



Dakota County Solid Waste Master Planning
Interim Compilation of Residential Input
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Introduction

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 interim compilation includes all 115 *residential* results from November, 28 2016 through January, 16 2017. The survey is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Somali; to date, all responses have been to the English survey. The complete set of responses will be compiled after Phase 1 is completed. These results will be shared and used to inform the Phase 2 draft strategies; stakeholder feedback will be sought on those draft strategies in spring 2017.

All responses to date are included except for those 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 were corrected, but no other content changes to the responses were made. In the sections below, narrative responses are organized alphabetically by question; followed those are demographic results. Each subsection also includes information on the number of respondents. The Table of Contents and footers will help with navigation.

For More Information

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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?

Answered Question 86

Skipped Question 29

- 25 cents to get shopping cart at a store and paid back when returned
- A monthly pick up for items that can be reused
- Add a city fee for shopping bags.
- An educational mailing (and online) that is visual like those included in this survey.
- Ask stores not to over-package items. i.e., reduce the amount of bags or if you have only one or two items, don't put them in a bag.
- associate materials to be recycled with natural resources and energy used to produce and how to reduce consumption- recycling is good but not using and consuming is better
- at the Mulch Store, offer for sale compostable bags
- Ban "single-use" disposable items such as plastic bags and Styrofoam takeout containers
- Ban advertising
- Ban plastic bags
- Ban plastic grocery bags
- Ban Styrofoam
- being more specific in materials to be recycled and why
- Bottle tax
- Bring used items to Salvation Army/Goodwill/Savers
- Bring your own bags to the store, or at least FILL UP the disposable ones, 3 items in a bag is RIDICULOUS!
- Businesses going paperless - give concrete steps on how to implement in a workplace
- Buy thing with Less packaging on items!
- Cents off to customers bringing in their own bags to purchase items. Store doesn't provide bags
- Charge for plastic bags, or better yet, give a discount for using reusable bags
- charge for plastic paper bags at point-of-purchase
- Charge for shopping bags at grocery or dry goods stores
- charge per pound for trash pickup
- Close all Target stores
- Community furniture swap
- Consumers need to be alerted and convinced to purchase goods with the least amount of packaging.
- continue composting at county events
- Continue fix it clinics
- Continue to encourage use of the Eagan recycling center
- Continue with education about this topic - this is a good start
- Could do a social media contest getting people to Reuse items in a clever way. Offer a prize for the most likes. Or people get points for submitting ways they reduced/reused. Have an online login. You earn prizes after so many points. Etc.
- Could you offer a 'starter kit for composting' books for kids/families and maybe even offer compost containers for sale/lease or a discount if you buy them from a specific company
- Countywide tax on plastic bags (stores charge customers per bag)
- Cultural shift from materialistic society. Not sure how to accomplish this!
- Curbside compost option
- Curbside compost pick up
- Develop resources for how-to and for financial support to help elderly move out (helping to sort through stuff inside, helping to deliver or to pick up curbside, etc.)
- Discount on waste bill if you produce less waste
- Discounts for using reusable bags
- Discounts/rebates to consumers who use reusable bags, etc., also businesses and industries who reduce packaging.
- donate or sell products you can't use
- Donation information or drop off/pick up options for larger items, like furniture or building materials.
- Don't forget about water conservation!
- Drop off location for furniture
- Educate and encourage consumers about buying better quality goods that last longer.
- Educating residents on what can be recycled
- Encourage borrowing, swapping and give away on "online garage sale" sites
- Encourage businesses to purchase and use reusable plates/utensils etc., in the lunch room and office parties etc.

- Encourage City Wide Garage Sales
- Encourage donating gently used items for further use rather than throwing things away.
- Encourage recyclable to-go food containers/ban Styrofoam
- Encouraging donation centers and recycling facilities to locate in the county - make reuse easy.
- Encouraging tool sharing and fix-it clinics to get more life out of items
- Ensuring that all employees follow through with recycling
- Essential: Get the number of recycle/trash vehicles in any neighborhood down to ONE! Individual contracting for these services is wasteful for energy, pollution, and wear and tear on the streets.
- Establish community reuse facilities similar to the Recycling Zone. Provide "credits" to those who are frequent recyclers that can be used to offset tuition at MRC classes or Community Events such as the Eagan Fest, Hasting's River front Days, etc.
- Extra recycling bins
- Financial incentives or coupons for going paperless
- Fix items instead of tossing or buying new
- Focus on sorting capabilities of waste management organizations: make it simple for residents.
- Force businesses and industries to make better products which last longer and provide greater value, thus reducing the broken items or having to buy new items and throwing the old out. Stop being a throw away society but re-warding good products made by good business.
- Free curbside pick up monthly or quarterly of large household items or electronics.
- free organics recycling
- free or reduced fee pickups for larger items that can be recycled
- Free reusable bag for each customer of Dakota Electric
- get electronic receipts, rather than paper.
- get rid of Styrofoam - restaurant take-out, packaging.
- Have "How To" classes or a hotline for example fixing broken items.
- Have more than one drop off site for chemicals and electronics
- Have organic recycling
- Have recycling picked up every week
- Have recycling picked up more often
- Have schools teach general repair, for example fix a light.
- have standard list of what must be recycled
- Have vendors charge for bags /packaging including on foods at restaurants e.g. Fast food even eating in
- help people learn ways to preserve fresh food longer, so we don't throw away produce (fruits, vogs) before we have time to use it
- help people understand that natural resources are not disturbed if waste is not generated in the first place. This was the ah-ha moment for me. We have lots of land for landfills, so trash is not the big issue. The BIG issue is not tapping into natural resources in the first place. If we all recycled anything that contained copper, would we really need to be digging up pristine areas to access more copper? Humans are short sighted. They need incentives to act.
- Higher \$ incentive to people bringing reusable bags
- I heard that shredding paper is difficult to recycle but I don't want offers with my name and address not shredded. Why don't companies trying to get business just put homeowner or something on this crap so the whole packet can go in recycling. I don't want someone getting an offer in my name to open fake accounts because they have half my info!
- I was told that restaurants & businesses do not have to
- I would like the use of plastic bags reduced.
- I would like to see a reduction in packaging for products in stores.
- I would love a curbside composting program
- If those don't work ;-), maybe more outreach initiatives from the county in our schools to help people be better informed about how the buying choices they make impact our environment. Also, maybe incentives for businesses/schools/residences that implement zero waste policies.
- In schools teach about the value of items, good wool pants will last years, not one season. Beautiful furniture is worth the wait and expense as you buy it once. Yeah household economics in school, include home loans should be no more the 1/3 of your income
- Incentive programs for residents who produce more recycling than trash
- increase options for reuse/donation (or promote them better)
- Information/education are key. Press releases, social media blitzes, billboards, articles, etc. need to
- Is there a way for households to do a more formal organic/compost like schools are doing?

- It should be picked up as often as trash. I fill my recycling can faster than the waste can.
- It's not our business to decide how much to "reduce waste"
- Larger credit for donating items
- Larger recycle bins
- less packaging
- locate Goodwill and other collection facilities in retail shopping areas
- look for products without lots of packaging
- Make composting easy - curbside compost pick up
- Make everything single-sort and curbside, as much as possible.
- make garbage disposal more expensive
- Make it easier for residents to donate reusable household items
- Make plastic bags illegal.
- Making it easier to donate unused/unneeded goods (i.e. free pick up)
- Mandate recyclable food containers for groceries
- Mandatory recycling bins in all offices
- Maybe a center to handle furniture and large items to be refurbished for resale
- More donation opportunities
- More frequent recycling pick up - currently every other week and we run out of space
- More locations for organic recycling, like at Thompson Park, expanding that program
- More resources for residents to buy/give/sell/trade used items (more thrift stores, free stores, exchange groups, safe swap spots)
- More than one hazardous waste drop off day in communities
- No more plastic bag in supermarket as they do in Europe
- not enough bins accessible - the closer they are the more one will use them.
- offer curbside organics
- offer food waste composting options
- Offer pickup of organics!
- only print when you need to
- Opt out options for city/county mailings, like the Community Ed catalogues.
- Pay bills via phone/email/etc.
- Pay extra for bottles or cans of liquids and money paid back when bottles are returned
- Payback program for recycled goods
- People should pay for the services they use and the market should be the determinant
- Pick up recycling bins every week from residents, just like garbage is picked up every week.
- Plastic bag ban
- Please start a curbside organics (compost) recycling program.
- Promote household compost bins, rain barrels.
- promote reusable packaging materials with entities like Amazon.com
- Promote the thrift store options in the area, and encourage the MPCA's Make Memories Not Trash initiative
- Provide a service to remove heavy items from homes, perhaps focused on helping disabled, elderly
- Provide compost bins for indoor and outdoor use
- Provide containers for compost to be collected.
- Provide curbside donation pickup
- provide incentives for or require reusable bags
- Provide small recycle bins for inside use
- Providing compost bins
- Public relations campaign to encourage people to spend money on nature/experiences (spending times at parks, etc.) rather than consumer goods
- Purchase items from Salvation Army/Goodwill/Savers
- recycle. Is that true?
- Recycling bins picked up every week by your designated trash hauler
- Re-cycling should not cost residents money, paying to recycle does not provide incentive to perform.
- Recycling specialist visit all commercial buildings for free to encourage recycling
- Redesign packaging to be functional quality with less materials
- Reduce fees for those that recycle
- reduce plastic bags for purchased items at stores, encourage reusable bags
- reduce waste collection fees for recycling/composting
- reminders of where to take or donate different types of things
- Require cities to provide reuse information at move-in and move-out
- require makers of consumer products to use less packaging
- require publishers of 'free' newspapers to assess readership and scale print jobs based on results (STACKS of these unread items are recycled)
- require recycling
- Requiring stores to charge for plastic or paper sacks
- Residential compost collection
- Restrict use of plastic bags at retailers.
- Restrict use of Styrofoam take out containers/egg cartons.
- Retailers should not offer bags free of charge to encourage consumers to bring their own. Sam's and Aldi already do this

successfully.

- Reuse grocery bags
- Reuse materials by offering to other entities
- San Francisco banned plastic bags in stores. Do that!
- Set up a county-wide free exchange for businesses/non-profits, like Freecycle
- Several of our neighbors just filled up bagsters (and paid to have them hauled away) filled with lots of great items that could have been donated
- Sponsor a city swap day.
- Start using the term "Upcycle", particularly with the nations over abundance of clothing.
- Stop buying unhealthy, manufactured, over-packaged food.
- STOP DRINKING BOTTLED WATER!!!
- Stop providing/ban plastic bags
- Support food recovery programs that pick up food that can't be sold (but is still edible) and delivery it to food banks, shelters and other charities that feed people in need
- Surcharge if recycling is not done/fee reduction if recycling done
- Tax credits for measurably reducing waste
- Tax goods according to the environmental impact and the likelihood they will end up in a

landfill

- Tax incentives for businesses that don't use excessive packaging.
- taxes based on weight delivered to the dump site
- Teach kitchen composting. Sell under the counter Composting Buckets. Can be fun!
- These are massive contributors to waste and are hugely important to recognize. People will always need to buy food, and convenience as a paramount importance is not going away. This is why these issues should be tackled head on instead of trying to start with just the basics. Major pre-packaged food companies are losing business, and it's NOT just because people want to eat healthier, but because people want to reduce their environmental impacts and the packaging for these products are NOT recyclable in many cases. Let's address this major issue and be amazed at how quickly it turns sales and our carbon footprint around.
- think before buying
- This is the same issue as getting people to start caring/acting on global warming. People pretty much exist in a bubble.
- This survey is helpful for me on getting more educated. I never knew what happened with the

waste after it leaves my house. So more easy, short information.

- Use products made from recycled materials
- waste haulers, provide a small can for trash and a large one for recyclables
- We are a Capitalistic society; if everyone starts reducing and reusing, the economy will suffer (at least, the rich will).
- Weekly or bi-weekly organic recycling pick up
- Wish I had some - but it has to be cost effective to reduce waste and waste handling.
- within your family / social circle, make it ok to NOT purchase and wrap new items as gifts, instead collect no longer used items for trade and donate what is not selected
- Work on educating and supporting composting beyond at home (for those in apartments, townhouses, etc.).
- Working with local businesses to promote signage in stores to educate waste reduction or reuse opportunities.
- Would Dakota County Tech College want more donations of broken items (furniture, appliances) to teach students how to do repairs?

2. Recycling, Barriers

Thinking about your home, work, and where you shop or eat out: What prevents you from recycling the following (or doing more)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Composting yard waste	75.2%	82
Composting food scraps	93.6%	102
Recycling paper, cardboard, glass, metal, plastics	71.6%	78
Properly disposing of household hazardous waste	71.6%	78
Recycling bulky items such as carpeting, furniture, mattresses, etc.	77.1%	84
Other 1 (please specify and respond)	15.6%	17
Other 2 (please specify and respond)	6.4%	7
Answered Question		109
Skipped Question		6

Composting yard waste

- Additional cost for pick up
- Already do it
- an area in the yard to do so (if performed at home)
- Association's responsibility
- Community compost bins in lieu of home or business bins
- Cost of service
- Do it 100% Do not understand why other's do not. Education is the only thing preventing them.
- Do it at home or take large loads to Gertens (small fee).
- don't have a bin
- Don't want to pay for it. I'll keep it on my property, first.
- Extra charge for yard waste pickup
- Fees
- Having to drive to a yard waste site
- Having to pay a lot for the service through our waste hauler
- HOA won't allow it
- Huge yard = too much to compost; we do use yard waste pick up, so hope this makes it to a compost location
- I already do
- I already do this, although if Dakota County offered free yard waste drop off like Ramsey County does, I believe more people would compost.
- I compost all yard waste
- I compost my own and take remaining to yard waste site
- I compost my yard waste, but maybe a more accessible way to transport my yard waste to facilities would be nice. I have a truck, but not many people do.
- I do
- I do at home
- I do compost.
- I do this
- I do this - but must take diseased plants or weed seeds to another facility
- I do, with a small compost barrel and a tiny yard
- I don't take care of the yard--there is a service
- I live in a townhome. The association takes care of the yard.
- I mulch my yard waste and backyard compost
- I use it
- Lack of easy pick-up
- Lack of education/understanding of how to do it
- Lack of space
- Lack of yard space
- larger branches are difficult to chip
- Lawn service at our association
- Live in townhome where association cares for lawn waste
- location on lot to compost that does not effect the neighbors
- Maintenance/space
- Multifamily facility. We are working on it
- My work actually does all of these things at great expense
- NA
- need a shredder for tree branches, sticks, etc. otherwise I compost everything
- No convenient area to do this. We do leave grass clippings on the lawn.
- no curbside pickup
- no pick up
- not a problem
- Not any good places to do it on or property
- Not applicable - I live in a rental community
- Not available
- Not enough room for all of the yard waste
- Not enough space to put leaves
- Not having something to do with small amounts
- Nothing
- nothing
- Nothing
- nothing, I do this already
- Nothing...we have our own

compost

- Provide curbside pickup (trash/recycling hauler charges \$100 for this service)
- South St Paul compost site not open during posted hours (one occasion)
- Space in my back yard is limited and funds to build compost
- Space to put a compost pile and knowledge
- There are few compost sites for Dakota County, many of them charge \$\$\$. Why can't we have free compost sites like Ramsey County does??? Every home has leaves and other yard waste to

dispose of, why must we pay?

- we already do this
- We already do this
- We are able to compost our yard waste.
- we collect yard waste, hauler picks it up through November
- we compost everything from our yard/kitchen
- We compost leaves, but large branches/tree trimmings take too long to compost at home, volume is too large
- we do
- We do
- We do
- we do this

- we do this already
- We do this religiously.
- We do this.
- we don't have a use for as much compost as we'd produce
- we have composting service with garbage pickup April-Nov
- We live in a townhouse; townhouse association contracts with a vendor.
- We take yard waste to a composting site. Empire- Mulch Store
- Winter is tough to get to compost bucket

Composting food scraps

- \$ to purchase the compost bin and education in how to properly compost
- Already do it
- Attracts wild animals in my backyard
- Cannot compost in easement area or attract wild animals
- Cold weather prevent to compost in winter
- Compost bin is half built. Hard to find time to complete
- Composting takes too long! Our bin at home doesn't get enough light to compost properly.
- convenience
- Distance to compost drop off/lack of curbside
- Do it 100% Regularly show others "How to compost" and where to get an under counter, smell free bucket.
- Do it in the back yard.
- don't have a bin
- don't have a container or way to get rid of the compost
- Don't know how
- Don't know how
- Don't know how.
- don't know where to take it; wish

- trash collectors picked it up for free
- don't want the smell or even a small container inside the kitchen due to lack of space
- Education, can't find suitable indoor and outdoor container
- fear of adverse impact on neighbors/self (if performed at home)
- Finding a way to recycle without any smell.
- forget that we can compost it
- Gross job, easier to throw out.
- Have a handy basket in kitchen for scraps, need better one for outdoors, especially in the winter.
- have one, but would like to see more bins available for neighbors to buy/use
- Home and/or Dakota County organics program at Thompson Park
- Home- lack of nearby organics recycling facility. Work- lack of organic recycling bins
- I already compost most organics. Now, with the Thompson Park drop off site I can compost meat too. Yea

- I already do
- I am in the Dakota Co. program, but driving to the site doesn't make sense. I go if I am going in that direction.
- I compost all food scraps
- I compost fruit and veggie scraps
- I compost my own
- I compost, but have no access to composting of table scraps like bones, meat, or oily pizza boxes.
- I do
- I do at home and work
- I do this - except for meat products. Would like a recycling option for that.
- I do this at home, wish restaurants indicated whether they did or not
- I do what I can at home with a compost barrel, but would prefer curbside organic as pickup or at least a closer drop-off site. I don't think organics pickup is encouraged at local businesses enough.
- I don't have a good location in my yard for a compost bin.
- I don't have access to a curbside program
- I don't know how or what the

benefits are.

- I don't want to mess with the mess
- I need a composter, one of the little ones, it would be a huge asset
- IT would help to get curbside pick-up
- It's stinks and is messy and I don't need to attract more animals to my yard!
- lack of appropriate outdoor space to have a compost bin
- Lack of curb-side pickup
- Lack of curbside pickup - I do some backyard composting
- Lack of easy pick up
- lack of knowledge
- Maintenance/space
- Most scraps cannot go in backyard compost and do not have service for curbside
- N/A: I built and use a compost bin at home and compost at work
- No availability
- No bin
- No collection bin for food scraps
- No composting available - we live in a townhouse and work at smaller buildings (one a county library). Wish you could facilitate county-wide organics/compost collection (for those of us living in townhouses and apartments who can't compost at home and for restaurants).
- No convenient area for this
- No curbside organics recycling program
- No curbside pick up
- no curbside pickup
- No disposal options
- No easy way to do it that doesn't smell.
- No good place to do so in my yard
- no pick up
- No place to easily put them.
- No program
- No receptacle to place compost.
- No where to put it
- not all family members on board
- Not available
- not available or limited being able to at home only
- Not being able to figure out how to use at Thompson Park
- not having a place to put the scraps, both in the house and in a waste receptacle
- nothing, except when eating at a restaurant
- Organic curb side pick up
- Our household consumes many vegetables but we don't garden. I don't know what else to do with food scraps other than putting them in the trash. Are there other options?
- Same
- Same as above
- Same as yard waste
- Smell and critters
- Smelly bucket in the counter that need to be cleaned
- Space in my backyard is limited and the funds to build a compost
- Start up cost and fear of attracting rodents
- The new program for composting our food is AWESOME. I was one of the first to join. Make yard waste easy like this, please.
- the only thing we do not compost is meat scraps.
- The smell
- This service is not offered where I live
- we are collecting and delivering to Mulch Store
- We are lazy and afraid a compost bin will attract racoons. We would LOVE to see our garbage company accept food waste.
- We compost all organics and bring them to Thompson Park. Would really appreciate a drop-off site closer, and better yet residential organics collection
- We compost most food scraps, but bones & fat are problematic in a home compost and we don't have an easy way to recycle them so they get thrown away
- we did this for two years
- we do
- We do some of this.
- We have our own
- We participate in organic recycling
- winter ... I compost when the weather is nice, but winter poses problems. I've tried
- Winter is a tough time to get to compost bucket and compost organisms are slow
- Winter temps are a deterrent. We do it during the mild months.
- Would do if provided a container

Recycling paper, cardboard, glass, metal, plastics

- 100% My kids know how to too.
- All of this goes in our single sort (super easy), we might recycle more if it was clearer which items can/can't be put in single sort
- Already do
- Already do it. Combining all recycling in a single bin helps
- Already do this
- Already doing this
- Always do this.
- Are recycling bin at home is often full after one week and then we have to wait another week until it gets emptied.
- BI weekly pickup not frequent enough
- Bi weekly recycling schedule
- Confused by which plastics can/can't be recycled
- Cost
- Currently we recycle all of these. Current system works well. I bring my recycling home but the vast

majority of the public drops recyclables into the unpaired trash bins. Lack of paired recycling bins prevents people from recycling while out, especially beverage containers.

- Do all I can
- Do it.
- Do this regularly.
- Easily Done
- good at home, cannot get buy in from work place
- home
- home and work and where recycling is available
- Honestly, when the recycle container gets full I sadly sometime throw recyclables in the trash. We don't have enough storage space to 'get behind'
- I am very careful to recycle these as much as possible.
- I do
- I do recycle
- I do this
- I do this already
- I do this at home but public locations do not always give options for more than cans and bottles
- I do this at home, but sometimes it's hard to find recycling containers out in public
- I do this if a receptacle is available.
- I do.
- I feel I do a great job of recycling these items
- I recycle all materials my trash hauler will take
- I recycle all that I can, but many food containers I have to throw away because they are not recyclable and this is bothersome.
- I recycle everything I can.

However, the recycling company has a lot of restrictions on what they accept.

- I recycle.
- I'm not always sure what to recycle; my bin is overflowing so some recycling needs to go in trash (I'm not going to stockpile)
- Is it okay to recycle glass with a plastic spout?
- Make egg cartons and cup holders from fast foods recyclable
- many places still have no recycling containers, just 1garbage can.
- Many South SP waste haulers only pickup rec. 1x/week
- May we have more recycling spots spread over our county? My garbage hauler throws all my recycling in with the garbage and though we are charged for recycling THEY ARE NOT RECYCLING. THEY ARE STEALING OUR MONEY. IT IS ADVANCED DISPOSAL.
- More businesses should offer their customers recycling bins side-by-side with trash
- Most restaurants don't offer a recycling receptacle for plastic cups and other plastics.
- no problem
- none
- not available in all places gym, rinks, shopping centers, public places, hotels
- Nothing
- nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing, we recycle as much of this as we can
- Only one bin
- Only one recycling cart
- Pick up every other week vs.

weekly

- Single-sort bin works.
- Size of container=pickup schedule
- Sometimes I can't find a recycling receptacle when out in public.
- Sometimes there is just so much and our recycling truck only comes once every other week. We'd like it to come every week
- The inconsistency to what is accepted
- there aren't always bins available out and about
- unsure whether some items can be recycled
- we do
- We do
- We do
- we do a pretty good job of this
- We do almost 100%, sometimes even bringing it home from restaurants or travel.
- We do at home, out it's a matter of having recycle bins
- We do regularly
- We do this
- we do this
- we do this
- we do this completely
- we do this now
- We do this.
- We need weekly pick up because we are such hard core recyclers.
- We recycle everything we possibly can. I am very impressed with what a great recycling program Dakota County has.
- We recycle these items
- Were pretty good about this. No issues. Perhaps a reusable bag and container promotion to lower consumption of plastic bag and Styrofoam containers.

Properly disposing of household hazardous waste

• 10% Don't know how to dispose or even what is considered hazardous. Always wondered if

"PAM" spray cans are hazardous.
 • Again we need more sites throughout our county. I live in

West St Paul and don't want to drive to Hastings or Lakeville for these things, time is valuable.

Give us more sites.

- Already do
- Already do it
- already do this, eco site is very friendly. Could be open more hours outside of work.
- Awareness of where to drop off.
- convenience
- Convenience
- disposal location hours
- Don't always know what this is.
- don't have it
- don't use
- ease
- Eco Center hours and limited locations
- Far to drive for disposal
- Finding the time to drop it off at the appropriate facility.
- good at home, some success at work place
- Have no idea what is hazardous. Need to learn.
- Have to store it and then drive it somewhere.
- having to go to drop them off - location is not close to home
- Here again I think that perhaps a yearly, or bi-annual pick up service would be hugely helpful. Between these wastes and yard wastes it can be difficult to transport them to the disposal sites, especially for those without trucks.
- I bring it to Dakota County Recycling Center in Eagan
- I bring to Dakota Co. recycling center.
- I do this
- I do this already
- I don't like having to drive it to another location
- I have it sitting in my garage, just haven't brought it in yet. Education and local drop off sites?
- I have researched and disposed of these items properly.
- I know where to take it, and the hours are convenient, but the

location is out of the way. I did use Burnsville's drop off day recently, and it was convenient and well-organized. Could we offer that more often and in more places in the county?

- I take care with this. But having more drop-off points would be good.
- I think it is too easy for people to throw in the trash at home vs driving to the hazardous waste center
- I use recycle center
- Inconvenient drop sites
- Knowing where to take them
- Lack of curbside pickup or ample collection opportunities
- lack of knowledge
- Lack of options and education
- Making the trip to the County recycling center just doesn't happen. Make it curbside, even if it's once a year.
- maybe need more info on what is hazardous
- More places to drop off
- No availability-lightbulbs and batteries
- no problem
- None, your HHW site is pretty much the best
- Not a problem - we go to The Recycling Zone
- Not applicable.
- Not easier places to drop off and some charge so cost
- Not easy to find a place to take it or too far away
- Not knowing where to dispose of it
- Not sure where to bring it and how much or wiki cost
- not sure where to take it and fees for dropping it off
- Nothing
- nothing
- nothing
- requires taking to HHW collection

or recycling zone - not accessible to all/consider a annual or bi-annual pickup through garbage hauler? community cleanup day?

- Time, distance to drop it off
- try to but the drop off site is not convenient
- Unsure of where/when to take it and don't want to pay fees.
- We bring to Recycling Zone. No suggestions for improvement
- We do
- We do
- We do almost 100%; use Eco-Site a couple of times a year.
- We do at the Recycling Zone
- we do this
- we do this
- We do this - how about a line for small household users.
- we do this now
- We do this to the extent we know everything that is hazardous
- We do this, but my sense is that there are very limited times for drop-off/disposal.
- We do this.
- We don't throw away our hazardous waste, but it sits in our garage for a lot longer than I'd like, because it's not that convenient to get to the hazardous waste site. I'd like to see the stores that sell products that will eventually become hazardous waste be required to take and recycle those products once they don't work anymore. For example, every Home Depot should be required to take in, for free, our old light bulbs, batteries, paint, etc.
- We just keep it here. Don't know where to take it.
- We stop at the Recycling Zone
- We take it to the facility for this
- we use the Recycling Zone
- What are proper methods? (I have a box of items ready to go)

- Would like curbside pickup quarterly

Recycling bulky items such as carpeting, furniture, mattresses, etc.

- 0% Have no idea how to do that.
- Already do this
- Already do through organizations
- awareness - don't know how to recycle these items
- Awareness of where to drop off, many locations will not accept large items
- cannot transport to recycling facilities
- Charging extra for it makes it financially difficult
- City wide day would be great
- Convenience and cost
- convenience and cost to pick up
- cost
- Cost
- Cost and transportation
- Cost, nowhere convenient to take them
- Difficult to transport/move large heavy items.
- Difficulty in transporting large items
- Dislike the extra fee from our waste hauler
- Do not own a truck to haul
- Don't know where to go
- Donate when useable. Not aware of recycling.
- don't know how to dispose of besides landfill
- Don't know where
- Fee charged to dispose of some of these items
- furniture is easy! carpeting, unknown. nearly impossible to find a mattress recycler due to cost and distance
- Getting it to the donation site is costly and problematic.
- Giant dumpster is easier
- Goes to Dakota County site.
- Hard to transport to recycle locations if you have bigger items.
- Have not needed to.
- haven't gotten rid of those things
- Haven't had to do this since I moved here. I try to accumulate as little as possible
- I bring to Twin Cities Refuse
- I call for information on how to best dispose / recycle it
- I do this already
- I don't have a big truck to transport; retail places should take them back when I buy stuff from them and recycle them (not put in trash)
- I don't know how to dispose of these things.
- I don't know what to do with furniture that is worn. Like- new things are easy enough to give away but what do we do with not-so-gently used items?
- I have never had the need. I donate most reusable items to different associations.
- I just trash those. I didn't know they could be recycled.
- I sell or even give away via Craigslist often.
- I think it is too easy for people to throw in the trash at home vs driving to the hazardous waste center.
- I use curbside pickup days
- Inconvenient - unable to haul big items
- It is a hassle to do this. Can you offer a pick-up service for a reasonable fee?
- It would be nice if the county accepted those items. I'd gladly pay more in property taxes to see that implemented.
- lack of access to recycling some items that are no longer donatable (like furniture)
- Lack of vehicle for transportation
- Limited local recycling options;
- pick up would be better as I don't own a truck
- More frequent pick up curbside like Bloomington does. This would encourage reuse as well.
- No or limited options for most items in Dakota County
- no problem
- No recycling options
- No truck or way to haul
- No way to transport or as seniors lift
- none
- not easily accessible unless you buy new and have old removed through retail option
- Not know about options for such items
- Not knowing how
- Not sure how to do that or what cost is involved
- Not sure where to recycle this.
- not sure where to take it
- nothing
- Proper vehicle to get the items to the drop site & the cost to drop off the item
- rarely encounter this.
- Take to Goodwill or donate to a local charity.
- Tell me how to recycle these.
- This is frustrating with only 1 city pick up day (FARMINGTON))
- Time/inconvenience of dropping them off at recycling center
- Time/size of items/convenience
- Too costly to recycle, no convenient location to drop off, or no options available
- too expensive, I don't have big truck to transport items for recycling
- Transportation for larger items.
- trash collector won't take it; don't have large truck to drop it off myself

- Try, need a way to have someone come to the house as transportation not easy
- we do
- We do
- we do this
- We donate what we can...and don't want to pay extra...can't afford to
- we try to do this. not all places
- take these items
- Well, I had no idea you COULD recycle these things. And maybe a place and number to call would be good info to have for people doing home improvement.
- Where do you even do this at? Do we have a place that would pick this up at a low cost or no cost other than driving it ourselves to the local dump?!
- where to take them that's convenient
- Would be nice if the city had a day to get rid of this type of items for free like some city's do.
- Would like an option in Eagan rather than calling waste management company where items end up in the trash

Other 1 (please specify and respond)

- all clothing and household, we donate everything
- allow pizza boxes to be recycled
- Confusion - Need simple, consistent graphics and lists used on recycling containers and mailings to educate community on what can (and can't) be recycled - some things like pizza boxes or cold/frozen food cardboard are confusing gray area.
- Education (reminders) of everything that can be recycled would be helpful.
- I am the compost queen
- I wonder what happens to my recycling. Educating us on how the recyclers really do sort through all that "commingled" stuff would be useful!
- I would recycle more if my trash hauler accepted more items
- Recycling is getting costly for some items - monitors and TVs - mattresses and appliances
- textiles - no available recycling
- The Styrofoam takeout containers at restaurants should be banned and replaced with biodegradable options.
- We would love to recycle more plastics (things that are collected by TerraCycle) locally rather than having to mail it in
- Where to take used high chairs. We are checking Bridging
- wood from re-doing our deck - where to take it besides a dump?
- Wood scraps from home projects (old, new, some treated, some untreated) and old pallets are the item I can't easily figure out how to recycle.
- Work - they don't offer recycling for employees
- yogurt cups, etc...how clean do they need to be? sometimes I don't recycle b/c I wonder if the use of water to clean it first counteracts the recycling effort

Other 2 (please specify and respond)

- Discounts, points or just free reusable bags sent out.
- if a material isn't recyclable perhaps it should be banned - Styrofoam, plastic bags
- Public spaces -- Wish you could start with restaurants, malls, etc. to help them use more earth-friendly materials and also have compost and recyclable containers.
- Shop/Eat Out - recycling not offered for me and often not being done by the business
- want new countertops, but fear the landfill for old ones
- what to do with those big white hard plastic pieces of patio furniture?

3. Recycling, Supports

At home, work, or when you're out: What would encourage you to recycle (or do more)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Composting yard waste	56.2%	50
Composting food scraps	77.5%	69
Recycling paper, cardboard, glass, metal, plastics	64.0%	57
Properly disposing of household hazardous waste	53.9%	48
Recycling bulky items such as carpeting, furniture, mattresses, etc.	65.2%	58
Other 1 (please specify and respond)	11.2%	10
Other 2 (please specify and respond)	5.6%	5
Answered Question		89
Skipped Question		26

Composting yard waste

- A bin for it.
- a composting container that could be removed from site by a composting service
- A free compost bin that gets picked up by the city. In some towns people get a cost break if they choose to compost.
- Already do
- Already do
- Already doing
- Better containers
- bin provided
- Cheaper pick up
- Closer location or pick up at my home
- Community place to bring compost
- Convenient availability of bins next to garbage cans
- Curbside pick up, or education on how to do it ourselves
- curbside pickup
- Don't encounter this much
- Easy bins to dump in and no fee pick up
- Free classes to teach backyard composting
- Free compost containers
- Free curbside pickup
- Free drop-off sites
- free local collection sites - had this in Ankeny IA 2X a year
- Free Monthly pick-up of yard waste.
- Free pick up
- Free services
- Funds & help to build the structure
- Having businesses promote recycling by providing specific statements indicating what they do with their wastes be it packaging or food waste.
- If bins were less expensive and more attractive (wood, not black plastic), I'd put it in a more visible place in full sun.
- If this was included in our trash pickup and not an extra charge
- Lower cost for pickup. Maybe local collection site, too.
- make it cheaper
- municipal pick-up
- N/A
- n/a
- N/A
- n/a (townhouse)
- n/a, we do this
- no cost and no smelly mess
- Not applicable
- Not sure
- nothing, I do this already
- only if I was in charge of yard care at my place
- Organized neighborhood cleanup days
- Proper bins
- reduce/eliminate price of curbside pick-up
- Shredder.
- We already do this.
- We do as much as we can now.
- we do this
- We mostly do this, but curbside pickup or small compost bins that can blend into a small yard might help
- Work: make a bathroom garbage organics only. Several State govt. buildings have this.

Composting food scraps

- A bin
- A bin for it in the break room
- A compost bin that gets picked up by the city. In some towns customers get a cost break for using this service.
- a designated place to put it and for it to be collected like trash and recycling
- A place to put them
- Already compost all
- Already do
- Already do
- Already doing but would like to do more in winter

- Appropriate bin without odor
- at home - garbage pickup
- At work or out - waste bins with multiple slots for organics and other recycling
- Availability of bins next to garbage cans
- Availability of compost at restaurants
- Available bins and compostable materials
- Available receptacles, including for home to be hauled away.
- bin provided
- Bins! Composting bins!
- Businesses offering bins.
- Can available
- Composting 101 info. How can I start??!
- Curb side pickup
- Curbside collection
- curbside compost pickup
- curbside pickup
- Curbside pickup or small compost bins that can blend into a small yard
- Curbside, compost bins in restaurants
- Easier access to compost bins
- Find a clean, easy way to store them until pickup
- Free curbside pickup
- Free start up material and reduced waste fees for doing it
- Funds & help to build the structure
- getting an appropriate bin for composting
- Have a curbside program. Driving to Saint Paul to drop off organics isn't an option for someone who lives in Lakeville
- I compost at home, but I know at church they do not.
- If bins were less expensive and more attractive (wood, not black plastic), I'd put it in a more visible place in full sun.
- If I had a backyard compost bin or if there was pick-up with my regular recycling pick-up.
- initiate haul-away programs
- Knowledge
- low cost bins; maybe the homeowner's assn could sell them
- make it easy to do
- Make the food and wrappers go in same place. Everyone's in hurry and I don't want to stand in line to sort my trash at the mall!
- More collection bins
- more locations
- municipal pick-up
- No container to accept them
- no cost and no smelly mess
- Nothing
- offer service at my home
- only can compost fruit and vegetables, not other food items
- Option of curbside compost pickup
- Organic collection bins
- Please start curbside organics (compost) program.
- Properly labeled containers - words & pictures
- Provide a container for me to compost in.
- provide curbside collection
- provide receptacles for disposal of food waste for composting.
- Residential collection.
- same as above
- somewhere easy to bring them. or, pick up at my house!
- Specific bins and collections for it
- We do as much as we can now.
- we do this (and all compostables)
- We do this at home and school.
- Weekly curbside organics recycling pickup
- When out: incentivize restaurants and schools to participate
- Wish there was a program at our church.
- Work and school should have compost bins
- Yes

Recycling paper, cardboard, glass, metal, plastics

- A clearly labeled bin for it with a list of what to recycle weekly recycling
- Already do.
- Already do
- Already do
- Already do
- Already recycle all. Have recycling containers in public places, parks and shopping centers. They do not exist in most public places in Egan
- Already recycling as much as we can
- At home: single hauler for my city (South St. Paul) with required
- At work or out - waste bins with multiple slots for different types of recyclables
- Availability of bins
- Available bins
- Businesses offering bins.
- Businesses should be required to offer recycling as well as trash bins. I imagine their trash haulers would pick it up. Perhaps the county could supply receptacles to get them started.
- Can available
- Cheaper recycling vs trash
- Doing 100%, but could use great signage.
- Easier access to bins
- Extra bins
- Have it picked up weekly
- Have receptacles available at businesses, public spaces.
- Have truck come each week. Our bucket is filled at the end of one week
- Having containers available

- everywhere
- Having more containers available.
- Having recycling bins available when we are out.
- Having recycling containers just as common as trash bins
- I like the system we have but some weeks I could put it out to the curb every week, verses the every 2 weeks we have now.
- I participate at close to 100% including plastic bags
- know what exactly to recycle
- make sure there are multiple places when I'm out to recycle although I frequently bring things home with me if I don't find one around
- Marked containers
- More and better labeled containers
- More bins for this needed in public places.
- More frequent pick up by trash companies (or at least weekly pick up). Single sort containers.
- More information on which plastics are recyclable
- more recycling bins
- more recycling in public places (like businesses)
- No recycle bins at work - need them in the office for paper and the lunch room for other recyclables
- not a problem
- Not applicable
- nothing, I do this already
- rebates or discounts for recycling
- Recycling bins in restaurants
- Recycling bins that are well marked and conveniently located
- recycling containers available for use/seeing more in public places but still not everywhere
- same as food scraps, do it at home but not at church
- Same, there is not enough recycling containers next to waste cans
- this is done
- We do as much as we can now.
- We do but reduce fees would encourage others
- We do this
- we do this
- We do this.
- weekly collection; more information on what to recycle
- Weekly pickups
- Wish there was a program at our church.
- Yes

Properly disposing of household hazardous waste

- A local community drop off site, in addition to the county drop off site
- A sign, education. Bin for hazardous waste.
- Already do, but electronics are exceptionally expensive
- Availability of bins
- Closer recycling location
- curb side pick up
- Curbside pickup
- Curbside pickup or more collection opportunities
- Curbside.
- Curbside/pick up special day city-wide
- don't have any
- Easier access to bins
- easier access, closer
- Easy to find info on the website
- education
- Email reminders of when there is a special drop off day.
- Expanding the drop off says to more locations in the county and 2-3 times per year
- Have a local drop off and not just once a year
- Have semi annual curb side collection
- I try not to buy or use/perhaps removing from retail availability would be better option
- incentive to bring to the hazardous site may get more people to do it.
- make drop off options closer to my house and available longer on Saturday and on Sunday
- Make it cheap and convenient to do so, one in every city instead of county wide.
- Maybe a product label should include disposal recommendations
- Maybe if there was an HHW site in the south part of the county, that would be nice. Driving to Eagan can be a pain.
- More and easy drop off centers with no charge for doing
- More clarity and frequency of when/where to do so.
- More consistent and clear and free options.
- More drop off sites - City Hall, Library, Police or Fire might work
- more free days
- More free drop off days with better advertising so we are less likely to miss it
- More hours that it's open
- More information about what this is and how to recycle
- More locations to drop at
- more locations, drop off sites, extended hours
- n/a
- n/a - doing
- not a problem
- pick up for these materials
- Publicize how and where these materials can be disposed of properly. I live in Maplewood. We have community clean-up days, so we take these items to the specified drop-off site.
- Quarterly curbside pickup would be good

- Recovery one has created more drop off hours. That's great!
- Recycling zone is currently available and works well
- this is done
- we do this, but we also buy less!
- We do this.
- Yes

Recycling bulky items such as carpeting, furniture, mattresses, etc.

- A local community drop off site
- a recycling pick up service
- Again, publish information on how/where to do this.
- Credit to do so
- curb side pick up
- Curbside or local place to take it
- Curbside pick up, list of charities that will pick up at your house
- Curbside pickup
- Designate sites in each city and township to drop bulky recyclables, contract with hauler to bring items to central site
- easier to send to landfill
- Easy to find locations
- easy/free way to transport or have it picked up
- Free curbside pick up monthly or quarterly of large household items or electronics.
- Free disposal/pick-up
- Free pick up and moving
- have a close place to take them
- Have annual curb side collection or have a day to put on curb for others to pick up
- Have more than one pick up day a year
- Having local options
- incentive to bring to the hazardous site may get more people to do it.
- Inexpensive pick up service
- Info on how to best get rid of old (semi-rotted) wood (deck work) and old pallets and old treated wood (can't safely burn that for heat even)
- Knowing about recycling options.
- Knowing that there may be a way to recycle them beyond trash
- Knowing where to bring stuff-- easily searchable recycling guide with lots of key words
- Limited local recycling options, pick up would be better as I don't own a truck
- Low cost pickup.
- make it cheaper
- make it cheaper, more accessible
- make it free
- Make it free, or cheap; otherwise people will burn them or toss them down a hill.
- More (convenient) locations that freely accept these items for recycling (or offer to pick up for a small fee)
- More access to bulky item recycling drop-offs
- More clarity on when/where to do so.
- more education on options
- more free days
- more furniture rehabilitation options.
- More knowledge on how to recycle
- More locations to drop at
- More recycling opportunities
- More than one free city wide clean-up
- Need more information - didn't know this was an option
- No convenient location.
- No easy way to transport these things. Who the heck takes mattresses anyway?
- no fee curbside pickup
- Not really applicable for my work.
- Not sure
- Offer curb side pick up quarterly.
- Pick up offered at reasonable cost
- Public pickup
- Reliable free disposal location
- See one above
- Small free for pick-up and delivery to a place that can use or recycle
- Someplace to bring it if it's not reusable to bring to Goodwill
- tell residents where to take it
- Try to, but usually too costly
- waste pickup
- we donate, and do research

Other 1 (please specify and respond)

- For all of the listed examples, convenience is my main encouragement
- I am shocked that most restaurants do not offer a choice of bins: waste, compost, recycling
- I any think of anything
- Make recycling and composting more a part of the political process, I.e. Have candidates describe their position on those topics and what they would do when elected to promote those policies.
- neighborhood competitions to see who can recycle the most?
- Paper - more no cost shredding events in communities
- sometimes it just takes a new law requiring composting to push us all in the correct direction.
- stop producing things that aren't recyclable - disposable containers/Styrofoam/plastic bags
- Weekly recycling pickup

Other 2 (please specify and respond)

- Bragging rights--put a sign on my recycling bin stating how many pounds I saved from the landfill each year/month
- incentives or reduced fees for recycling more from the garbage hauler- if I increase my recycling bucket and decrease my garbage it will cost me more
- Knowing that exactly the same things go into the containers no matter where I am
- Seattle, WA outlawed the use of plastic bags and requires all citizens to compost food scraps.

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?

Answered Question 65

Skipped Question 50

- all types of light bulbs
- ALL types of plastic
- Anything that can be recycled
- Appliances free pick up
- batteries
- Batteries
- Batteries
- Beds, furniture, electronics
- Black plastic
- Bulky items like furniture
- Car seats. Baby furniture.
- Carpet
- Clothes that are too used to donate to a resale organization
- Clothing/shoes/textile recycling (esp. items that are no longer usable)
- compostable plastic (cups, etc.)
- compostables
- confidential paper
- construction waste
- construction waste
- could we provide info to customers buying furniture on how/where to get rid of old furniture/mattresses? Partner with Slumberland or Hom, for example?
- Disposable diapers.
- don't know
- Don't know of any
- Don't they take everything?
- epi pens
- Fabric scraps and clothing not suitable for wearing any more
- Food scraps (like Ramsey County's organics recycling drop-off sites)
- frankly, nothing. I like the place and have used it for stuff I need to recycle.
- Free tire easy drop off
- Free yard waste drop off would be terrific. We had this option when we lived in Ramsey County.
- furniture
- Furniture
- Furniture
- grass clippings, small brush and leaves
- holiday lights that don't work anymore
- How about clothing that is torn and stained to small can't you make insulation or something out of that instead of throwing away?
- I believe we should be able to recycle ALL items. There needs to be clear instructions in the way we recycle to make it easier for businesses that are picking up the recycling. We, as a society, need to put the time into recycling.
- I would just like there to be a few more drop off places
- In tact but defective window.
- Inconvenient to drive there
- It would be nice to have a centralized location to take furniture.
- It's pretty great already
- kitchen appliances
- Larger appliances, i.e. refrigerators, dishwashers, washer, dryer, water heater and conditioner
- larger household appliances
- Larger items, like furniture
- light bulbs
- Lightbulbs
- Lightbulbs
- Mattresses
- mattresses
- Mattresses
- Mattresses
- Mattresses
- Mattresses/box spring recycling
- may want pick-up option for large items (refrigerator)
- molded plastic items like a garden hose storage reel.
- more that since Dakota is a big county, it might be good to have more than 1 site
- More types of plastic (produce bags such as from grapes or frozen food bags)
- My gross dirty carpet, furniture
- nothing else at a drop-off facility
- Nothing. If you really want people to do this you will have to get rid of the exorbitant fees. But then that just means the taxpayers will have to subsidize the program. It's a lose-lose situation. Besides, recycling uses much more energy than traditional waste management.
- Old computer printers
- old furniture
- Old furniture
- Old garbage disposal (probably salvageable)
- Old paint/deck stain
- old televisions, building/hardware supplies and waste
- Organic recycling
- Organics (bones/fat/tree branches)
- other food items beyond fruit and veggies
- Paint cans
- paper for shredding
- Paper that need to be shredded
- Phones are great, but how do I get my 50" tube TV there?!
- Plastic bags
- Plastic bags

- Plastic bags if not already taken
 - plastic plant pots from the garden store
 - scrap wood/metal
 - Shredded paper
 - small appliances
 - Styrofoam
 - textiles
 - textiles
- Tired for free
 - tires
 - Tires
 - Tires! We gained an old tired during the curbside clean up days and it is an item that won't be taken. Frustrating since it wasn't even our tire and now it sits. Where can we get rid of it?
- TVs and computers
 - Unusable, old clothing - turn into rags or bedding
 - used furniture
 - Wood
 - Wrapping paper and pizza boxes
 - Yard waste
 - yard waste
 - Yard waste

5. Other Comments or Ideas

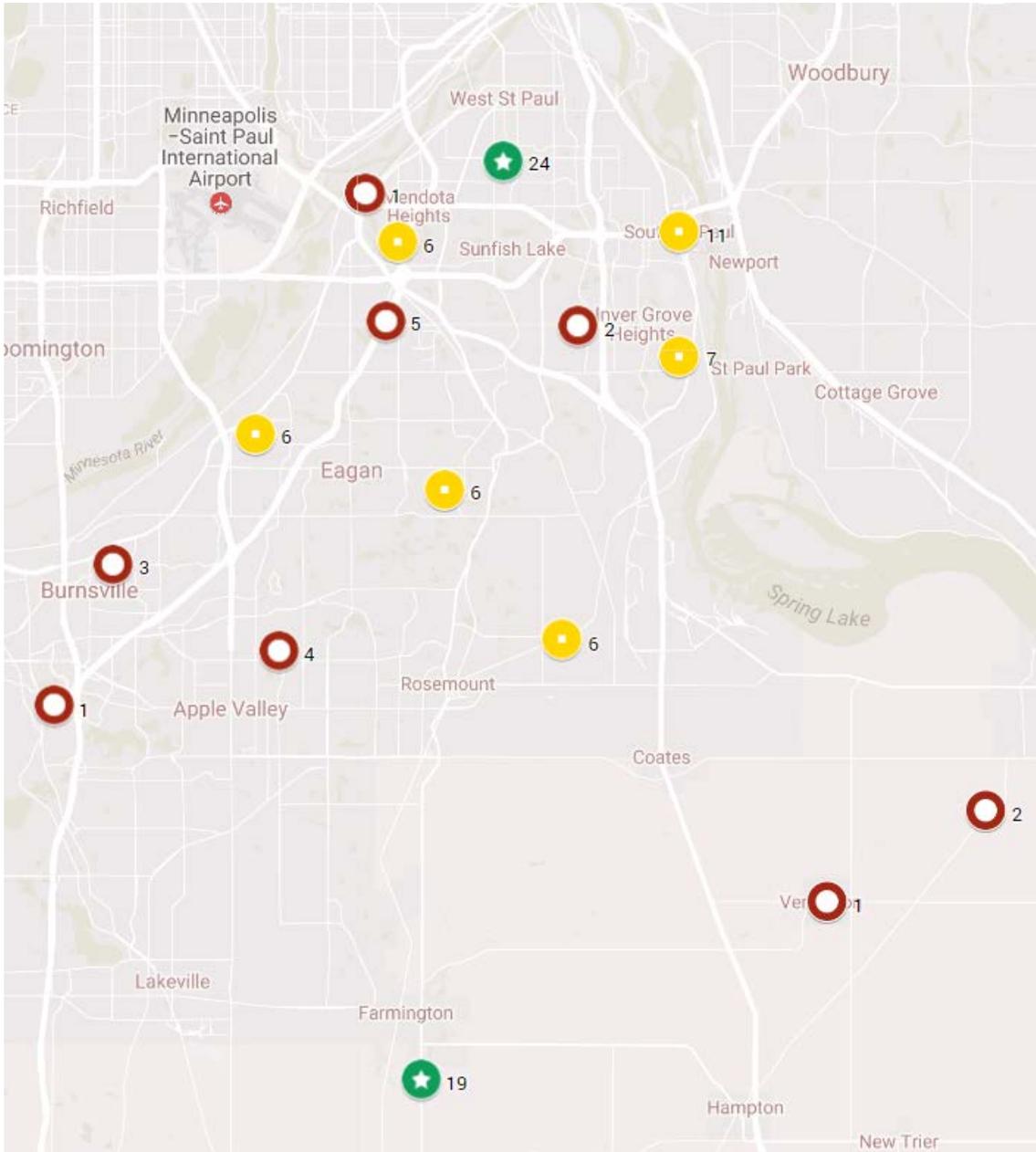
Answered Question 31

Skipped Question 84

- Again, at recycling center it would be helpful to have a line for those with a few items who now "get stuck" behind trailers full of materials.
- appreciate Dakota County's carefully planned recycling efforts
- Bring composting to residents of Farmington!
- Free curbside pick up monthly or quarterly of large household items or electronics.
- Hold a household composting class.
- I aggressively recycle and compost everything I can. Frankly, I am scared of the environmental damage we are leaving for our children. So I teach my children about the importance of recycling and composting, reducing waste and reusing items. My goal is to stop contributing to landfills. I want renewable energy, responsible waste management that does not harm the environment.
- I already get the emails from Caroline, thank you for your good work!! and continued success with this endeavor!
- Include water usage reduction in your materials.
- Keep up the effort. It is important
- keep up the efforts please!
- Keep up the good work. Dakota Co does a good job of recycling and offering options.
- Keep up the great work!
- LEBANON hills would make an amazing drop off site.
- Making it less costly will encourage more recycling also easier drop off and better hours
- master recycler
- More organics recycling drop off sites please!
- nice idea
- None
- Please provide access to rain barrels & education. I would also love to see a free or reduced price tree & plants program to encourage people to plant more trees & vegetation.
- Provide more recycling info without having to provide our names and emails
- Sorry I wasn't much help. I think your doing a great job already.
- Thank you for getting input. I'd love to see our county keep up with the environmental initiatives that Hennepin County does.
- Thank you for getting public input
- Thank you for taking the time and resources to send the survey and get community opinions. For the sake of the next generations, it is very important that we continue to learn and make improvements to how we live and what we do with all of our waste.
- Thank you for your services!
- Thanks for improving our environment. I'm happy to help.
- The Dakota County website is so cumbersome. The Recycling Zone web pages are hard to navigate. LET PEOPLE KNOW HOW EASY IT IS TO USE THE DRIVE THRU AT THE RECYCLING ZONE!!!
- The government needs to get out of our garbage cans, and every other aspect of our lives.
- The largest recycling issue in Eagan is lack of paired trash and recycling containers in public spaces, especially parks and shopping centers and stores.
- think outside the box, it a material or item we can purchase can't be completely consumed, reused or recycled does it belong in the 21st century sustainable world? change the message from consume and recycle to not consume or reuse. waste has a cost to society and we should know what that is completely
- When and where will the survey results be made available?

6. Zip Code

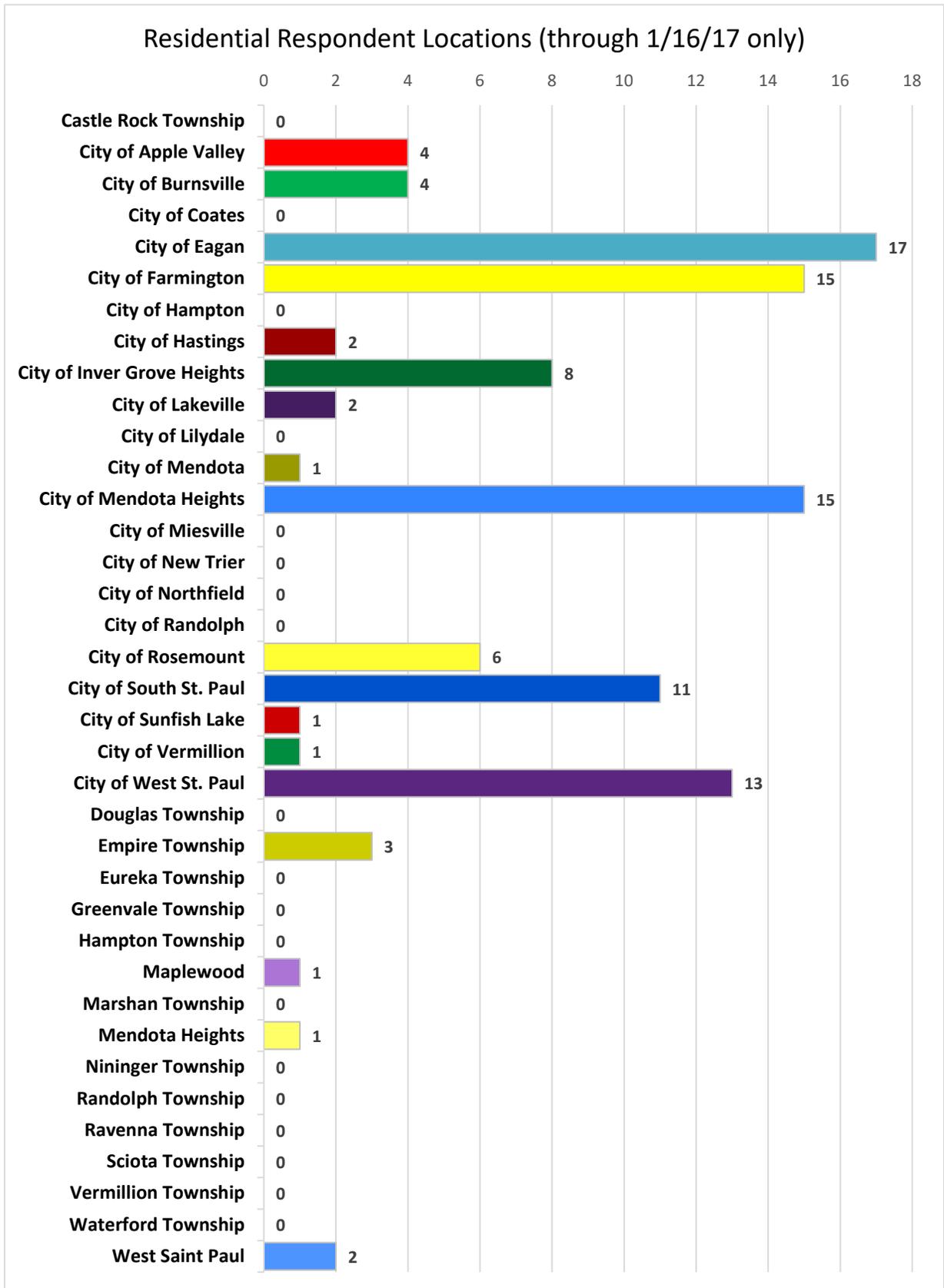
Answered Question	106
Skipped Question	9



Zip	Count
55024	19
55025	1
55033	2
55068	6
55075	11
55076	7
55077	2
55085	1
55118	24
55119	1
55120	6
55121	5
55122	6
55123	6
55124	4
55150	1
55306	1
55337	3

Note that the map does not display 1 respondent from 55119 (Forest Lake area) and 1 from 55119 (Woodbury area)

7. Location



8. Housing Type

Please tell us about your home		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
One family house detached from any other houses	90.6%	96
House attached to one or more houses (such as a duplex, townhome, triplex)	6.6%	7
Building with four or more apartments or condominiums	2.8%	3
Answered Question		106
Skipped Question		9

9. Own or Rent

Do you or your family own or rent your home?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Own	94.3%	100
Rent	5.7%	6
Use the space below to provide more information if necessary		3
Answered Question		106
Skipped Question		9

10. Home Language

What language do you usually speak at home?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
English	98.1%	104
Español (Spanish)	0.9%	1
Soomaali (Somali)	0.0%	0
русский (Russian)	0.0%	0
Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)	0.0%	0
Hmoob (Hmong)	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)	0.9%	1
Answered Question		106
Skipped Question		9