

Measure all types of waste



Help Minnesota recycle more by better understanding what is in our waste.

Challenge

It is difficult to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfills without a clear understanding of the type of trash we produce. The last time we studied the makeup of our mixed municipal solid waste was 2012. That data is now outdated. To meet our goal of recycling 75% of waste by 2030, Minnesota must gather new information about what is in our waste.

Why it's important

Minnesota's waste stream is not static and we need updated information about our mixed municipal solid waste, industrial waste, and construction and demolition waste. This will help state, county, city, and local governments, the private waste industry, and nonprofits create waste management strategies with the greatest environmental and economic impact. This will help keep trash out of landfills.

Proposal

- Require all waste disposal facilities in Minnesota to conduct waste composition studies once every 10 years.
- Require performing these studies on a rotating basis for 20% of facilities every two years.



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