



Deschutes County Fact Sheet

Deschutes County is preparing a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)

Deschutes County – Solid Waste Facts

In 2016 households and businesses generated **240,800** tons of garbage; with an estimated population of 181,000 people that averages to about **2,700** pounds per person each year. This breaks down to:

- ✓ **45,000** tons of materials were recycled
- ✓ **35,000** tons of yard debris, wood and food waste were composted
- ✓ **160,000** tons were disposed at the Knott Landfill

By 2030 it is estimated the amount of waste generated in the County will be almost **300,000** tons per year.

Why Do A Management Plan ?

- Knott Landfill Recycling and Transfer Facility is the only landfill in Deschutes County. The landfill is expected to be full by **2029**. To be prepared for the future, Deschutes County needs to make a plan now.
- New state regulations require each county to reduce waste disposal in landfills. Deschutes County's recovery rate is currently **33%**. The County's new goal is to recover **45%** of the waste generated by **2025**.
- Residents and businesses generate recyclable materials and waste, so they have a role in meeting waste management goals. The plan provides a roadmap for everyone to follow.
- Changes to the solid waste system will likely require new or upgraded facilities to be constructed. The plan will evaluate the cost impacts of these facilities to ensure waste management services remain reliable and affordable.



Knott Landfill Recycling and Transfer Facility is located in Deschutes County just outside the southeast corner of Bend city limits.

The County Board of Commissioners has directed the Department of Solid Waste to prepare a comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan in 2018.

How Will a Plan Be Prepared ?

By state law Deschutes County and cities are responsible for ensuring waste is managed properly. They will work together with stakeholders, citizens, and businesses **to evaluate options and prepare a plan** to address these issues and develop a solid waste system to continue providing responsible and cost-effective services.

The County has retained a team of consultants that specialize in the field of waste management to work with our stakeholders to prepare a comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).

Deschutes County will work cooperatively with Cities and service providers to offer **citizens and businesses** an integrated solid waste management system that **delivers quality and cost-effective services** while achieving the **best use of our resources and reducing waste disposed in landfills.**

How Can You Participate ?

The County has formed a Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) to work with staff and the consultant team to prepare the SWMP.

SWAC meetings are scheduled for the **4th Tuesday of each month from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Deschutes Services Building, DeArmond Room** (1300 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97703). All meetings are open to the public. **Note: Check the County [website](#) as meeting locations and time may change per SWAC availability.**

SWMP updates, public meeting announcements, and meeting summaries are posted on the Department of Solid Waste website: www.deschutes.org/solidwaste under the [Planning](#) tab.

Several public open houses will be scheduled to get feedback on the draft plan.

Questions?

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