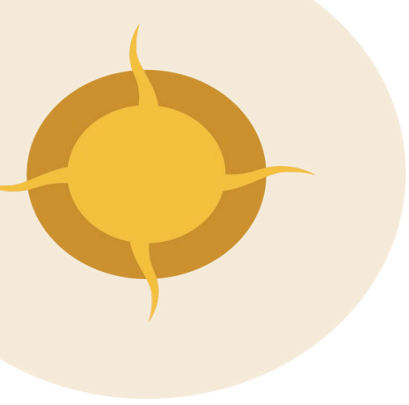




Establish Vision & Goals

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Preparing a Solid Waste Management Plan

Steps in Preparing a Solid Waste Management Plan



Establishing Vision & Goals

With the planning team and workplan in place, the next step is to establish a clear direction that will guide decision-making throughout the plan.

This includes:

- Developing a vision statement
- Setting solid waste management goals
- Gathering input from decision-makers and the community

Developing a Vision Statement



What is a Vision Statement?

- Outlines the improvements and benefits expected from the plan
- Describes what solid waste management should look like in the community

Key Considerations

- Focus on future conditions, not processes
- Be ambitious but achievable
- Reflect improvements in how waste is reduced, handled, and managed
- Be specific to the community

Developing a Vision Statement

What makes a strong vision statement?

- Short (a few sentences)
- Clear and specific
- Grounded in the community
- Supported by the actions in the plan

Example Vision Statement:

“A community that works together to reduce waste, promote responsible consumption, and protect our environment for generations to come.”

Why it matters

- Reinforces the purpose of the plan and why it is needed
- Helps guide decisions
- Encourages support and participation

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Share your Thoughts

How do you develop a Vision Statement when there are diverse opinions about community needs?



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Setting Solid Waste Management Goals

Once a vision statement is developed, it helps guide the goals by setting direction for the plan. **Solid waste management goals outline what success looks like for managing waste.**



Examples include:

- All waste off reserve
- Zero waste initiatives
- Economic development opportunities
- Crack down on illegal dumping and derelict vehicles
- Improvements to landfill
- Wastes will be sorted, processed, and stored temporarily on-site for reuse, recycling, composting or treatment
- Improving segregation and signage



- Depolluting wastes that contain hazardous substances
- Re-using materials on-site or within the community
- The quantity of waste requiring disposal will be greatly reduced over time and any residual on-site will be done in an environmentally-sound manner
- Community members and the private sector will be actively engaged in sustainable waste diversion activities



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Establishing Priorities

Clear priorities help ensure that effort is focused on the goals that matter most to the community.

When identifying priorities, consider the following factors: **urgency, impact, resources, capacity, short term vs long term priorities.**

Here is an example of what a list of waste management priorities may look like:

Develop	Develop policies and regulations to support community strategies in solid waste management
Monitor	Monitor waste at disposal sites to maintain data collection for improved planning and growth
Improve	Improve waste facilities, practices, programs & initiatives
Establish	Establish new waste diversion programs & initiatives
Modernize	Modernize waste management facility operations
Segregate & Manage	Segregate and manage hazardous waste
Prevent & Reduce	Prevent and reduce waste generated at the source
Divert	Divert waste disposed at landfill (e.g. organic waste)

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Encouraging Community Engagement

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Having the community be part of the solid waste development process will encourage them to adapt to the new and upgraded waste strategies with ease.

Consider the following:



Champions – who will support and advocate?



Are there community members, planning teams, committees or working groups?



How will you engage youth, elders, students, and general community members?

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Share your Thoughts

What can you do to gather meaningful community input and feedback during the planning process?



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Planning for Community Engagement

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Phase	Months	Engagement Topic
Early Engagement	1-3	Listening & relationship building
Baseline (Waste Audit)	3-6	Gathering input & validating data
Options	6-10	Discuss options, co-design based on best options & Feedback
Draft Plan	11-14	Review, validation, & refinement
Final Plan & Implementation	14-18	Go over solid waste management plan & discuss implementation