

PUBLIC NOTICE
HURON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Public Comment Period for Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update

The Huron County Solid Waste Management District (District) is establishing a 30-day written comment period (June 5th – July 5th, 2023) on the draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Plan Update) (Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.54). The District has prepared the draft Plan Update as required by Section 3734.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. The draft Plan Update includes a budget and fees to finance the Plan, a solid waste facility inventory, projections and strategies, facilities, and programs to be used, an analysis of the progress made toward achieving state solid waste reduction goals, and District rules.

This draft is an update to a previously approved solid waste plan. This Plan Update details existing programs including: Curbside Recycling, Drop-Off Recycling, Yard Waste Management, Household Hazardous Waste Management Program, Scrap Tire Collection, Lead-Acid Battery Management, Appliance Collection, Electronics Collection, Public Awareness, Environmental Education, Environmental Events, Waste Audits and Assessments, Recycling Assistance, Huron County Transfer Facility, Huron County Composting Facility and Punch Card Program.

The draft Plan Update includes a demonstration of access to landfill capacity and determines there are more than fifteen years of landfill capacity available to the District. Based on the landfills used to manage waste generated in the District during the 2021 reference year for the planning period, landfills had an average life expectancy of 28 years.

Under this plan, the Board of Commissioners is authorized to designate facilities in accordance with Section 343.014, 343.014 and 343.015 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Huron County Transfer Facility is the only designated solid waste facility that can accept solid waste generated within the District unless a waiver is granted by the Board of County Commissioners of the District.

The draft Plan update includes existing District rules contained in Appendix Q. The District is not proposing to change existing rules or create new rules.

The draft Plan Update complies with State Plan Goal #1: Providing Access to Waste Reduction Opportunities. The District will continue to provide access to recycling and waste minimization opportunities for municipal solid waste to its residents and businesses.

The District collects a generation fee of \$4.50/ton for all solid waste generated within the District and disposed at all Ohio based transfer stations or landfills. The District projects increases in the generation fee in 2031 but those increases are not being approved with the implementation of the Plan Update. A separate process for generation fee increases will occur if the increases are needed.

The District will hold a public hearing to obtain oral comments regarding the draft Plan Update on Thursday, July 6th, 2023, at 9:00 AM at the Huron County Administrative Building, 180 Milan Avenue, Norwalk, Ohio 44857.

The District will accept written comments as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.55 on the draft Plan Update from June 5th, 2023, until July 5th, 2023. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Pete Welsh, Huron County Solid Waste Management District, 180 Milan Avenue, Norwalk, Ohio 44857.

The draft Plan Update is available for review on the District's website at <http://www.huroncountyswmd.com>, and at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Huron County Solid Waste Management District Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Norwalk, Ohio 44857
- Huron County Transfer Station, 2415 Townline Rd 131 W, Willard, Ohio 44890

Please contact the District at 419-668-3092 with any questions about the Plan Update.