



HENNEPIN COUNTY
MINNESOTA



Recycling

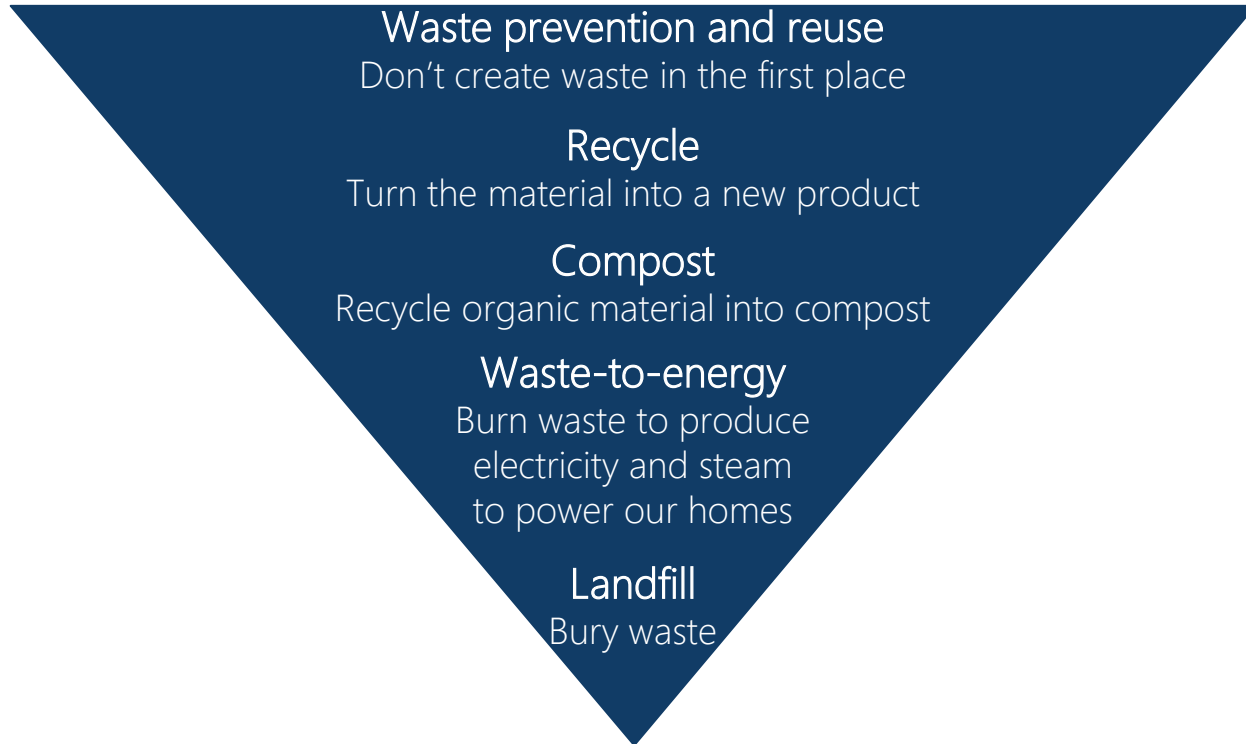
Lots of waste...

- On average, each resident of Hennepin County creates **6** pounds of waste per day.
- Add up all the waste created in the county in a year and it's enough to fill Target Field more than **11** times.





State law defines hierarchy for waste management





Recycling background information

Why recycle?

- Saves energy
- Benefits the economy
- Protects the environment

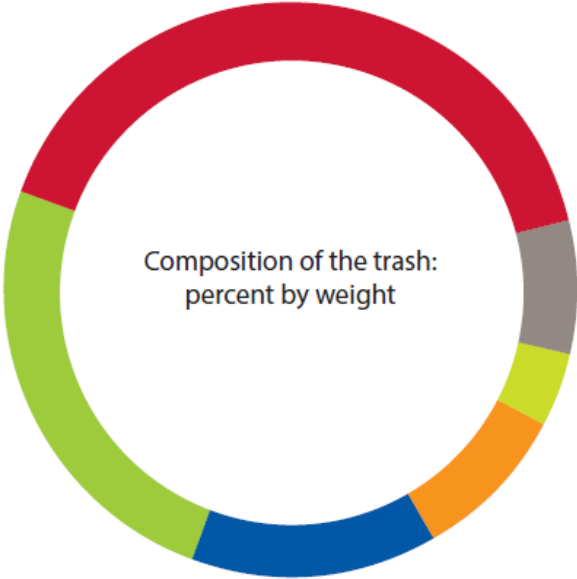




Waste sorts can be small-scale



What's in the trash?



- Trash 40.8%
- Organics 24.9%
- Recyclables 13.8%
- Construction and demolition 8.9%
- Yard waste 4.2%
- Other 7.4%:
 - Textiles 3.1%
 - Scrap metal, electronics, mattress 3.1%
 - Recyclable plastic bags and film 0.9%
 - Household hazardous waste 0.3%



Do you know what to throw?



What can you typically recycle?

- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel and aluminum cans
- Paper: mail, magazines, newspaper
- Cardboard boxes
- Cartons
- Plastic food and beverage containers





What can't I recycle?

- Pizza boxes (cheesy or greasy)
- Styrofoam
- To-go coffee cups
- Plastic bags or plastic wrap *
- Paper soiled with food
- Paper plates and cups
- Candy wrappers, juice pouches, chip bags

Trash

No recyclables,
no organics



The recycling process

1. Separation and collection
2. Processing
3. Marketing and manufacturing
4. Purchasing recycled materials



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