



# 2019 City of Lakeville Waste Reduction Activities



## Overview

Since 2017, the City of Lakeville has been partnering with Dakota Valley Recycling (DVR) to meet the County and State's requirements for recycling and waste reduction. The following activities occurred in 2019.

### Holiday Light Collection

Winter 2018/19 & Winter 2019/20

Environmental Resources & Liquor staff have been collecting holiday lights for 10 years (first collection year started in 2009). The collection dates start in mid-November and extended to end of January annually. The collection began again in mid-November of 2019.



All 4 Lakeville locations (City Hall + all 3 Liquor locations) requested additional bins for collecting at each location and additional gaylord boxes were also present at the Central Maintenance Facility where ProAct picked all Lakeville lights up from.

Collection Time	Pounds of Lights
Winter 2018-2019	2,856
Winter 2019-2020	3,233

Collection numbers from the winter 2019-20 collection keeps the City of Lakeville as the highest collector of holiday lights in this program for last two years. The 2019-20 collec-

tion season had ten less partners than last year, but the total collection for Pro-Act was still 11,662 lbs.

### City Hall Waste Sort

November 5

DVR staff conducted a waste sort of City Hall Waste. They collected 4 days of trash, 2 days of recycling, and 4 days of organics. The results were put together in a packet of information for staff to review.

- 76% of waste generated by staff at City Hall was either recycled or composted
- Recycling was 97% clear of organics and trash
- Organics waste was 92% clear of trash and recycling

Staff is working with DVR in 2020 to continue to put out educational information to staff to further improve proper placement of waste.

### Practices

- ◆ Waste Reduction
- ◆ Organics Collection
- ◆ Education

### Project Benefits

- ◆ Reducing pressure on landfill space
- ◆ Meet Dakota County's Requirements
- ◆ Meet State Recycling Goal of 75% Recycling Rate

### Timeline

- ◆ Yearly

### Partner

- Dakota Valley Recycling
- Dakota County

*In 2019, 76.6 tons of waste was diverted from all measured Lakeville waste reduction activities*



# Collection Events

## Paper Shredding

May 4

One paper shredding event is required in each city. We did our event with the HHW event and collected 11,000 lbs in 2019.

31.1 tons of waste diverted with items collected at HHW Event on 5/3

## Mattress Collection

May 4 (HHW) & June 1—July 31 (Certified Recycling)

One mattress collection event is required for each city. We included mattress collection at the HHW event and collected 47. To reach more residents, a drop-off was set up with Certified Recycling in Burnsville and 61 mattresses and 36 box springs from Lakeville residents were collected. Estimated 10,548 lbs.

## Pumpkin Drop-off

November 2-3

This was the 4th year that pumpkins were collected at the Lakeville police station. This year a record number of 28,900 lbs of pumpkins were collected. The 2018 weight was closer to 23,000 lbs.



## Shoe Recycling

November 11-17

2019 was the third year that a shoe drop-off collection occurred at Ames Arena. Timing is coincided with America Recycles Day that occurs on November 15 each year. The actual Lakeville total weight collected is unknown, but is estimated to be around 2,000 lbs of shoes. In all four DVR cities, there was a total of 11,414 lbs of shoes collected.

# Waste Reduction Education & Outreach

## Publications to Lakeville's 20,581 households:

Spring: Placed Recycling basics and HHW advertisements in Lakeville Parks & Rec Brochure (advertising appliances, scrap metal, mattresses, and paper shredding collections).

Fall: Published 2019 E-Guide, with "Beyond the Bin" information, household recycling guide, and RZ ad. Published ad for upcoming organics drop-site in Lakeville.

Winter: DVR worked with Videographer Tim Sheehan to film two new *Dive into Recycling* videos – one about what to do with plastic bags, and the other about how to dispose of pharmaceuticals.



Estimated 2,334 lbs of waste diversion at events

## Events:

4/27: Held a booth at Watershed Clean-up Day event. Played the recycling bean bag toss game (200 people). Organics and recycling diversion at this event (~4 yards of organics and 2 yards of recycling collected).

4/29: Earth Day presentation with CLIMB Theater at Eastview Elementary (105 students).

5/16: Provided recycling & organics diversion at Taste of Lakeville event (~ 2 yards organics collected).

6/13: Gave a Food: Too Good to Waste presentation at the Lakeville Heritage Center. The presentation included handouts for tracking food waste, proper storage guides, and meal planners (15 attendees).

7/12: Provided recycling diversion at some Pan O Prog events and locations.

7/13: Provided organics & recycling diversion at the Pan O Prog Waffle Breakfast at the Fire Station (~ 4 yards of organics collected—see photo to right).



7/22: Gave a Decluttering presentation at the Lakeville Heritage Center (30 people).

10/12: Provided organics & recycling diversion at Heritage Center's waffle breakfast (~ 4 yards of organics collected).