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FIVE YEAR MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Agency has prepared this form to assist local governments with the five year updates of municipal waste (MW) plans. Although local governments may prepare and submit a more extensive document, the Agency will consider submission of this completed form to be the plan update required under the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act (SWPRA).

Attach additional labeled pages as necessary.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Local Government:	Washington County		
Contact Person:	100 East St. Louis Street		
Address:	1 Taylor Street		
P.O. Box:			
City:	Nashville	State: IL	Zip: 62263
Telephone:	618-201-1979	Plan Adoption Date:	March 14, 1995
Re-Adoption Date:	May 13, 2006	Plan Update Due:	December 23, 2026

1. Recommendation and Implementation Schedule Contained in the Adopted Plan

This information should be easily accessible in the plan's Executive Summary or Recommendations chapter. Briefly describe the recommendations and implementation schedule for each alternative in the adopted plan below.

a. Source Reduction

The City of Nashville operates a composting facility that provides compost to Nashville residents for lawn and garden use. Since 2024 The Washington County Health Department has opted in to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Consumer Recycling Act (CERA) program. They have also become a drop of point for used batteries.

b. Recycling and Reuse

The City of Nashville provides recycling dumpsters at their compose site. In 2025 they collected 30.29 tons of cardboard, glass and aluminum. The Washington County Board has established a Solid Waste Committee the coordinates and oversees recycling efforts in the County

c. Combustion for Energy Recovery

Combustion for energy recovery was not recommended for the county. There are currently no facilities that will use steam from a waste to energy plant.

d. Combustion for Volume Reduction

Combustion for volume reduction was not recommended for the county. Incinerating the materials would produce ash and would have to be disposed of at a secure landfill at additional cost

e. Disposal In Landfills

The City of Nashville conducts their own solid waste/garbage collection utilizing City resources. They send their solid waste to the Perry Ridge landfill in Du Quoin, Illinois. The remaining municipalities use private haulers; waste is sent to either Perry Ridge in Du Quoin or Cottonwood Hills in Marissa.

2. **Current Plan Implementation Efforts**

a. Which recommendations in the adopted plan have been implemented?

A solid waste coordinator was appointed, a reference library has been established (see attached examples). The Washington County Health Department has established collection events in Nashville, Okawville and Ashley for the collection and recycling of consumer electronic goods under the IEPA CERA program.

Briefly describe which recommendations were not implemented and the reasons why these were not implemented.

The Solid Waste Coordinator position is currently being handled by a member of the Washington County Board, Solid Waste Committee. They will continue to operate the program to the best of their ability. Due to lack of staffing and funding, an automated record keeping system has not been established.

b. Which recommendations in the adopted plan have been implemented according to the plan's schedule?

Briefly describe which recommendations were not implemented according to the adopted plan's schedule, and attach a revised implementation schedule.

The County has not been able to establish a recycling facility due to lack of funding and the rural nature of the county with a total population of 13,761.

3. **Recycling Program Status**

Because the Agency's annual landfill capacity report includes data on each adopted plan's recycling status, information on your recycling percentages is not being requested on this form. This will avoid duplication of efforts.

a. Has the program been implemented throughout the county or planning area:

☒ Yes ☐ No

b. Has a recycling coordinator been designated to administer the program?

☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, when? 1996

c. Does the program provide for separate collection and composting of leaves?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the recycling program provide for public education and notification to foster understanding of and encourage compliance with the program?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the recycling program include provisions for compliance, including incentives and penalties?

☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, please describe:

f. Does the program include provisions for recycling the collected materials, identifying potential markets for at least three materials, and promoting the use of products made from recovered or recycled materials among businesses, newspapers, and local governments?

☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, please describe:

g. Provide any other pertinent details on the recycling program.

The City of Nashville has a segregated recycling dumpster at their compost facility. The dumpster is segregated for aluminum, paper and glass.

4. **Current Needs Assessment Information (optional)**

Depending upon the available resources, updated waste generation data, current municipal waste recycling and disposal information, and any other recent available data may be included; this information will not be required by the Agency.

- a. MW Generated per year: 5753.23 ☒ Tons ☐ Cubic Yards
- b. MW Generation Rate: 2.3 pcd (pounds/capita/day)
- c. MW Recycled/Year: 59.23 tons
- d. MW Incinerated/Year: 0 ☐ Tons ☐ Cubic Yards
- e. MW Landfilled/Year 5694 ☒ Tons ☐ Cubic Yards

Time period for this information: 2025

5. **New Recommendations and Implementation Schedule**

Due to political, fiscal, or technological changes, a local government may choose to recommend different waste management options for the review plan. It should be noted, however, that the recycling program requirements of the SWPRA must be followed. Discuss any new recommendations included in the revised plan, and the implementation schedule to be followed.

The County should contact the IEPA and request a used tire collection event and a household hazardous waste collection event. The City of Nashville should continue their drop off recycling services and their large item drop off collections. The collected 5.98 tons of large item/white goods in the fall of 2024 and 8.12 tons in the spring of 2025. The current landfill capacity for the area is strong. Cottonwood Hills has a life expectancy of 69.1 years and the Perry Ridge Landfill has a life expectancy of 36.5 years. (source: IEPA/BOL/AL 2025-001 Landfill Capacity Report).

5. Implementation Schedule

Years 2027-2031

	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
1. Update Solid Waste Coordinator Training	X		X		X
2. Evaluate program to fine tune programs, assess status and explore options	X	X	X	X	X
3. Update reference library	X		X		X
4. Provide a used tire collection *		X			X
5. Continue to participate in the IEPA E-Waste Recycling program and provide community collection events	X	X	X	X	X
6. Continue to provide used battery drop off collection	X	X	X	X	X
7. Provide a household hazardous waste collection event *		X			X

* Dependent upon available IEPA Funding

Items 5 and 6 are coordinated through the Washington County Health Department

Electronic Recycling Numbers

From Jamilyn Martin <Jamilyn.Martin@washingtonco.illinois.gov>

Date Mon 8/31/2026 11:51 AM

To Thomas Miller <tmiller@simapc.com>

Hi Tom,

This email has two parts, electronic recycling and battery recycling.

- At the Health Department, we help out the Solid Waste Committee by doing the paperwork/day-to-day prep for their electronic recycling events. I have the statistics for those events going back quite a few years. I know you'd mentioned needing 2025. But if you decide you need more years, just let me know.
 - Electronic Recycling Events take place three time per year. The events are funded through the CERA program. They run 8am-12pm on a Saturday. Last year, the county held events in Nashville on April 26, 2025; Okawville on September 20, 2025; and Ashley on November 1, 2025. Below is the collection breakdown sent to us by the recycler:

Nashville IL

Item	Pallet Count	Net Lbs
Flat Screen Monitors ND	1	712
Monitor Cathode Ray Tube ND	1	298
PC Incomplete - 1 PS	7	3039
Printers w/out Ink & Toner PS	5	2096
TV Cathode Ray Tube ND	12	4914
TV Console Cathode Ray Tube ND	1	509
TV Flat Screen ND	9	4197
TV Projection Cathode Ray Tube ND	2	793
VCRs ND	2	844
Grand Total	40	17402

Okawville IL

Item	Pallet Count	Net Lbs
Keyboards ND	1	273
Laptops FM	1	79
PC Incomplete - 1 PS	2	1218
Printers w/out Ink & Toner PS	3	1448
TV Cathode Ray Tube ND	4	1622
TV Flat Screen ND	5	2348
TV Projection Cathode Ray Tube ND	1	390
VCRs ND	1	410
Grand Total	18	7788

Ashley IL

Item	Pallet Count	Net Lbs
Peripherals 3 ND	2	391
Printers w/out Ink & Toner PS	1	301
TV Cathode Ray Tube ND	4	1704
TV Console Cathode Ray Tube ND	1	118
TV Flat Screen ND	4	1977
Grand Total	12	4491

- This spring (2026), the Health Department became a battery collection site through the Battery Network. This service is free to our department - all costs are covered by the Battery Network. I think they are funded by taxes on battery sales at a state level? We are a collection site, meaning any time we are open, people can come drop off batteries. We are open M-F, 8a-4p. Since this spring, we've collected approx. 350 lbs of batteries (we have to weigh them as part of the collection process, so if you need a breakdown of this weight, just let me know). We can take all non-spillable batteries under 25lbs (this includes AA, AAA, button, etc household batteries; computer batteries; power tool batteries; rechargeable lithium batteries; rechargeable gel batteries, etc). We can also take damaged batteries (swollen lithium is the one we stress the most because of how dangerous they can be for residents).

I hope this helps. If you need any other information about these two programs, I would be more than happy to send it your way.

All the best,
Jamilyn

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Waste Reduction

How You Can Help



Say No to Plastic Bags: purchase or make your own reusable bag and use it while shopping.



Go Reusable: stop purchasing bottled water and opt for a reusable water bottle, carry it with you wherever you go.



Go Paperless: take steps to stop junk mail, choose paperless billing, think before printing, and purchase recycled paper products.

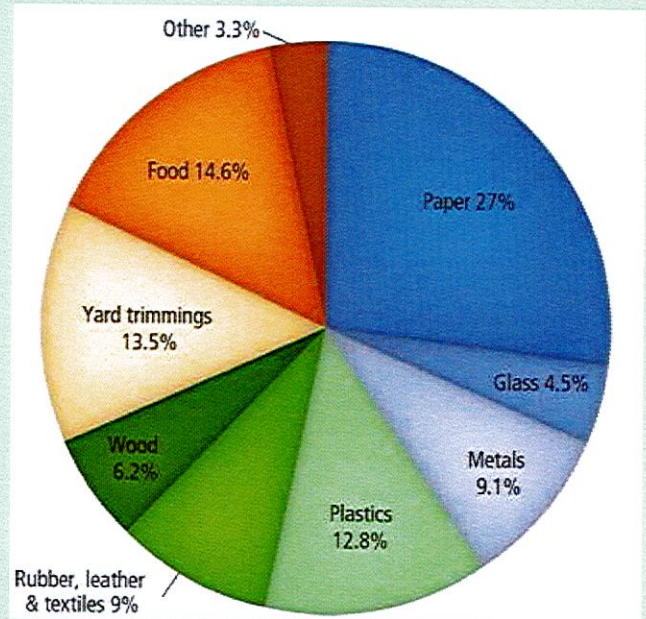


Ditch Plastics: avoid single use plastics and excessive plastic packaging, look for products that aren't over-packaged, buy from bulk bins, and shop at farmers markets.



Reduce Food Waste: plan ahead and only purchase what is needed, eat leftovers or reinvent them into new meals, compost what you can't eat.

Visualizing Municipal Solid Waste in the U.S.



Source: U.S. EPA Total MSW Generation By Material (2013)

Reducing Waste: If Not You, Then Who?

One of the most important steps we can take to protect our environment is to find ways to minimize the waste we produce. Reducing waste prevents pollution which makes your neighborhood and community a safer and healthier place to live. In the end, you benefit, the environment benefits, and your community benefits.

Take steps to reduce your waste, but remember, the best way to reduce waste is simply to consume less.



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Recycle Right

Putting non-recyclables or contaminated items in your bin can result in an entire batch of recyclables being thrown away. See what can and can't be put in your curbside bin on our website.



Visit our website to see what can be recycled in your curbside bin and to use our tool to find a recycling location near you! Link below.



Remember

Recycling works best when coupled with reducing and reusing resources. Buying recycled products also contributes to recycling program success!

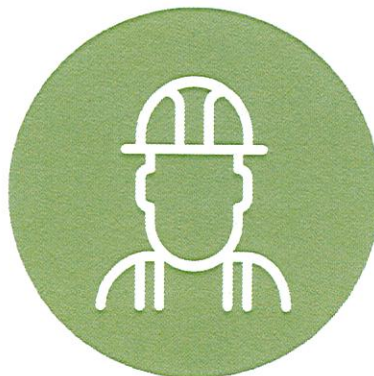
RECYCLE

<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/waste-management/Pages/recycling.aspx>



Take a Breath of Fresh Air

Recycling one ton of paper saves enough energy to power a home for 6 months, saves 7,000 gallons of water, or reduces greenhouse gas emissions by one metric ton, not to mention saves some trees!



Support Jobs

Recycling has accounted for 757,000 jobs, \$36.6 billion in wages, and \$6.7 billion in tax revenue. For every 1,000 tons of materials recycled 1.57 jobs are supported!



Get Your Money's Worth

More than \$700 million worth of aluminum cans are thrown away each year. Recycling these cans could put money in your pocket!