



April 30, 2024

**Waste Reduction Advisory  
Committee (WRAC)**

**Solid Waste  
Management Plan**





## Welcome Back!

Thank you for participating

Robert's Rules: call meeting to order:  
approve agenda, approve minutes

Icebreaker

Land acknowledgement

Invitation to participate

Presentation and discussion

Next steps

Robert's Rules: adjourn meeting

## 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*

# Invitation to participate

- Actively participate.
- Listen actively and listen to understand.
- Allow a chance for everyone to speak; do not interrupt.
- Respect the value of each person's contribution, perspective and expertise.
- Accept that respectful disagreement can happen.
- Commit to learning; ask follow-up questions.
- Focus on ideas and solutions, not individuals.



## Waste Reduction Advisory Committee: Topic Updates

- **Today:**  
Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste, *and Solid Waste Policy and Extended Producer Responsibility*
- **May 7:**  
Food Waste, Yard Waste, Tree Waste, *and Anaerobic Digestion*
- **May 14:**  
Waste Reduction and Reuse, Advancing Race and Health Equity, *and Engagement & Outreach*



# Waste Reduction Advisory Committee: Topic Updates

Thank you for your feedback!

All discussions will include:



Examples of what the county is currently doing



Proposed strategies for new plan



Connection to equity and environmental justice

# Small group discussion



# Small Group Discussion: Round 1 Topics

## Topics



**Table 1: Bulky Waste**



**Table 2: Batteries**



**Table 3: Household Hazardous Waste**

## Discussion questions

- How do we improve collection/programs for these items?
  - Think about strategies related to education, policy/regulation, community level solutions, reduction and reuse, etc.
- What do we need to be thinking about related to equity and environmental justice for these items/strategies?



# Small Group Discussion: Round 2 Topics



**Table 1: Plastic (single-use plastic, plastic bags, films, etc.)**

## Discussion Questions

- How do we improve collection/programs for these materials and concepts?
  - Think about strategies related to education, policy/regulation, community level solutions, reduction and reuse, etc.
- What do we need to be thinking about related to equity and environmental justice for these items/strategies?



**Table 2: Confidence in recycling (items being recycled that are collected curbside)**



**Table 3: Circular Economy (recycling system)**

## Discussion Questions

- How do we make improvements in these areas?
  - Think about strategies related to education, policy/regulation, community level solutions, reduction and reuse, etc.
- What do we need to be thinking about related to equity and environmental justice for these areas/strategies?



**Questions?**