



**Dakota County Solid Waste Master Planning
 Businesses, Reuse Organizations, and Industrial Users Input
 Round 1 Compilation and Summaries
 November 28, 2016 through February 23, 2017**

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Introduction

This section provides an overview of the Master Planning revision process, information about this report, and project contacts. Following this are summaries and detailed compilations by question.

Background

Dakota County is currently revising its [2012-2030 County Solid Waste Master Plan](#). The revised Master Plan will guide proper waste management within Dakota County for 2017-2037, and include strategies to divert waste from the landfill and comply with state mandates and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Policy Plan.

Everyone in Dakota County produces waste, which is why all stakeholders should be involved in the Master Plan revision process. The revisions will impact residents, businesses, haulers, and waste facilities. The County's promise is to work with all stakeholders to ensure that concerns and aspirations are reflected in the strategies developed and provide feedback on how stakeholder input influenced the decisions. See phases at right.

- **Phase 1 – Gather stakeholder input** on solid waste issues, barriers, and solutions (Oct 2016-Feb 2017)
- **Phase 2 – Draft Solid Waste Master Plan strategies and gather stakeholder feedback** (Mar-May 2017)
- **Phase 3 – Draft and revise Solid Waste Master Plan** (June-Oct 2017)
- **Phase 4 – Finalize and approve Solid Waste Master Plan** (Oct-Dec 2017)

Contents and Navigation

This compilations and summaries of the Round 1 *business, reuse and industrial* input have been combined into one report. The report includes results from November 28, 2016 through February 17, 2017. These responses will help shape the Phase 2 draft strategies, on which stakeholder feedback will be sought in spring 2017.

There were 45 respondents for the business survey, one response for reuse organizations and two from industrial users. Responses are compiled and summarized below except for responses to the question, "If you want to learn more or get more involved with Dakota County recycling, composting, solid waste management, etc., please complete the information below;" contact information is considered private and not included in this public compilation. Obvious misspellings and punctuation errors were corrected and any vulgar content was deleted.

In the sections below, responses are generally organized alphabetically by question, with demographic results at the end. To navigate, note the following:

- The Table of Contents includes hyperlinks to jump to any section
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1. Waste Reduction and Reuse

Reducing waste is the starting point for any solid waste management effort. This might include reusing furniture, donating goods that can be used again, using non-hazardous chemicals, going paperless, etc. What ideas do you have to support or encourage residents, businesses, public entities, and industries to reduce the amount of waste generated in the first place?

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Summary

The responses to this question were mostly specific waste reduction suggestions, along with many that encouraged recycling and composting. Most ideas fell generally into the following clusters:

- **Prevent**
 - Education, information sources, meetings
 - Advocacy or regulations to eliminate non-recyclable packaging and take-out containers, reduce packaging, reduce use of shopping bags, eliminate plastic bags and Styrofoam, etc.
 - Move towards paperless business practices
- **Reuse or share**
 - Support donating or sharing reusable items, such as a websites to share or sell, community swaps, or more accessible dropoff sites
 - Encourage/support more equipment or tool sharing or rental
- **Recycle, compost**
 - Single-sort recycling for businesses
 - Easier access to recycling locations
 - Curbside organics
 - Financial incentives for recycling/disincentives for trash to landfills

Compilation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A task force that can give advice to individuals and businesses• Accept plastic bags for recycling at every business place• ban plastic bags and single-use Styrofoam at retailers and restaurants• ban plastic bags and single-use Styrofoam at retailers and restaurants• Buy used goods• central collection points for burnable waste that is not recyclable. transfer said burnable waste for use in electricity/steam generation• charge for bags• Choose products that can be or have already been recycled• COMPOST• Compost food scraps• Composting Location for Apple | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valley• COMPOSTING OF YARD WASTE SHOULD BE FREE A SALE OF COMPOSTED MATERIAL• deposits on cans, bottles• Determine if it is fit for use elsewhere within our company• Determine if we have something already on site we can use• discount for online payments• Domestic waste should be vastly more segregated. Virtually nothing should be going into landfill. Sweden is really good at this.• donation round-up several times a year. Bring together all the different places that accept donations in one spot. (maybe sponsored by 4h or scouts?)• Easier access to recycling - other drop off location(s)• education / meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education on how to reduce, reuse and recycle• Eliminate Styrofoam cups and clam shell boxes• Free pickup of appliances, mattresses, electronics• Get creative about new sustainable ways to package consumer goods• Get recycle dumpster• Get recycle garbage bins• Go paperless• Have a Bloomington curbside annual event which encourages people to go and see what they can reuse from someone else.• Have a website so people or business can put there waste on there that they want to get rid of• Have single sort recycling for businesses• Have trash haulers provide smaller |
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cans for less \$\$ to encourage less household waste.

- I have seen other areas provide waste drop off points where you can drop off metal, glass other waste for recycling for free. The site operator gets to sell items to the public (You want a carburetor for your lawn mower? Sure.) or sell it commercially. The operator also pays an annual fee to the county for the privilege of operating this site. Everybody wins.
- I thought that I recently saw a new article in KARE 11 that either Minneapolis or St. Paul is now recycling organics by providing homeowners with green bins in which to place their organic materials for recycling. For those of us without a composter or a compost pile in the backyard, this would be a boon.
- I would like to have compost bin, I live in a townhouse and don't have a place to put a yard waste container like I did when I lived in a home.
- If its free and categorized so people can search that would be helpful
- In coffee shops, bring your own mug.
- Incentives to use cloth diapers (like an energy-saver credit)
- Include these concepts as part of the grade school curriculum especially in the younger grades
- increase fees for waste disposal, offer rebate for waste reduction
- increase fees on waste disposal with a corresponding rebate for waste reduction
- It should include sand, gravel and

- dirt building materials
- Less Printing, go digital
- Make all packaging compostable or recyclable
- Make businesses aware of the cost savings
- Make reusable shopping bags a community resource and not one that has to be purchased if you forget yours at home.
- Make the size of the waste receptacle proportionate to the expected percentage of total waste, e.g. make the landfill bin smaller than the recycle bin by 50%
- Minimize packaging on products
- Packaging in this country is a disaster. we need to be stronger advocates for reducing packing on a national level.
- Proceeds from that sale can be used to reduce the fee for garage sale pickups.
- promote co-ops
- Purchasing consumables that do not generate landfill wastes
- receipts only when needed
- Recycle more
- Recycle more materials from construction work sites
- Reduce packaging
- remove single use bottles, containers, etc. from county facilities
- Reuse is the big one we demonstrate. We are moving a garage this Spring rather than have it demolished. We had left over siding from a contractor's siding job installed on four of our buildings. This is a product that would have gone to the landfill.
- Reuse plastic bags to pick up dog and cat waste

- REUSE, REPAIR COST SHOULD BE LESS THAN THE PURCHASE OF A NEW ITEM
- Serve food and beverages on reusable/washable dishes
- Share about the cost savings to the county and individual - "what's in it for me"?
- Sharing about local resources that can help - maybe an app where you can enter what you're getting rid of, and where it can go (like used toys - to a local woman's shelter or goodwill, etc.)
- Shops should always charge for bags.
- Stop designing and building disposable products. Build products that can be repaired or upgraded.
- Tax companies that produce waste as an incentive to reduce waste
- Tax incentives for achieving specific goals
- The majority of Castle Rock Township is rural agricultural. Our residents are encouraged to have a private contractor pick up residential waste and recycling.
- The more awareness the better. Buy more quality items and clothes that do not need to be replaced as often. Buy used items.
- Unsold items from the sale can be donated to charity programs.
- Updating computer systems to accommodate more paperless options
- Use less packaging
- Using glass or ceramic coffee cups instead of paper or Styrofoam
- Using plant-based cleaning products

2. Recycling Barriers and Supports

Thinking about your home, work, and where you shop or eat out:

- What prevents you from recycling the following (or doing more)?
- What would encourage you to recycle (or do more)?

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Note: Throughout this Recycling Barriers and Supports section, responses to the two questions are combined, so each row in the table below shows input from the same person.

Composting Yard Waste, Summary

A large number of respondents already compost their yard waste one way or another. The few **barriers** revolved around dropoff site access.

Most respondents weren't looking to compost yard waste themselves, but rather for more or better ways for it to be handled at a larger, public scale; they suggested the following **supports**:

- **Dropoff sites, disposal**
 - More, closer sites
 - Easy access and hours
 - Free or low cost
- **Collection**
 - Curbside pickup
 - Free or low-cost

Composting Yard Waste, Compilation

| What <i>prevents</i> you from recycling the following (or doing more)? | What would <i>encourage</i> you to recycle (or do more)? |
|---|---|
| already do this on a regular basis | already do this on a regular basis |
| Companies hired to landscape do the composting. | |
| Compost bin is cost-prohibitive | Discounted compost bins, education on how to use |
| composters are expensive and time consuming to turn. No spot to drop tree branches etc. | We'd LOVE a yard to drop tree and brush cuttings - we always have tons and have to burn them. |
| Curbside pickup not available | Having curbside pickup available |
| Do this all the time either on site or at yard scrap recycle facilities. | Doing now |
| Don't want to use the space for it | |
| I COMPOST NEED TO SHOW HOW EASY CAN BE TO DO YOUR OWN | |
| I do it | |
| I just grind up with my mower | |
| Little to no yard waste generated | Logistics to incorporate food scrap gathering/removal from business |
| need curbside pickup | bins picked up curbside |
| No location in Apple Valley for drop off | |
| No need to do not bag grass | Reduce cost |
| nothing - this is easy | always - make it easy and free |
| Nothing. I use a yard service that does this for me. | Nothing |
| Part of an association | |

| What <i>prevents</i> you from recycling the following (or doing more)? | What would <i>encourage</i> you to recycle (or do more)? |
|--|---|
| Space | |
| The cost for your hauler to haul it away | Curbside inexpensive pick up |
| time consuming | free leaves pick-up |
| too far to go | Nothing I would not have yard waste |
| Tools to properly compost in my back yard | |
| townhouse association I think they compost yard waste | |
| Waste gets mixed & hard to segregate | |
| We are currently disposing of our yard waste via our waste hauler. | A composter would allow us to do this. Currently this is being handled by our waste management company. |
| We currently compost yard waste | More collection sites |
| We do this | |
| we do this | Bigger yard waste pick up bin (home) |

Composting Food Scraps, Summary

Some respondents already collect their own food scraps and either compost them in their own yards or drop them at a public site.

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Barriers: There were a number of commonly mentioned barriers for collecting food scraps and for having your own compost pile at home, including the following:

- The overall inconvenience
- Concerns about odors and rodents
- Lack of space inside or outside
- No bin/container
- Current hauler does not offer as an option
- Frequency of pickup

Supports: These were more frequently focused on how to collect, store, and then dispose of food scraps, including the following:

- Education about how to get started, what to do, etc.
- Make it easy, convenient
- Proper bins/containers
 - Provided free
 - That prevent issues with odors, bugs, and animals
- Collection:
 - Having hauler offer as an option
 - Curbside pickup

Composting Food Scraps, Compilation

| What <i>prevents</i> you from recycling the following (or doing more)? | What would <i>encourage</i> you to recycle (or do more)? |
|--|--|
| already do this on a regular basis | already do this on a regular basis |
| Composting food scraps | Composting food scraps |
| curbside pickup | bins picked up curbside |

| What prevents you from recycling the following (or doing more)? | What would encourage you to recycle (or do more)? |
|--|---|
| Curbside pickup not available | Having curbside pickup available |
| Current hauler does not offer as an option | |
| Don't want to use the space for it | |
| Don't want additional can | Ability to mix with yard waste would help |
| I COMPOST CONTAINER UNDER SINK FOR FOOD SCRAPS | CONTAINER FOR UNDER SINKS |
| Keeping stray animals out of the compost | |
| Lack of Convenience & smell | A better way to keep the smell out and having a location near the kitchen |
| lack of space in required dumpster enclosure, lack of support from landlord | availability of containers in public places, support from landlord, space within dumpster enclosure (or ability to house dumpsters outside enclosure) |
| Logistics to incorporate food scrap gathering/removal from business | |
| No location in Apple Valley for drop off | |
| no place to put it, live in a townhouse | need a container I Hennepin county does this now but I live in a townhouse and don't have room for a 3rd container. |
| No safe, convenient collection bins | Safe, sanitary collect bins |
| Not an easy way to do | Could food scraps be put into a bin and picked up weekly also? |
| nothing - this is easy | always - make it easy and free |
| Our facility does not support composting | Having a program with bins and pickup services from the city |
| Rodent infestation | |
| The few I get I toss in our trees. | Provide the proper barrel like a recycling barrel |
| Time | We have just begun at work |
| time consuming | |
| too far to go Do not know anything about it | Proper disposal bins Labeled well |
| Travel and weather, really. It's easier to use the garbage disposal than collect scraps and have the bucket sit on the counter until I get home. | I don't know |
| We do not do this at this time. My housemate does not want a compost pile in the backyard and we currently do not have a composter. | A composter would allow us to do this or a waste hauler that also accepted organics in a separate container. |
| we don't generate much, and I just don't want to deal with the stink | |
| we have launched composting at our business - going well so far, but still working to educate staff/customers on the process | well labeled, ubiquitous and accessible disposal containers |
| winter is too cold to walk to our backyard compost bin. | home organics pick-up services |

| What prevents you from recycling the following (or doing more)? | What would encourage you to recycle (or do more)? |
|--|---|
| home organics pick-up services not available in our neighborhood | |
| Winter makes this harder to start, but like to get started. | More information on how to do this would help. |
| | Organic pick up by sanitation companies |

Recycling Paper, Cardboard, Glass, Metal, Plastics – Summary

Most respondents already recycle most or all of these, although some noted that most retail businesses do not recycle. As a result, they listed few specific barriers and instead generated a variety of ideas on how to better support recycling these items:

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- **Bins/containers and education:**
 - Provide bins in workplaces/businesses, restaurants, etc., with associated education, support, incentives
 - Support businesses to recycle
 - Bins must be large enough to handle increasing amounts of recyclables
- **Curbside pickup**
 - Low cost or free
 - Weekly vs. biweekly

Recycling Paper, Cardboard, Glass, Metal, Plastics – Compilation

| What prevents you from recycling the following (or doing more)? | What would encourage you to recycle (or do more)? |
|--|---|
| Already do this in great measure | |
| already do this on a regular basis | more labeled containers in public areas |
| ALREADY DO THRU THE TRASH COLLECTION IN SEPARATE BIN | |
| bin fills up too fast - bulky boxes | |
| Finding a way to keep things segregated | |
| I do it | |
| I do recycle | |
| I recycle cardboard. I don't really generate that much other recyclable trash. | I don't know |
| I recycle these items | |
| lack of knowledge among staff regarding what can be recycled | well labeled, ubiquitous and accessible disposal containers |
| Money is tight | More bins and services put in place to empty them |
| My husband does this | Proper disposal bins Labeled well |
| No location in Apple Valley for drop off | |
| Nothing | Not an issue |
| Nothing | |

| What prevents you from recycling the following (or doing more)? | What would encourage you to recycle (or do more)? |
|--|--|
| Paper and cardboard are easy - metal is harder. Not sure where to take it or if I can put it into domestic recycling. | always - make it easy and free |
| Recycle now | |
| Relative easy and inexpensive | |
| Retail businesses do not recycle which I find disturbing. They should be required, by law, to recycle and provide recycling containers for their customers to use as well. | I would recycle the trash generated at these businesses, i.e. fast food restaurants, etc. if they had the trash receptacles available. |
| Sometimes lack of knowledge about which types can be recycled | Easy reference on what can be recycled - magnet? |
| We already do this. | We do this. |
| We currently recycle these items | Convenient collection bins at local business places |
| we do this | bigger bin or weekly pick up. the bin gets full. (home) |
| We do this | |
| We do this as part of our garbage/recycle service | Doing now |
| We do this! But wish we could recycle plastic like cottage cheese containers | We always have a very full recycle bin and would like weekly pickup vs every other week |
| Working of getting this at work | Having bins at work for recyclables |
| | more labeled containers in public areas |

Properly Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste, Summary

Some respondents already know about household hazardous waste (HHW), and where to take it.

The **barriers** fall into a few broad categories: People don't know about HHW or are unsure what to do with certain items; they don't know what to do or where to go; the locations or hours are difficult; and the costs.

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- **Education:** Provide information on what is and isn't hazardous, and what to do with everything
- **Disposal, sites**
 - Sites open more days, longer hours
 - Low cost or free disposal
- **Collection:** Periodic curbside pickup

Properly Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste, Compilation

| What prevents you from recycling the following (or doing more)? | What would encourage you to recycle (or do more)? |
|---|---|
| Already do this in great measure | |
| Do so already | |
| don't know how | education on how to |
| Finding a convenient recycling center, not knowing | |

| What prevents you from recycling the following (or doing more)? | What would encourage you to recycle (or do more)? |
|--|--|
| what is accepted | |
| finding and using drop off locations - storing until then | |
| I do it | |
| I do this at drop off sites | |
| I do this properly. | Know where to take these items |
| Lack of convenience/accessibility | convenience/accessibility |
| Lack of Convenience | having curbside and no cost |
| My husband does this | Proper disposal bins Labeled well |
| No barriers- it is close and easy | promote eco site more |
| No location in Apple Valley for drop off | |
| The availability of proper disposal sites and times for disposal | |
| This does not pertain to me but some places charge to recycle and people don't want to pay for it. | |
| this tends to pile up until there is enough to take to the Recycle Center | having a local clean-up day that would include these items |
| Travel gets in the way here. I often miss the pick up / drop off days. | Instructions on how to properly denature hazardous waste so it can be safely stored until it can be picked up. |
| Use exclusively the Dakota Co. hazardous site | Doing now |
| We already do this. | We do this. |
| We currently dispose of these items properly | Monthly or quarterly scheduled residential pickups |
| We do this | |
| We do this - Dakota Co provides a convenient easy way | |
| we do this, but it sits around for a long time because we don't have a easy place to take batteries etc. | monthly/bimonthly curbside pick up. (home) |
| Where do you take it without paying excessive fees? | always - make it easy and free |
| | Eliminate the cost to the homeowner (reuse response) |

Recycling Bulky Items such as Carpeting, Furniture, Mattresses, etc. – Summary

Most respondents don't know which of these items are recyclable, where, when, or how – which appears to be the biggest **barrier**. Others included high disposal fees/costs; inability to transport these bulky items; and inaccessible or inconvenient disposal site locations, hours, and/or days.

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- **Education:** Provide information on what's recyclable, where, when, and how; signage, labeling
- **Disposal**
 - More sites, convenient locations, extended hours/days
 - Free or low cost
- **Collection, reuse**
 - Periodic free/low-cost local curbside pickup for these items, including those that can be reused

- Include reusable items as part of community-sponsored swaps, better promotion of donation options, or reuse/share websites
- Community cleanups and similar periodic events and activities

Recycling Bulky Items such as Carpeting, Furniture, Mattresses, etc. – Compilation

| What <i>prevents</i> you from recycling the following (or doing more)? | What would <i>encourage</i> you to recycle (or do more)? |
|---|--|
| Already do this in great measure | |
| Cost and location | |
| Cost to dispose and convenience | Proper disposal bins Labeled well |
| don't know how? | Easy to schedule pickup when we have these things |
| Expense makes recycling bulky items impractical | At home pick up- reduce cost to homeowner |
| I didn't think those were recyclable. | |
| I do recycle those | Free scheduled residential/business pickups |
| I try to give it away first then trash it | convenience/accessibility |
| knowing where to recycling, transporting | |
| Lack of convenience/accessibility | always - make it easy and free |
| Many items like this can be donated to local charities and we have used this opportunities in the past. | Doing now |
| My husband does this | bi-monthly/quarterly pick up (home) |
| No location in Apple Valley for drop off | City wide spring season pick up of these items |
| No readily available means to do this for things that are nonfunctional | |
| Not knowing where to recycle these things | We do this. |
| not sure where to do this | |
| scheduled pick up times | having a place to drop off usable items for people to take, I've tried to give furniture away to homeless agencies and they would not come and get it so maybe figuring out a way for them to get good used items would be helpful |
| Too big to take somewhere. Often we donate to needy friends | |
| This we do regularly with the aim of landfilling as the last alternative | |
| too expensive | Know where to take these items |
| We already do this. | |
| we throw away carpeting/mattresses :(| |
| What is accepted and where to go to recycle | free pickup |
| Where do you take it without paying excessive fees? | |
| Where? | having curbside and a lower cost |
| | having a local clean-up day that would include these items |

| What <i>prevents</i> you from recycling the following (or doing more)? | What would <i>encourage</i> you to recycle (or do more)? |
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| | free pick-up |
| | have a pick up service option on county web site-charge is fine |
| | Knowing what is available to recycle and where to go |
| | Clearer instruction on what is recyclable |

Other Barriers and Supports, Summary

Many of these responses were quite similar to those in the specific categories above.

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Other Barriers and Supports, Compilation

| What <i>prevents</i> you from recycling the following (or doing more)? | What would <i>encourage</i> you to recycle (or do more)? |
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| Ability to compact the volume of yard waste | |
| If everything was curbside pick up | |
| we donate and consign lots of clothes and home goods | |
| Buy meat from food coops when possible that is hand wrapped in waxed paper rather than use plastics. | City wide free cycling day (like garage sales) only free |
| | Finding a place to store items until we can load up to go to a recycling center |

3. Three Recyclables Requirement

For businesses that contract for 4 or more cubic yards of trash and/or recycling per week, current state law requires that at least three recyclable materials (paper, metal, plastic, glass, organics / food waste) be collected. ([Minn. Stat. §115A.151](#))

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How have you been able to successfully implement this requirement - Summary

Respondents listed process and logistical factors for implementation success:

- More locations
- Single stream recycling
- Increased training
- Free or low cost

How have you been able to successfully implement this requirement - Compilation

- By participating in the Dakota County Program last summer
- collection cans in classrooms
- Everything that can be recycled is being recycled.
- Garbage (recycle) bins inside building
- Get everyone involved
- I believe so but having a place for food waste would be helpful I work at a school
- I do not own a business; our landlord does this.
- I don't have that much waste
- in process
- Mixing recycling materials has made it easier to collect
- Not as yet, but we will be setting out recycle bins this year.
- Onsite collection bins
- organics recycling implemented at one location
- organics recycling implemented at one location
- Recycle dumpster
- Separate containers
- single stream recycling
- single stream recycling
- staff training
- Staff Training
- This system was in place prior to the hiring of our management company
- Through our waste collection company
- Wasn't aware of the law and what are we supposed to do with it?
- We contracted for a large dumpster for collection
- we have a dedicated recycling dumpster
- We have contacted someone from MN Waste Wise Foundation
- We have started to educate people in our company
- We have started to formulate strategies for recycling.
- We have trained our staff to recycle all applicable materials
- we send our stone waste to ready mix plants
- we send our wood waste to Xcel?? I think
- Working with Waste Management
- With difficulty. It's costly. (Reuse response)

What would help you overcome any remaining implementation barriers - Summary

Respondents listed a variety of answers, ranging from more involvement to working with haulers on solutions.

What would help you overcome any remaining implementation barriers - Compilation

- Better bins in our rooms
- Cost reduction
- Electronics are expensive to recycle
- I think we are doing well
- In home bins we use grocery bags it is gross and I don't want to do it
- My husband does.
- Increase our knowledge
- More involvement
- Starting a committee dedicated to the recycling and disposal of hazardous materials in this association
- support from our landlord to add organics at additional location
- The garbage company (Aspen Waste) has failed to provide a recycling container.
- very interested in recycling organics at business site but unable to find space for additional dumpster
- Working with Waste Management
- Low cost (reuse response)

4. Recycling Zone

What else would you like to be able to recycle at a public recycling/hazardous waste drop-off facility in Dakota County?

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Summary

Respondent answers varied from listed specific materials, such as mattresses and appliances, to the increased need for drop-off sites and locations.

Compilation

- Anything short of a car really already.
- Appliances
- Appliances
- Appliances; water heaters
- business waste
- Can you resell working electronics (e.g. old wireless modems that still work, or old tape players)
- Carpet
- free TVs/monitors
- mattresses
- Mattresses, furniture- charging is OK
- Metal scraps, was not aware we could recycle at a Dakota City drop off
- More locations
- More times
- Nininger Township has all of these recycling options available to us
- Organics
- Paint
- Paint, electronics and Computers
- scrap metal
- Secure paper shredding at a low cost
- Useable building materials and possibly furniture Anything short of a car really
- appliances
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- Carpet,
- free TVs/monitors
- mattresses
- Mattresses, furniture- charging is OK
- Metal scraps, was not aware we could recycle at a Dakota City drop off
- More locations
- More times
- Nininger Township has all of these recycling options available to us already.
- nothing - this site is great
- Organics
- Paint
- Paint, electronics and Computers
- scrap metal
- Secure paper shredding at a low cost
- Useable building materials and possibly furniture

5. Organics (large generators only, =37)

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft Policy Plan includes strategies to improve solid waste management. Please share your perspectives on this one: By 2022, food waste may not be included in the trash (tactics include purchasing less food, donating surplus food, collecting organics for composting, etc.).

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What barriers do or will your organization face implementing this requirement - Compilation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently doing it but cost is a factor• having a place to put it• man power• Separating food waste from other waste• we work with children and therefore generate inevitable food | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• waste - we are eager to recycle that waste into compost but would need cooperation from our landlord and the county to accommodate additional dumpsters• we work with children and though we work to educate them on how | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to sort, we should expect that some food waste will end up in the trash. in our second location we are eager to add organics, but need cooperation from our landlord |
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What ideas do you have for overcoming those barriers in the future - Compilation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• county-led efforts to engage landlords• Grants• incentives for landlords to | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• accommodate additional dumpsters, requirement that haulers offer organics service (our current hauler does not) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• none if there was a place for food waste/garden waste• volunteer education |
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6. Public-Private Partnerships

The County is committed to a collaborative approach to solid waste management. In what ways might your organization partner with the County to accomplish this?

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Summary

Respondents were interested in working with other businesses and the County on waste reduction or recycling options, more education, and resources to support these efforts.

Compilation

- Be happy to pre-sort waste for recycling. That should be a requirement for business and domestic waste anyway.
- be part of conversations with other businesses to discuss options
- be willing to partner with the county in regards to food waste
- Being involved in pilot programs to support the Counties effort. We are non-profit
- Continue to recycle
- costs
- discuss opportunities and barriers with other small businesses
- Disseminate information to customers
- Doing this by participating in the placement of recycling bins on site.
- education
- Education on what we could do at our business
- Eliminate use of Styrofoam containers
- I am a residential person
- I don't have an organization. My housemate is a homeowner in Dakota County. I do belong to the Eagan Garden Club, which might be why I received this survey. Our members and our club recycles as appropriate and as they are able to do so.
- not sure I have anything to offer
- Our main recycling is electronics and paper
- Our school could sponsor the donation round-up I suggested.
- planning
- Provide easily accessible recycling drop off options (plastic bags, etc.)
- Really like the financial incentives to do the right thing
- share our success story from the location that is successfully collecting organics
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- We are partnered with Dakota County and doing what needs to be done to cut down on waste.
- Working on getting everyone in our company involved.
- Working on increasing awareness about the necessity of proper waste management.
- We'd be willing to collect it if the County would get it and dispose of it. (Reuse response)
- Share our waste vision & ways we do this (Industrial user response)
- County providing supportive and promotional partnerships with companies that can assist with waste reduction (Industrial user response)
- Collaborate on list of vendors to help achieve goals (Industrial user response)

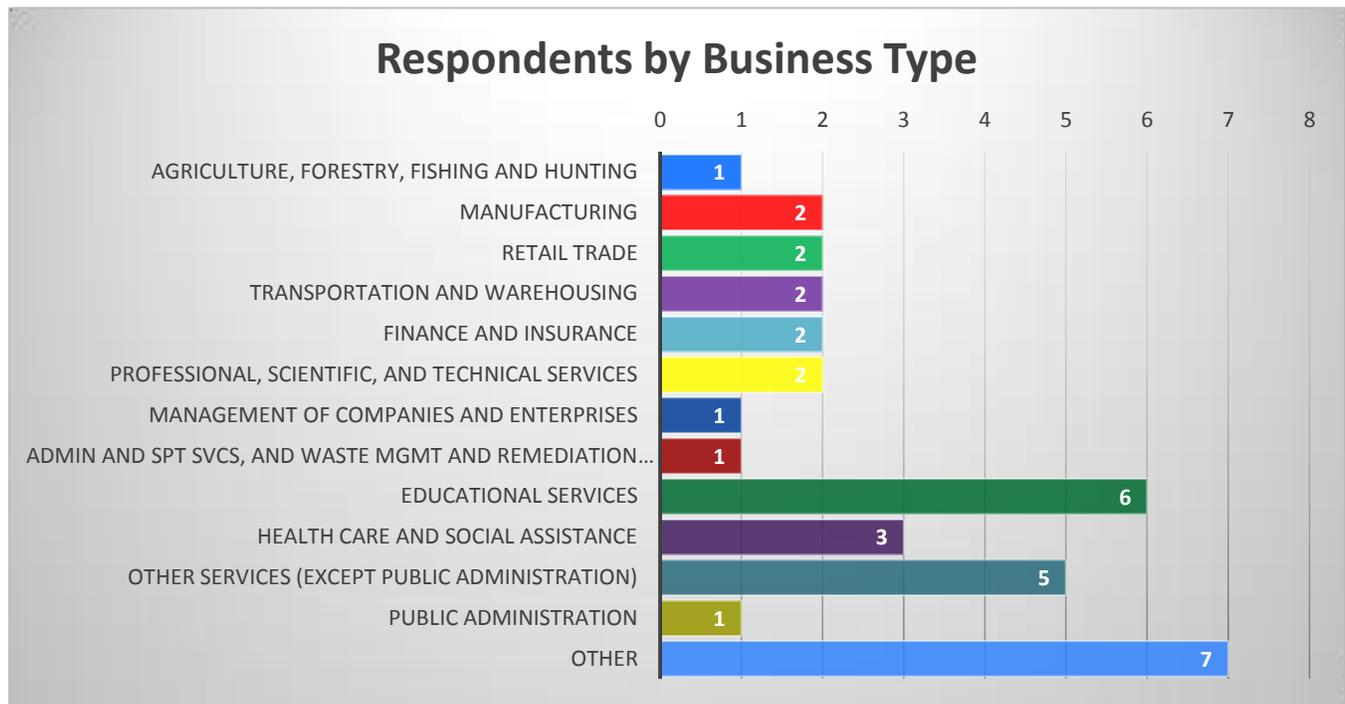
7. Zip Code

Respondents who provided location information were distributed as shown on the table below.

| Zip | Count |
|-------|-------|
| 55024 | 3 |
| 55033 | 5 |
| 55068 | 1 |
| 55075 | 1 |
| 55076 | 2 |
| 55118 | 4 |
| 55121 | 5 |
| 55122 | 4 |
| 55123 | 1 |
| 55164 | 1 |
| 55306 | 1 |
| 55337 | 4 |

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8. Business Type



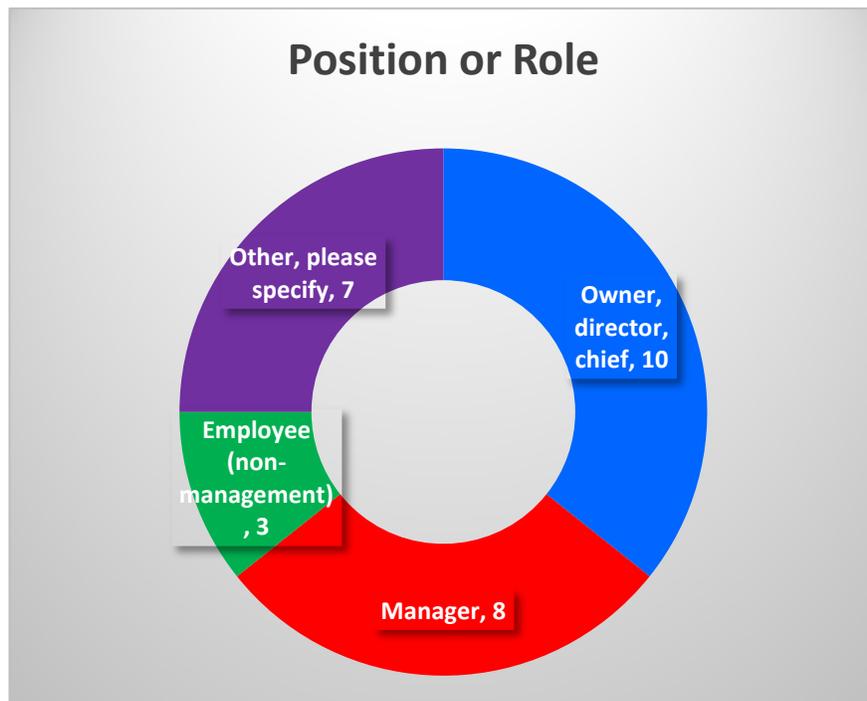
Other responses:

- Environmental Education
- I do NOT own a business in Dakota County.
- RETIRED
- Dog grooming salon
- We are agriculture, manufacture and retail
- Resident
- Individual

Reuse Only: What is the focus of your organization's reuse efforts (clothing, food, etc.); please be specific

- food, clothing, furniture

9. Primary Role



Other responses:

- Township Clerk
- President of the Board
- Township Clerk
- I am a receptionist for a pet clinic in Eagan.
- RETIRED
- Individual
- Individual (not sure if I was supposed to get this?)

10. Final comments or ideas

- Most of your questions do not apply to our Township
- As a non-profit and a leader in Environmental Education... It makes sense to partner with Dakota County
- thank you for tackling this important issue!
- We're all really excited about getting our recycling program started!
- It was totally inappropriate for me to have received this.
- This is so important for our earth and the future. THANK YOU!
- School have a lot of food waste and figuring out how to compost it and keep it out of landfills would be great and challenging