



City Priorities

The following goals are pertinent to Minnesota Statute 115A.94 Organized Collection with three categories of sustainability as outlined in the City's strategic vision. A measure of importance has been assigned to help identify those that should be given a higher priority:

- [1] = Key priority,
- [2] = Would like to achieve, and
- [3] = Desire to achieve in addition to [1] and [2] priorities.

SOCIAL:

- **Reduce Truck Noise and Litter**

Residents expect peaceful, attractive neighborhoods. Noise and litter are an inherent part of trash and recycling collection operations. The City will work to reduce truck noise and reduce litter from collection. [1]

- **Improve Safety**

Changes to the City's residential solid waste collection systems will improve neighborhood safety. Large trucks driving where children live and play must operate in a safe manner without excessive speeds. One measure of this criterion is to reduce the number of truck miles driven in the City to collect solid waste materials. [2]

ENVIRONMENTAL:

- **Improve Recycling, Composting and Waste Reduction**

In compliance with County (and other agency) requirements, the City will seek continuous improvements in recycling, trash, yard waste, organics, and related programs. In the future, this may also include separate collection services for food waste/organics. The City will continue to work toward the mandatory statutory recycling goal of 75% by 2030 as approved by the 2014 state legislature. [1]

- **Lower Environmental Impacts**

The City will continue to develop strategies that reduce air and land pollution. In compliance with County requirements, the City will continue to implement strategies to encourage processing through Hennepin County's designated facility [e.g., Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC)] instead of direct landfilling wherever possible in support of the solid waste hierarchy. [2]

- **Enhance Public Education and Awareness**

The City will use public education and awareness as an essential strategy to achieve improved waste reduction and recycling in order to minimize the use of landfills. [3]

ECONOMIC:

- **Improve Value of Services**

The City will strive to increase the value of solid waste and recycling services for residents. The City will be a good steward of taxpayer resources. For given services, City expects to receive a contract price that is competitive in the marketplace. [1]

- **Minimize City Staff Resources Devoted to Solid Waste Administration**

Bloomington will continue to ensure adequate City staff resources are tasked with solid waste management responsibilities, including recycling programs and services. The administrative costs of the City shall be kept to a minimum including administration, implementation, and billing services. The City will optimize the use of Hennepin County resources and continue to coordinate public education programs and services with the County, MPCA, and other agencies. [2]

- **Promote Local Economic Development (New)**

The City will strive to grow Bloomington-based or regional jobs related to and supported by the solid waste management industries. The City will continue to encourage local development of businesses. To the extent possible, the City will use existing licensed residential haulers. [2]

- **Reduce Road Wear Impacts**

The City will work closely with the solid waste and recycling industry to reduce road wear impacts of heavy collection trucks. [3]