



Policy Discussion: Solid Waste Management Plan





Agenda

- Plan background
- Address topics raised at July 9 board workshop
- Provide preview of plan
- Discuss plan approval

Presenters

- Rae Eden Frank, Public Health Deputy Director
- Daniel Schmidt, Interim Environmental Health Division Manager

Solid Waste Management Plan Process

- Required by state law
- Revised every six years, with a 20-year horizon
- Specific goals and mandates by the MN Pollution Control Agency
- Triggered by revision of the MPCA 's Metro Solid Waste Management Policy Plan (released January 2024)

Plan Objectives

Management Method	Current System 2021	Policy Plan Objectives (Goals)			
		2025	2030	2036	2042
Waste Reduction	0%	2.9%	6.4%	10.7%	15%
Recycling	28.6%	36.9%	47.4%	47.4%	47.4%
Organics	16.6%	21.5%	27.6%	27.6%	27.6%
Waste-to-Energy	21.4%	24%	20%	20%	20%
Landfill	33.4%	17.6%	5%	5%	5%

Solid Waste Management Plan

2024 – 2042

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Ramsey County Solid Waste Management Plan

- Addresses all waste generated in county
- Written with a 20-year vision and updated every six years
- Guides our work and ensures funding

July 9 Workshop Feedback: Focus on Education and Engagement

- Help residents understand value of participating in Food Scraps Pickup Program
- Help residents understand how County Environmental Charge (CEC) works
 - Ensure trash bills are transparent
- Better engage with communities that are less aware of Environmental Health's programs

Related Solid Waste Management Plan Strategies

- Pages 24-28 of the plan focus on communication and engagement
 - Include strategies around basic communication and engagement, as well as strategies about ensuring access and relevance, building community capacity, and removing barriers
- Pages 63-64 includes strategies related to the county's role in overseeing waste haulers
 - Monitoring hauler compliance includes ensuring that fees like the County Environmental Charge are properly represented on trash bills



Areas of Focus in Plan

- Education/engagement
- Improving measurement
- Waste reduction
- Food scraps collection
- Wood waste
- Deconstruction

Plan Approval

- Final plan due to MPCA by October 24.
- **We will be seeking board approval of the plan at the October 8 board meeting.**
- Draft plan was included in today's meeting materials.
- We are happy to meet or answer questions to discuss plan between now and October 8.



Questions?

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