

Solid Waste Plan Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. This survey is your opportunity to provide input about solid waste (garbage and recycling) issues and its management in McHenry County. Your input is an important part of the planning process and will be considered in the solid waste management plan update for McHenry County. If you have any questions about the survey, please email bgifford@delta-institute.org.

*** Required**

Which category below best describes your viewpoint as you answer this survey? *

- Homeowner
- Agriculturalist
- Business Owner/Operator
- Institutional (hospital, school, government) Representative
- Organization (association, club, volunteer group) Representative
- Other:

What is the zip code of your residence, farm, business, institution, or organization? *

In your opinion, which of the following influence your participation in a recycling program? (Please select all that apply.) *

- Cost (rate or fee charged to recycle)
- Availability of curbside recycling
- Location of facilities or drop-off sites
- Hours of operation of facilities or drop off sites
- Size/Type of recycling container

- Types of materials accepted for recycling
- Educational Information being available regarding the recycling process
- Concern for the environment
- Other:

In your opinion, what are the barriers that prevent individuals or businesses from recycling? (Please select all that apply.) *

- Cost
- Lack of knowledge of what can be recycled and how to recycle it.
- Location/distance to facility
- Lack of availability of recycling programs
- Lack of space to store recyclables
- Recycling services not offered by solid waste hauler
- Other:

What types of consumer waste do you either regularly recycle or would like to recycle? *

	Currently Recycle	Don't Recycle But Would Like To	Not Interested In Recycling or Not Applicable
Paper and cardboard			
Metals (i.e. aluminum cans)			
Plastic (i.e. bags, packaging)			
Glass (i.e. bottles)			
Styrofoam			
Fluorescent (mercury) tubes/lamps			

Electronics, (including batteries)

Appliances (i.e. household, white goods)

Clothes and shoes

What types of household hazardous waste do you regularly recycle or would like to recycle? *

Currently Recycle Don't Recycle But Would Like To Not Interested In Recycling or Not Applicable

Used Motor Oil

Pharmaceuticals (medications, sharps)

Household chemicals (i.e paint, Cleaners, insecticide)

What types of organic waste do you regularly recycle or would like to recycle? *

Currently Recycle/ Compost Don't Recycle But Would Like To Not Interested In Recycling or Not Applicable

Yard/Landscape waste

Food Scraps

Livestock waste/manure

What types of construction waste do you regularly recycle or would like to recycle? *

Currently Recycle Don't Recycle But Would Like To Not Interested In Recycling or Not Applicable

Drywall

Wood

Bricks

Metal

Shingles

How do you typically recycle? (Please check all that apply.) *

- Curbside Recycling (consumer paper, metals, plastic, glass)
- Recycler Pickup (construction waste, business/commercial waste)
- Drop-off Recycling Center (clothing, electronics, household hazardous waste)
- Composting Facility (including home composting)
- Organizational Recycling Program (church, school, work, retailer i.e. Home Depot)
- Municipal/County/Neighborhood clean-up days
- Mail Return Programs
- Do not recycle

In your opinion, what is the most effective way to get information regarding recycling and recycling programs to the residents and businesses of McHenry County? *

- Brochures, Newsletters, Flyers (i.e. McHenry County Green Guide)
- Media (i.e. Radio, TV or Newspaper)
- Local Government Electronic Newsletters
- Local Government Websites
- Conservation Organizations
- Schools, Libraries
- Social Media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter)
- Other:

Please rate whether recycling/reuse of the following types of consumer waste should receive a low, medium or high priority in the update of the McHenry County Solid Waste Plan. *

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Paper, Cardboard			
Metals			
Glass			
Compact Fluorescent Lamps (contain mercury)			
Clothes and shoes			
Electronics (including batteries)			
Appliances (i.e. household, white goods)			
Plastics (including bags)			
Styrofoam			

Please rate whether recycling/reuse of the following types of household hazardous waste should receive a low, medium or high priority in the update of the McHenry County Solid Waste Plan. *

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Motor Oil			
Pharmaceuticals (medications and sharps)			
Household Chemicals (cleaners, insecticides, paint)			

Please rate whether recycling/reuse of the following types of organic waste should receive a low, medium or high priority in the update of the McHenry County Solid Waste Plan. *

High Priority Medium Priority Low Priority

Yard/Landscape Waste			
Food Scraps			
Livestock Waste/Manure			

Please rate whether recycling/reuse of construction/demolition & other types of waste should receive a low, medium or high priority in the update of the McHenry County Solid Waste Plan. *

High Priority Medium Priority Low Priority

Construction/Demolition Related Waste (drywall, bricks, shingles, metals, wood etc.)			
Tires			
Municipal Sludge (human waste)			
Industrial Waste (i.e. solvents and chemicals)			
Packaging Waste			

Please rate whether the following residential solid waste initiatives should receive a low, medium or high priority in the update of the McHenry County Solid Waste Plan. *

High Priority Medium Priority Low Priority

Increase Voluntary Recycling in the Residential Sector in General			
Increase Availability of street recycling containers (parks, public buildings, wherever trash containers are located, festivals, fairs, etc.)			

Promote Residential Food Scrap Composting (i.e. via low cost compost carts)			
Facilitate Household Hazardous Waste Management (drop, collection, curb)			
Facilitate Grease and Oil Management			
Promotion of additional Drop-Off Centers (i.e. for Clothing, Electronics, Household Hazardous Waste)			
Single Day Recycling Events for a variety of products			
Franchised solid waste removal services for large scale unincorporated residential areas			

Please rate whether the following non-residential solid waste initiatives should receive a low, medium or high priority in the update of the McHenry County Solid Waste Plan. *

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Increase Voluntary Recycling in the Non-Residential Sector (manufacturing, food establishments, hospitality industry, etc.) in General			
Promote zero waste (100% recycling) in the Non-Residential Sector			
Promote Non-Residential Food Scrap Composting			
Livestock Waste/Manure Management/Composting			

Support/Promotion of Product Stewardship (if you make it, you share responsibility for environmentally sound disposal/reuse/recycling.)

Deconstruction – Dismantling materials like wood, brick, metal etc. from buildings (instead of demolishing buildings) and offering the salvaged building materials for resale to the commercial sector or to the general public.

Deriving value from waste – i.e. using the waste from one manufacturing process as input to another manufacturing process.

Waste to Energy – i.e. burning waste materials to provide energy, converting landfill methane to natural gas.

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