

**DISTRICT CODE: 805
WASTE REDUCTION, RECYCLING, AND WASTE DISPOSAL**

Policy reflects Minnesota statute and aligns with other District 270 policies.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a resource recovery program to promote the reduction of waste, the separation and recovery of recyclable and reusable commodities, the procurement of recyclable commodities and commodities containing recycled materials, the disposition of waste materials and surplus property and the establishment of a program of education to develop an awareness of environmentally sound waste management. (Minn.Stat. § 115A15, Subd. 1)

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of the district to comply with all state and local laws and regulations relating to waste management and to make resource conservation an integral part of the physical operations and curriculum of the district.

III. WASTE DISPOSAL

- A. The district will attempt to decrease the amount of waste consumable materials by:
 - 1. reduction of the consumption of consumable materials whenever practicable;
 - 2. full utilization of materials prior to disposal;
 - 3. minimization of the use of non-biodegradable products whenever practicable.
- B. Each district facility shall also collect at least three recyclable materials such as, but not limited to, the following: organic recycling, general recycling (including paper, glass, plastic and metal) and general trash. (Minn.Stat. § 115A.151)
- C. The district will transfer all recyclable materials collected to a recycler and, to the extent practicable, cooperate with, and participate in, recycling efforts being made by Hennepin County and the cities where the district is located. (Minn. Stat. § 115A.151)
- D. Prior to entering into a contract for the management of mixed municipal solid waste, the school district will determine whether the disposal method provided for in the contract is equal to or better than the waste management practices currently employed in the county or district plan in the county where the school district is

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located and whether the contract is consistent with the solid waste plan. The district will only contract for replacement services that employ waste management practices equal to or better than those practices the district uses currently.

If the contract is inconsistent with the county plan or if the school district's waste management activities are inconsistent with the county plan, the school district should obtain the consent of the county prior to entering into a binding contract or developing or implementing inconsistent solid waste management activities. (Minn. Stat. § 115A.46, Subd. 5; Minn. Stat. § 115A.471; Minn. Stat. § 458D.07, Subd. 4)

- E. The district will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations governing the handling, storage and disposal of hazardous wastes.

(Minn. Stat. § 115A.916)

- F. To the greatest extent practicable, the district is a mercury free environment. No one will use or introduce devices, instruments or equipment containing mercury into the district. No one will use instruments or equipment containing mercury in educational instruction in the district. The Buildings and Grounds supervisor will continue to work to remove devices, instruments or equipment containing mercury found from buildings during renovations. The district will dispose of all mercury containing items as hazardous waste.

(Minn. Stat. § 115A.932, Subd. 1(a))

- G. The school district will recycle a fluorescent or high-intensity discharge lamp by delivery of the lamp to a lamp recycling facility or to a facility that collects and stores lamps for the purpose of delivering them to a lamp recycling facility.

(Minn. Stat. § 115A.932, Subd. 1(c))

- H. The district may not place a lead acid battery in mixed municipal solid waste or dispose of a lead acid battery. The district also may not place in mixed municipal solid waste a dry cell battery containing mercuric oxide electrode, silver oxide electrode, nickel-cadmium, or sealed lead-acid that was purchased for use or used by the district. The district also may not place in mixed municipal solid waste a rechargeable battery, a rechargeable battery pack, a product with a non-removable rechargeable battery, or a product powered by rechargeable batteries or rechargeable battery pack, from which all batteries or battery packs have not been removed. To the greatest extent possible, the district will recycle these batteries

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of, if not possible, dispose of them as hazardous waste. (Minn. Stat. § 115A.915; Minn. Stat. § 115A.9155, Subd. 1; Minn. Stat. § 115A.9157, Subd. 2)

- I. The school district may not place yard waste:
1. in mixed municipal solid waste;
 2. in a disposal facility;
 3. in a resource recovery facility, except for the purposes of reuse, composting, or composting; or
 4. in a plastic bag unless exempt as specified in Minn. Stat. § 115A.931(c), (d), or (e).

(Minn. Stat. § 115A.931)

- J. The district will recycle telephone directories.

(Minn. Stat. § 115A.951, Subd. 2)

- K. The district may not:

1. place major appliances in mixed municipal solid waste; or
2. dispose of major appliances in or on the land or in a solid waste processing or disposal facility.

To the greatest extent possible, the district will recycle all major appliances.

(Minn. Stat. § 115A.9561)

- L. The district may not place in mixed municipal solid waste an electronic product containing a cathode-ray tube. Instead, the district will recycle this waste. (Minn. Stat. § 115A.9565)

- M. The district, on its own or in cooperation with others, may implement a program to collect, process, or dispose of household batteries. The district may provide

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financial incentives to any person, including public or private civic groups, to collect the batteries. (Minn. Stat. § 115A.961, Subd. 3)

IV. PROCUREMENT OF RECYCLED COMMODITIES AND MATERIALS

- A. When practicable and when the price of recycled materials does not exceed the price of nonrecycled materials by more than ten percent, the district may purchase recycled materials. In order to maximize the quantity and quality of recycled materials purchased, the district may also use other appropriate procedures to acquire recycled materials at the most economical cost to the district.
- B. When purchasing commodities and services, the district will apply and promote waste management practices with special emphasis on the reduction of the quantity and toxicity of materials in waste. (Minn. Stat. § 16C.073, Subd.3(b))
- C. Whenever practicable, the district will:
 - 1. purchase uncoated office paper and printing paper unless the coated paper is made with at least 50 percent post consumer material;
 - 2. purchase recycled content paper with at least ten percent postconsumer material by weight;
 - 3. purchase paper which has not been dyed with colors, excluding pastel colors.
 - 4. purchase recycled content paper that is manufactured using little or no chlorine bleach or chlorine derivatives;
 - 5. use no more than two colored inks, standard or processed, except in formats where they are necessary to convey meaning;
 - 6. use reusable binding materials or staples and bind documents by methods that do not use glue;
 - 7. use soy-based inks;
 - 8. produce reports, publications, and periodicals that are readily recyclable;
 - 9. purchase paper which has been made on a paper machine located in Minnesota;
 - 10. print documents on both sides of the paper where commonly accepted publishing practices allow; and
 - 11. purchase copier paper that contains at least ten percent post-consumer material by fiber content.

(Minn. Stat. § 16C.073, Subd. 2)

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- D. The district may not use a specified product included on the prohibited products list published in the State Register. (Minn. Stat. § 115A.9651)
- E. In developing bid specifications, the District will consider the extent to which a commodity or product is durable, reusable or recyclable, and marketable through applicable local or regional recycling programs and the extent to which the commodity or product contains post-consumer material. (Minn.Stat. § 16C.073, Subd. 3(b))
- F. When a project involves the replacement of carpeting, the district may require all persons who wish to bid on the project to designate a carpet recycling company in their bids. (Minn.Stat. § 16C.073, Subd. 3(b))

V. OTHER

It is the policy of the district to actively advocate, where appropriate, for resource conservation practices to be adopted at the local, regional and state levels.

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Minn. Stat. § 115A.15 (State Government Resource Recovery) Minn.
Stat. § 115A.151 (State and Local Facilities)
Minn. Stat. § 115A.46 (Requirements)
Minn. Stat. § 115A.471 (Public Entities; Management of Solid
Waste) Minn. Stat. § 115A.915 (Lead Acid Batteries; Land Disposal
Prohibited) Minn. Stat. § 115A.9155 (Disposal of Certain Dry Cell
Batteries)
Minn. Stat. § 115A.9157 (Rechargeable Batteries and Products)
Minn. Stat. § 115A.916 (Motor Vehicle Fluids and Filters;
Prohibitions) Minn. Stat. § 115A.931 (Yard Waste Prohibition)
Minn. Stat. § 115A.932 (Mercury
Prohibition) Minn. Stat. § 115A.951
(Telephone Directories) Minn. Stat. §
115A.9561 (Major Appliances)
Minn. Stat. § 115A.9565 (Cathode-Ray Tube Prohibition)
Minn. Stat. § 115A.961, Subd. 3 (Household Batteries; Collection,
Processing, and Disposal)
Minn. Stat. § 115A.9651 (Listed Metals in Specified
Products,
Enforcement)

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Minn. Stat. § 116.93, Subd. 1 (Lamp Recycling Facilities)

Minn. Stat. § 216B.241, Subds. 2 and 4 (Energy Conservation Improvement)

Minn. Stat. § 458D.07 (Sewage Collection and Disposal)

National Solid Waste Management Ass'n v. Williams, et al. , 966 F.Supp.

844 (D. Minn. 1997)