



Minnesota  
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# Managing Law Enforcement-confiscated Drugs

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During the normal course of duty, law enforcement agencies may take possession of controlled substances and pharmaceuticals (drugs) by confiscation. Management of confiscated drugs is subject to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, enforced by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (US DEA), and federal and state hazardous waste rules and regulations, enforced by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and county hazardous waste programs.

The plant-form controlled substances listed in Table 1 are **not** hazardous waste.

**Table 1: Nonhazardous Plant-form Controlled Substances**

Coca	Marijuana
Hashish	Peyote
Iboga	Salvia Divinorum
Khat	Yopo
Magic Mushrooms	

Law enforcement agencies may transport these plant-form controlled substances to any of the five permitted Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Combustors listed in Table 2 for disposal by incineration. Please contact the MSW Combustor in advance to arrange for disposal. A service fee may apply.

Law enforcement agencies must store other confiscated drugs (e.g. cocaine, methamphetamine, and pharmaceuticals) until an in-state disposal option becomes available, or, in consultation with the

US DEA and the MPCA, law enforcement agencies may transport waste to an out-of-state hazardous waste incineration facility.

**Table 2: MSW Combustors and Contact Information**

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**Alexandria**

Pope-Douglas Solid Waste Resource Recovery Facility  
2110 South Jefferson  
Alexandria, MN 56308  
Kala Fischer  
320-763-9340

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**Fosston**

Polk County Waste-to-Energy Incinerator  
Industrial Avenue  
Fosston, MN 56542  
Bill Wilson  
218-435-6501

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**Perham**

Perham Resource Recovery Facility  
201 6th Avenue NE  
Perham, MN 56573  
Brian Schmidt  
218-346-4404

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**Red Wing**

Red Wing Resource Recovery Facility  
1873 Bench Street  
Red Wing, MN 55066  
Jeff Huppert  
651-380-3674

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**Rochester**

Olmsted County Waste-to-Energy Facility  
2122 Campus Drive SE  
Rochester, MN 55904  
Tony Hill  
507-328-7070