



STEVENS
COUNTY

WASTE IN STEVENS COUNTY

Engebretson Disposal & Stevens County Environmental Services

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Para información en español: www.co.stevens.mn.us/organics

How much waste is in Stevens County?

In 2022, Engebretson Disposal hauled:

- 6,015 tons of **trash**. 40% of this was from residential customers and 60% from commercial customers.
- 435 tons of **co-mingled recycling**. 45% of this was from residential customers and 55% from commercial customers.
- 327 tons of **cardboard** from mostly commercial customers.
- 88 tons of **organics** from mostly commercial customers

Where does it all go?

Trash: Through a contract with Pope Douglas Solid Waste Management (PDSWM), half of Stevens County acceptable trash is hauled to the PDSWM Waste to Energy Facility in Alexandria, MN with the intent of producing energy. Unacceptable trash is hauled to the Dakota Landfill in Gwinner, ND.

Co-mingled recycling is first hauled to McLeod County where it is repacked to haul to the Dem-Con Recycling Facility in Shakopee, MN.

Organics are hauled to the PDSWM Glacial Ridge Compost Facility outside of Hoffman, MN.

What determines the cost of waste in Stevens County?

Many things cost money in the process of waste disposal:

- **Collection** – labor, fuel, and overhead expenses for trash, recycling, and organics pickup routes
- **Handling & transportation** – labor, fuel, and overhead expenses for getting waste properly sorted and loaded onto trucks for disposal
- **Tipping Fees** – the approximate cost per ton to dispose of waste at the appropriate processing facilities
 - Dakota Landfill (\$41/ton)
 - Glacial Ridge Compost Facility (\$50/ton)
 - McLeod County (\$62/ton)
 - Waste to Energy Facility (\$93/ton)

When **waste is mis-sorted it causes efficiency problems** at the processing facilities, resulting in **increased tipping fees and increased costs** for Stevens County residents.

Increasing the amount of organics and recycling we divert from the trash can provide short and long term cost savings for Stevens County residents.

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WASTE SORTING AT HOME

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Why Organics?

Sorting out organics from the trash has many benefits:

- Organics are turned into compost and utilized on local soils!
- Organics currently make up about 30% of Stevens County trash by weight. Reducing trash disposal tonnage reduces tipping fee costs at trash disposal facilities.
- Because the Glacial Ridge Compost Facility has a lower tipping fee, **as organics tonnage and county-wide participation increases, savings increase!**

Get Started!

The Stevens County Organics Recycling Program provides information and supplies free of charge to start organics recycling in your home or business!



Want to get started? Contact Syd!

Phone: (320) 208-6574

Email: sydneybauer@co.stevens.mn.us

Web: www.co.stevens.mn.us/organics

ORGANICS

for composting



- **All food:** produce, meat, bones, dairy, eggs, etc.
- **Food soiled paper:** paper towels, napkins, pizza boxes, paper bags
- Other organic materials: coffee grounds & filters, houseplants & flowers, wooden items: chopsticks, toothpicks, hair & nails
- **BPI certified** cups, plates, bowls, & utensils



RECYCLE



Rinse all containers.

- Plastic bottles #1 - 7
- Glass bottles & jars
- Milk, soup, broth, & juice cartons
- Cardboard
- Tin, aluminum, or steel cans
- Office paper, magazines, newspaper, phone book

NO PLASTIC BAGS. Do not bag your recycling in a plastic bag.

TRASH



- Wrappers, plastic films, gum, foam
- Non-recyclable, non-organics, non-hazardous materials

If you aren't sure if something is recyclable, *don't recycle it.*

When in doubt, throw it out!

Hazard & Misc. Waste

For information on how to dispose of cooking oil, yard waste, hazardous waste, electronics, furniture, light bulbs and other misc. waste items contact:

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