



STEVENS COUNTY WASTE SYSTEMS

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HISTORY

In 1976 the Engebretson family purchased the waste disposal service in Morris, MN. From 1972 to 1990 Stevens County solid waste was disposed of in the Stevens County Sanitary Landfill. In 1989 a transfer station was built to collect, store and transport waste due to closure of the landfill. Curbside source separated recycling was also instituted in 1989.

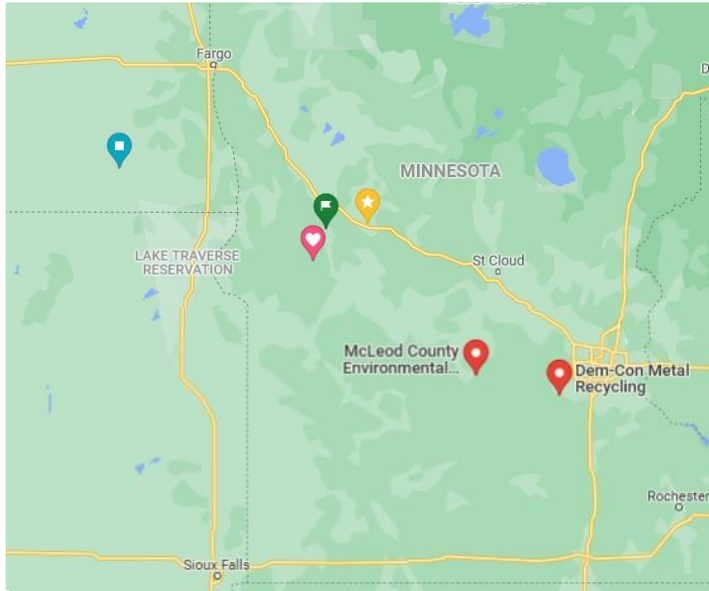
From 1990 to 2005 waste in Stevens County went to the Fergus Falls Waste-to-Energy Facility (WTE). When that facility closed in 2005, waste was then brought to the Kandiyohi County Landfill (KCL) near Willmar, MN. In 2009, the County signed a contract with Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management (PDSWM) to dispose of 50% of the garbage at their WTE in Alexandria, MN. The remaining 50% continued to go to the KCL. Curbside recycling converted to a single sort recycling program in 2014.

In 2017 prices at the KCL were raised drastically leading the County to contract and haul 50% of the garbage (at a lower cost) to the Waste Management Landfill (WML) in Gwinner, ND. Currently, 50% of Stevens County solid waste is hauled to the PDSWM WTE facility and 50% to the WML.

WASTE JOURNEY

1. Solid waste gets collected and disposed of into trash, recycling, and organics carts across Stevens County.
2. Engebretson Disposal picks up organics and hauls it straight to the Glacial Ridge Compost Facility in Hoffman, MN. Trash and recycling are picked up and hauled to the county owned Transfer Station.
3. From the Transfer station the trash and recycling get packed into trucks and hauled to their respective locations.
 - a. **Recycling** gets hauled to the McLeod County Solid Waste Facility in Hutchinson, MN where it is compacted and then hauled to Dem-Con in Shakopee, MN where the materials are sorted and processed.
 - b. **Trash** gets hauled to either a landfill in Gwinner, ND or the WTE facility in Alexandria, MN. The WTE facility then sorts out as many impurities as it can before it burns the waste at 1800F creating high pressure steam which is used by multiple institutions for heating and manufacturing purposes. Leftover steam is used in two generators at PDSWM to produce electricity which is used on site.

Where does our garbage go?



Morris, MN – Where the Garbage is



Gwinner, ND – Waste Management Landfill



Alexandria, MN – PDSWM - MRF/WTE



Hutchinson, MN → Shakopee, MN – DemCon



Hoffman, MN – Glacial Ridge Compost Facility

