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A peek behind the curtain



Lerohl informs SWARA Committee members on the steps of the water treatment process.

SWARA Committee tours WLSSD, gains insight

In July, the Carlton County Solid Waste & Recycling Advisory Committee (SWARA) took a tour of the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District's (WLSSD) wastewater treatment facility and the yard waste and composting site. The tour was led by WLSSD Environmental Program Coordinators Sarah Lerohl and Lorie Blais. WLSSD's regional treatment plant treats 40 million gallons of wastewater every day. About 2,800 tons of separated food waste is delivered annually to WLSSD's Yard Waste Organics Compost Site from area restaurants, hospitals, schools and more. Food waste is



Beyond SWARA Committee members are biosolid digesters. Field Green® biosolids are a product of WLSSD's biological wastewater treatment process and are used for fertilizer in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin.

mixed with yard waste to produce Garden Green® compost.

More on WLSSD tour



Left: Water on the last leg of the wastewater treatment process, before it is discharged into the St. Louis River. **Right:** Recently delivered food waste set to be composted is combined with other waste at WLSSD's organic waste site. The piles will set for about four months, reaching a temperature of up to 140°. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/WLSSD> for more photos.



Green Schools Project embarking on third year

The 2017-2018 Green Schools Project year is set to begin!

Schools are encouraged to apply for up to \$2,000 in grant funds that may be used on waste reduction and recycling practices.

Contact Josie at Josie.Flatgard@co.carlton.mn.us or 218-384-9592 with questions.

Getting to know 2017-18 MN

GreenCorps Member: Josie Flatgard



Hello! I'm Carlton County's 2017-18 MN GreenCorps member serving in the Zoning & Environmental Services Department.

I grew up in Arlington, South Dakota - a town of less than 1,000 - with an older brother and an older sister. I enjoy hiking, bik-

ing, baking, creating, and adventuring.

I attended the University of South Dakota and graduated this past May. I earned a Bachelor of Arts in sustainability as well as in English, and I received a minor in media & journalism.

I'm one of forty Minnesota GreenCorps members throughout the state. My position is classified under Waste Prevention and Recycling, while others are serving in the focus areas of Air Quality, Living Green, and Green Infrastructure.

I'm excited to get the Green Schools Project started!

New recycling shed in Mahtowa under construction

Students in Wrenshall school's industrial arts class have yet another big project to accomplish this fall, under the supervision of teacher Chris Gustafson.

Work has already begun on a new recycling shed in Mahtowa, which will be the second shed out of six to be upgraded from buildings that had been around for more than 20 years.

Blackhoof was the site of the first new recycling shed, which was completed in 2016. The county hopes to replace the other unstaffed sheds at Kettle River, Cromwell, Wright, and Holyoke.

For this project, Carlton County supplies the materials and equipment through the use of Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment (SCORE) funds, and the Wrenshall students provide the work.



Concrete has been poured at the site, and the walls are being built off site.



The new recycling center will replace the center above.

Follow us on social media

Carlton County Zoning & Environmental Services is on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CarltonCountyZoning/.



We also have a Pinterest page! This can be found at www.pinterest.com/carltonco/.



If you like what you see, give us a like and a follow as we'll continue to post recycling and waste reduction updates on Facebook, as well as tips, tricks, and projects on Pinterest.

Carlton County Recycling Center Hours

STAFFED Recycling Centers

*Barnum, Carlton, Esko,
Moose Lake, Perch Lake*

Hours, year-round

Wednesdays

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fridays

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Accepted Materials at Staffed Centers:

Glass jars and bottles, plastic bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs, tin cans, aluminum cans, newspapers, magazines, boxboard, cardboard, and office paper

UNSTAFFED Recycling Centers

*Blackhoof, Cromwell,
Holyoke, Kettle River,
Mahtowa, Wright*

Open 24/7, year-round

Accepted Materials at Unstaffed Centers:

Glass jars and bottles, plastic bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs, tin cans, aluminum cans, and newspapers

Transfer Station 1950 Hwy 210, Carlton

Hours Nov. 1 - March 31

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Accepted Materials at Transfer Station:

Glass jars and bottles, plastic bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs, tin cans, aluminum cans, Newspapers, magazines, office paper, boxboard, cardboard, car batteries, medical sharps, used motor oil and filters, antifreeze, and food waste

All recyclables **MUST** be cleaned, removed from bags, and sorted into the proper bin.
Thank you for your help in preventing contamination!

Household Hazardous Waste Facility closed for the season

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the Transfer Station is now closed. It will reopen in May 2018.

If you need to dispose of your household hazard waste, visit **Western Lake Superior Sanitary District**, which is open year-round and takes products at no charge:

27th Ave W and Courtland St, Duluth, MN
Open Thursday, Friday, Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Closed Sun. -Wed.

Call the info hotline at 218-722-0761 or the office at 218-722-3336.

Visit our Website

Go to
***co.carlton.mn.us/
waste_and_recycling***
to find the transfer
station price guide,
an interactive map of the recycling
centers in the county, more information on the Green Schools Project,
and other useful resources.



**Have a specific question?
Call 218-384-9178.**