

Best Practice

Waste Reduction and Management

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THE PRACTICE

The Town of Outlook operates a full scale waste management program which includes the following practices:

- Full scale recycling program for the Town of Outlook and surrounding communities;
- Weekly household compost pickup from May 1 to October 31; and
- Operation of a landfill, utilized by the Town of Outlook, Village of Glenside, RM of Rudy and RM of Fertile Valley.

THE PROCESS

The initial steps to implement this practice were to look at other recycling programs in other provinces and decide on a drop-off or blue box practice. The town started the consultation process with a booth at the local trade show and displayed to the public what the plan was. Other communities were then invited to a meeting to determine if they would like to join part of the Outlook program.

The town utilized staff in addition to the mayor at the time to initiate the program. Design and location of waste facilities, equipment needs and design and placement of drop off locations was done by the superintendent. The town utilized a building that had been received through tax enforcement for the processing plant. Money was budgeted for capital and operating cost.

THE RESULTS

Since 1994, the town has achieved a 70% reduction in volume of materials going to the landfill. Four full-time municipal jobs have been created at the processing depot and the life of the landfill has been extended from 20 years to 125 years. Supplies and equipment for the processing depot are also purchased from the community, benefitting local businesses.

LESSONS LEARNED

The Town of Outlook learned that identifying community goals with input from all ratepayers can be an effective measure to create unique projects. In 1994, a municipal recycling program was unheard of in Saskatchewan, but with hard work and determination, the community identified key goals to extend the life of the landfill and reaps the benefits to this day.