

**ANNOUNCEMENT: SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR A SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN REVISING THE  
RAMSEY COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN**

Ramsey County is convening an *ad hoc* Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) to assist in revising its solid waste management master plan in 2017. The SWAC will be appointed by the County Board, and will consist of 12 members, including four to six residents, three to four industry representatives and three to four municipal representatives. The Environmental Health Division will coordinate the SWAC.

Ramsey County will revise its solid waste master plan in 2017, as required by law. A Solid Waste Advisory Committee is required in Statute as a mechanism for public input into the Master Plan process. Preferred members will have an interest and/or expertise in one or more of three areas, that will receive the most attention in the plan revision:

- Source reduction and reuse;
- Reduction of food waste and management of organic waste; and
- Management of construction and demolition waste.

**GUIDELINES FOR THE AD HOC SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)**

**ROLE:** The role of Ad Hoc SWAC for this plan revision is to discuss and provide input on solid waste management goals and policy direction, particularly for three emerging issues for Ramsey County.

**FUNCTION:** The SWAC will function as a resource group and sounding board, and will not carry out the extensive and detailed review and comment function of historical advisory committees.

- Discussions at SWAC meetings will be focused on key questions related to policy direction and development of strategies, particularly in the three emerging topics.
- Meeting notes will be taken and reflect discussions and consensus points, and where there is no consensus. The SWAC will not vote on outcomes or policies.

**COMPOSITION:**

- Fourteen members (as provided for in the bylaws), twelve appointed by the Board, as well as a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency staff person as required by State law, and a liaison with the Community Health Services Advisory Committee.
- Of the twelve members appointed by the Board:
  - At least four will represent residents;
  - Two members will represent businesses or business associations
  - Three representatives from private waste industry firms;
  - Three representatives of municipalities.

**MEETINGS:**

- An orientation will be offered to members not familiar with solid waste issues.
- Three to four meetings, beginning in early 2017.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Complete the [online application](#) or download the paper application on the [Ramsey County Advisory Boards & Committees](#) webpage. **Deadline is 4:30 p.m. on January 31, 2017.**

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