, to collect and recycle certain electronics from Wisconsin households and schools (s. 287.17, Stats.). This recycling program is funded by manufacturers of televisions, computers, monitors, printers and video game consoles. These manufacturers must register annually with the Department of Natural Resources (department) in order to sell their products in the state.

Under the law, each registered manufacturer is assigned an annual target weight of electronics it must recycle from Wisconsin households and K-12 schools. Manufacturers work with registered collectors and recyclers to meet their targets. If a manufacturer fails to meet its target, it is assessed a shortfall fee of 30, 40 or 50 cents per pound of deficit, depending on how close it was to meeting the target. A manufacturer may request that the department waive its shortfall fee if it has made "good faith progress" toward meeting its target (s. 287.17(4)(g), Stats.).

The department has promulgated rules at NR 530 to implement the E-Cycle Wisconsin program. The proposed rule updates ch. NR 530, Wis. Adm. Code, to:

- Reflect changes to s. 287.17, Stats., from 2023 Wisconsin Act 108, related to manufacturers' target recycling weights and shortfall fees.
- Make clarifications to code language to reduce confusion and maintain a level playing field among program participants.
- Encourage safe recycling of additional battery-operated devices that are similar to those already eligible to be recycled through E-Cycle Wisconsin.

Accessibility

For the hearing or visually impaired, non-English speakers, or those with other personal circumstances which might make communication at the meeting/hearing difficult, DNR will, to the maximum extent possible and with reasonable advance notice, provide aids including an interpreter, or a non-English, large-print, or recorded version of hearing documents. To access these resources, please contact the email address or phone number listed below as soon as possible.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

The public has the opportunity to testify at the hearing. To join via Teams, please register or pre-register using the link above, which will prompt you to enter information required on the Hearing Appearance form. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to or to provide spoken comments during the hearing.

- If you will be joining the meeting by phone only instead of via the Teams link, please download and complete the fillable [Hearing Appearance form \(https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/doclink/forms/8300-014.pdf\)](https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/doclink/forms/8300-014.pdf) and send it to sarah.murray@wisconsin.gov or the address below.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before June 5, 2026. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, E-mail, or through the internet and will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearing.

Written comments and any questions on the proposed rules should be submitted to:

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The rule may be viewed under NRB Order number WA-15-24 at:
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>.

Comments may be emailed to: DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov.

The rule may also be reviewed, and comments made at:
<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/hearings>.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The total economic impact of this proposed rule is expected to be minimal (less than \$50,000). Much of the proposed rule would codify current practices. Depending on the exact nature of changes, entities registered with E-Cycle Wisconsin might incur small, one-time costs associated with staff time to understand and implement the changes. Some of these entities are small businesses.

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