

Overview

The Solid Waste program addresses the generation, transfer and disposal of Lenawee County's overall solid waste. The program aims to reduce the amount sent for final disposal through reduction techniques, resource conservation, and resource recovery programs.

The **Solid Waste Coordinator** is charged with furthering the goals and objectives of the Lenawee County Solid Waste Management Plan, carry-out the administrative duties of the department and waste hauler licensing, as well as, propose, develop, and implement authorized recycling programs.

The **Lenawee County Solid Waste Coordinating Committee** oversees the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Plan and the Solid Waste Ordinance, oversees activities and duties of the Solid Waste Program, and approves recycling and resource recovery projects.

The **Lenawee County Board of Commissioners** appoints members to the LCSWCC, sets the annual budget, and approves any financially binding contracts.

The **Solid Waste Management Plan** was adopted in 1977 and recent amendments were submitted to the State of Michigan in 2016. <http://www.lenawee.mi.us/985/SWC-Committee>

The **Lenawee Solid Waste Ordinance** is available on <http://www.lenawee.mi.us/294/County-Ordinances>

2022 Year in Review

The recycling drop-off site underwent an overhaul; the three compactors were rebuilt and a fourth one added. The chutes and receptacle openings were modified to deter over-sized items from being deposited. The site was closed a total of 26 days, 25 days were due to the upgrade project. There were no contaminated loads.

Lenawee County partnered up with Southeast Michigan Council of Governments to prepare for transitioning from solid waste to materials management. This partnership is not to create regional plans, just initiate conversations. SEMCOG offers guidance, oversight, consistency, and collaboration.

In December 2022, Gov. Whitmer signed an eight-bill package designed to modernize Michigan's solid waste law (Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 452, as amended). This amended law and policy approach is the product of 7 years of extensive deliberation in workgroups that included input from a large, diverse group of stakeholders. Implementing these changes will be a huge undertaking.

It should also be noted that in 2018, legislative approval was obtained for Renew Michigan funding. This fund provides \$15 million specifically made available for grants and support for county planning resulting from these changes. Counties will soon be funded and incentivized to plan for needed materials management infrastructure, programs, and services to manage materials more productively through reduction, recycling, composting, and other innovative approaches. With this funding secured and an updated policy framework finally in place, Michigan can begin to develop a circular economy to benefit Michigan's environment, residents, and businesses.

The Lenawee County Solid Waste Program organized two tire collections and one community collection day (solid foams, packing materials, batteries, and document shredding).

Wacker and Anderson Development held one household hazardous waste collection event.