



MN GreenStar Cities: *draft* *Solid Waste Best Practices*

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Program under development

- Voluntary challenge program for cities
 - To identify, support and recognize implementation of a set of sustainable development best practices
 - Focusing on energy/GHG.
 - *A pathway to assistance and action.*
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- CERTs, LMC, State Energy Office, MPCA
 - <http://www.greeninstitute.org/programs/community-energy.htm>



Tier One draft best practices

- Enact **organized collection** for MSW.
- Enact a robust **volume-based pricing** system for MSW.
- Arrange for a residential and/or business **organics collection** program.
- Adopt a mandatory **EPP** policy.
- Add/enlarge **reuse** businesses/services.



Tier Two draft best practices

- Direct waste to a **recovery facility** and away from landfills.
- Adopt **resource management contracts**.
- **Recover methane** from local landfill.
- Document the use of **assistance programs** (MWW, MnTAP, RETAP).
- Conduct a **HHW collection** event at least once/year.



Next Steps

- February 2, 2009 legislative report
- Name change!
- Proceed in some fashion after session
- Further refinement of best practices
- Soft program roll-out mid-2009
- ? Pilot projects 2009-2010?
- Full program launch, integration with Star Community Index, 2011