

April 23, 2024

# Waste Reduction Advisory Committee (WRAC)

## Solid Waste Management Plan





## Welcome!

Thank you for participating  
Robert's Rules  
Land acknowledgement  
Expectations for participation  
Rule of engagement



## Land Acknowledgement

Every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed their hopes, dreams, and energy to making the history that led to this moment. Some were brought here against their will, some were drawn to leave their distant homes in hope of a better life, and some have lived on this land since time immemorial. Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference.

We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Dakota People. We want to acknowledge the Ojibwe, the Ho Chunk and the other nations of people who also called this place home. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the treaties made by the tribal nations that entitle non-Native people to live and work on traditional Native lands. Consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths at any and all public event.

*The acknowledgment given in the USDAC Honor Native Land Guide - edited to reflect Minnesota tribes. In review with SIA and endorsed by Shannon Geshick, Executive Director Minnesota Indian Affairs Council*



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# RECYCLING

GUIDE 2023

- HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING Pg. 4
- FOOD SCRAPS Pg. 6
- YARD WASTE Pg. 10
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Pg. 14
- ELECTRONICS RECYCLING Pg. 22



RamseyRecycles.com

Llame al 651-266-1199 para una Guía de reciclaje en español.

## Role of the Waste Reduction Advisory Committee



Who are our members?



Expectations for process



Providing valuable feedback



Final direction for Solid Waste Management Plan provided by county leadership





## Waste Reduction Advisory Committee Process

- Today: Solid Waste Management Plan Background
- April 30: Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste
- May 7: Food Waste, Yard Waste, and Tree Waste
- May 14: Waste Reduction & Reuse, and Advancing Race and Health Equity



## Waste Reduction Advisory Committee Process

### Meetings will include:

- Food and compensation!
- Presentations from subject matter experts
- Small group and large group discussion – be ready to participate and share ideas
- Opportunity to ask questions
- Resources and reading for the next meeting





**Questions?**





# What is a Solid Waste Management Plan?

# What exactly are we talking about?

## **Solid waste** includes:

- Trash you put in your cart or dumpster at home
- Recycling you put your cart or dumpster
- Yard waste picked up at the curb or taken to a drop-off site
- Food scraps driven to drop-off sites or collected curbside
- Household hazardous waste taken to a collection facility (batteries, electronic waste, paint, etc.)
- Plastic bags you drive to the grocery store
- Mattresses and furniture you bring to a facility or hire someone to collect



## National Average

Pounds of recycling and trash generated per week by the average household.

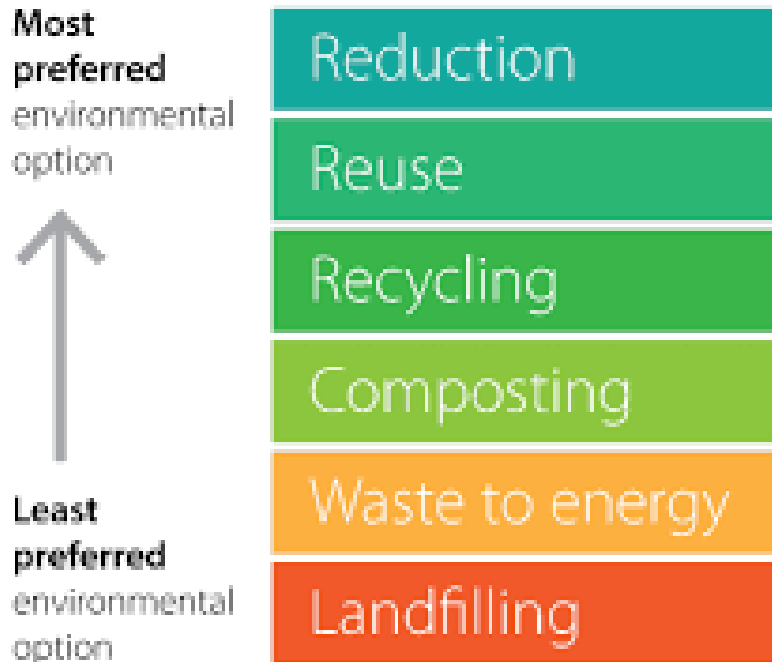


## Why does this matter?

- We all generate waste!
- Average household generates 59 pounds of trash and 28 pounds of recycling each week
- Managing waste is critical
  - Some options are better for the environment
  - Some are easier for people
  - Some take more time and money
- We want to hear from you what matters and what should be a priority

# Solid waste planning – big picture

## Minnesota's waste hierarchy



- MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) prepares the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan (Policy Plan) for framework over 20-year period
- Counties select solid waste management strategies to meet objectives and goals
- Healthy people, a healthy economy, and a healthy environment
- Structure of the plans



# Solid Waste Management Master Plan 2018 – 2038



**RAMSEY COUNTY**  
*Working with you to enhance our quality of life*

## Current Plan

- Solid Waste Management Plan 2018-2038
- Specific policies and strategies
- Lens throughout with key ideas:



Environmental Justice



Waste As A Resource



Risk Reduction

# Key elements of Ramsey County Solid Waste Management Plan

- Reducing risk to environmental and public health
- Accountability for waste produced
- Trash as a resource that is recovered for energy – waste to energy
- Reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting preferred over landfills
- Manufactures responsible at the end of life (paint, electronics)
- Business support for the programs
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions (big picture environmental impacts)







**Drop off yard waste  
at a collection site.**



# Importance of a Solid Waste Management Plan

- Clearly identified goals and priorities for the County
- Secure funding for the work outlined in plan
- Blueprint for next six years related to all aspects of solid waste
- Aspirations for future solid waste management

## Let's get started!

- Your feedback is key
- Ask questions
- Be engaged





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