

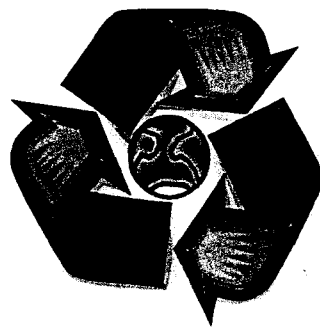
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## Solid Waste, Recycling

Burn Barrel Program  
Fiscal Year 2009 first half SCORE Block Grant - \$72,996  
Must fund only eligible programs  
Requires 25% matching funds  
Must have an approved county solid waste management plan  
E-waste story on 60 Minutes

## Ponderosa Landfill

Tour of the Landfill in September  
Construction of cells 8 and 9  
Stormwater improvements  
Industrial Waste Plan  
Teal Operations contract  
Landfill gas-to-energy grant

## Hazardous Waste

Closed for the 2008 season  
Number of households down slightly over 2007  
Loadout scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>

## Department Staffing

Veryl Morrell retiring 12/31  
Sara Isebrand hired to replace Mandy Landkamer  
Stacey Feser hired in Environmental Health

## Miscellaneous

Constitutional amendment  
Climate Change/Global Warming Programs  
Carbon footprint model  
Electronic Permitting Request for Proposal (RFP)  
May release, proposals returned in June  
Proposals rejected  
New RFP developed, Out this month  
CapturX Digital Pen  
Next scheduled meeting - January 15, 2009

## Information Articles

Lake Crystal Tribune "MPCA Reissues Permit to Ponderosa Landfill"  
County Communicator "Ponderosa Landfill Receives New Cell"  
Lake Crystal Tribune "Facilities Set to Close for Winter"  
County Communicator "Shoreland Rules, Where Your Garbage Goes"  
Star Tribune "Next Step in Sales Tax Issue: Deciding Who Decides Who Gets Funds"  
Free Press "Landfill Gas may be Power Source"  
Waste News "WM to Help Landfill Owners Create Own Gas Projects"  
Waste News "Fuel for Discussion"  
Star Tribune "Separate... ..or Together?"  
Pierre Capital Journal "Plenty of Reasons"  
USA Weekend "Right Way to Recycle"

Time Magazine "Recycling Food Scraps"  
Free Press "States Find a Can of Worms in Bottle Deposit Laws"  
Star Tribune "Scientists Link Chemical Used in Plastics to Health Problems"  
Time Magazine "The Truth About Plastic"  
Newhouse News Service "Safe Plastics Primer"  
Time Magazine "Eco-Buyer Beware"  
Waste News "TV Conversion will be Headache for Landfills"  
Waste News "S.F. Pushes for Producer Responsibility:  
Star Tribune "Unused Drugs, Down the Drain"  
Free Press "Scientists Arriving to Highlight Pepin"  
Star Tribune "LeSueur River: Why So Much Mud?"  
Star Tribune "Keeping Watch in the Wetlands"  
Star Tribune "Atrazine Found in Lakes Far From Farm Sources"  
Maple River Messenger "Shoreland Development Standards Reviewed"  
Star Tribune "Feedlot is Declared Public Health Hazard"  
Free Press "Blue Earth County 'Steps Up' Green Policy"  
County News "Counties Go for the 'Green' in Two Competitions"  
Star Tribune "Creating Jobs of a Different Color"  
Waste News "Dems Expected to Push for Green Energy"  
Waste News "House Unveils '09 Climate Plan"  
Waste News "Climate Bill Slowed by Transition, Economy"  
Time Magazine "Growing Up Green"  
Free Press "Global Warming Pollution Increases 3 Percent"  
Star Tribune "2 Greenhouse Gasses on the Rise Alarm Scientists"  
Star Tribune "A Shared Vision on Reducing Emissions"  
Time Magazine "Too Little, Too Late"  
Time Magazine "Sizing Up Carbon Footprints"  
Waste News "Auctions Seek to Cut Carbon Footprint"  
Time Magazine "Solar Power Hits Home"  
Free Press "Sunny Days"  
Star Tribune "A Blooming Solution to Gas Crisis?"  
Star Tribune "Earth Power"  
Star Tribune "Sustaining a Dream"  
Free Press "Windy Labyrinth"  
American Profile "Cleaning the Nation's Air"  
Star Tribune "Cloud of Smog Left Veil of Death, Illness"  
Free Press "Asian Pollutants Reach U.S."