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*Meeting Your Waste Material  
& Septic System Needs*

## **SOLID WASTE SERVICE FEE INFORMATION**

St. Louis County charges a Solid Waste Service Fee to all properties within the County not served by the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District. The service fee is *not* a collection charge. The fee is necessary to provide appropriate solid waste and recycling facilities and solid waste disposal opportunities for the property owners or lease holders in St. Louis County, both year-round and seasonal, as mandated by the State of Minnesota.

Every residential, seasonal residential, and commercial property is charged a Solid Waste Service Fee which is based on the classification of your parcel. Property classification and valuation is determined by the assessor for your jurisdiction. The classification of your property has a significant role in how much property tax you pay. If your property lies within the boundaries of a municipality the County's Solid Waste Service Fee assessment may be broken down to monthly or quarterly increments and included in your utility bill.

In addition to the service fee, residents are charged by weight or volume when they dispose of their waste at any County facility. With this disposal fee, residents have control over the ultimate cost of their waste disposal by controlling the amount of waste they produce through waste reduction, reuse, or recycling.

Choosing not to use our waste disposal or recycling opportunities does not relieve a property owner or lease holder of paying the Solid Waste Service Fee. These opportunities are and must be available and, as a property owner or lease holder in St. Louis County, you have the right to use them, including taking advantage of free disposal programs such as brush, recycling, tires, scrap metal and appliances, 4' fluorescent tubes, household hazardous waste, automobile batteries, antifreeze, drained motor oil filters, and used motor oil.

Our Department does not take lightly its responsibility to aid citizens in doing their best to protect the environment through proper waste disposal.

If you have any further questions, please call the Environmental Services Department at 1-800-450-9278.