

General information

Public comment period begins: November 12, 2024

Public comment period ends: December 11, 2024

Name and address(s) of County, District, or Multicounty Area:

*Additional information may also be
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A draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) is available for review on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Public Notices webpage at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/public-comments>. Additional materials relating to the draft SWMP are available for inspection by appointment at any MPCA office (<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/contact-us>) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the draft SWMP upon request. Comments and other requests must be received at the MPCA in writing on or before the public comment period end date and U.S. Mail comments must be received by 4:30 p.m.

Description of SWMP

Over a 10-year planning period of 2024-2034, Cass County projects its population will increase from 30,920 to 32,708 and will generate approximately 17,500 tons of municipal solid waste annually. The solid waste that is not reduced, reused, or recycled will be managed at the Waste Management Elk River Landfill.

The Cass County solid waste management plan will reduce waste generation by engaging with businesses, institutions, residents, and lake associations on waste reduction; hosting fix-it clinics; improving social media outreach; collaborating with educators on experiential learning via facility tours; improving the existing transfer station; and annually surveying businesses on types and quantities of materials being recycled. There are a total of 41 collection sites for recyclables throughout the county, including drop sites and transfer stations. Cass County will achieve the state recycling goal of 35% by 2029.

Minnesota counties and solid waste management districts outside the Twin Cities metro area are required to prepare and implement detailed solid waste management plans every 10 years.

Procedure for submitting comments

During the public comment period a person may submit comments to the MPCA on the SWMP.

Comments may be submitted:

- 1) Online at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publiccomments>; or
- 2) By U.S. postal mail to the following address:
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
c/o Danielle Drussell
525 Lake Ave S, Ste 400
Duluth, MN 55802

Submitted comments must state:

- (1) Your interest in the SWMP
- (2) The action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the SWMP you believe should be changed.
- (3) The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the MPCA to investigate the merits of the position.

Public informational meeting

A person may request the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting on the SWMP. A person requesting a public informational meeting must submit the following information as part of the request:

- (1) A statement of why a public informational meeting is necessary;
- (2) The issues the MPCA should address at the public informational meeting; and
- (3) A proposed time and place for the public informational meeting.

SWMP Final Decision

In making a final decision on the SWMP, the commissioner will consider all information submitted by the county, all information received from the public during the public comment period, and all information submitted during a public informational meeting if one is held. The commissioner must also determine whether the SWMP meets the requirements of Minn. R. parts 9215.0540 to 9215.0790. The commissioner's approval will remain in effect for ten years unless the commissioner determines that a shorter period of time is required to ensure that the county implements the plan.