**CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS** 

# Litter Solutions

Solid Waste and Recycling Division



### Our Mission



The mission of the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling is to protect the health and safety of Minneapolis residents by providing solid waste management services that result in a clean and livable city.

A Clean City is Job One, and the job is carried out in a safe, environmentally protective and cost effective manner.

### **Our Customers**

- Residential properties with 4 or fewer units
- We also service:
  - A limited number of larger apartments
  - A small number of commercial buildings
  - A few Minneapolis Parks



### Core Services

#### **Collection Services:**

- Garbage (weekly)
- Recycling (every other week)
- Organics (weekly)
- Yard Waste (seasonal)
- Problem Materials and Mattresses (every other week)
- Large Items (weekly)
- Excessive Material Management



# Clean City Programs

### **Volunteer Programs:**

- Adopt-A-Block
- Adopt-A-Litter Container
- Adopt-A-Recycling Container
- Adopt-A-Street/Highway
- Adopt-An-Ash Receptacle
- Graffiti Paint-Over
- Neighborhood CleanSweep









### The Issue

Litter: trash, such as paper, cans, and bottles, left lying in an open or public place

#### Sources:

- Pedestrians
- Motorists
- Overflowing receptacles





# Responsibility and Enforcement



## Litter Solutions

### **New Clean City Programs:**

- Benchmarking and annual litter scan
- Request for Litter Clean-Up Supplies program
- Clean City Classroom
- Litter Be Gone™

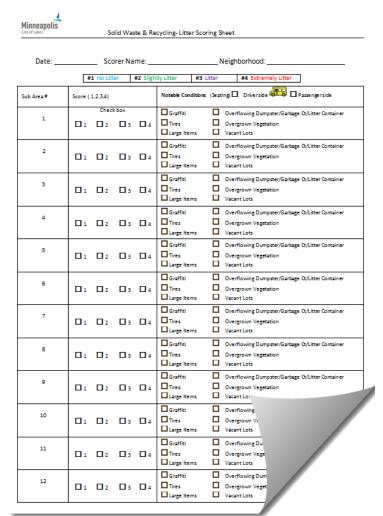


# Benchmarking and Annual Litter Scan

#### **Purpose**

Measure the amount of litter through-out the City in a consistent and consumable way.

The Litter Scan is a visual account of the presence of litter throughout the City, completed by a team of Public Works employees.



# Litter Clean-Up Supplies

### **Purpose**

Provide supplies to support one-time or reoccurring volunteer litter clean-up events that do not meet the commitment requirements of other programs.





# Clean City Classroom (Pilot)

#### **Purpose**

Provide curriculum to teachers to educate students in grades K-6 about proper disposal of materials including litter prevention, waste reduction, recycling, composting, and beautification in Minneapolis.







The City of Minneapolis Division of Solid Waste & Recycling has a new initiative called Clean City Classroom with a goal of empowering our next generation of community leaders to keep our City clean and safe. We understand that the classroom is a powerful place to shape the citizens of tomorrow. In order to provide educators with the means to empower students, the City will provide Keep America Beautiful's Waste in Place activity kits to interested educators.

Keep America Beautiful's Waste in Place activity kits teach the fundamentals of litter prevention, waste prevention, recycling, composting, waste-to-energy, and landfills. By understanding what happens to our waste and how to prevent waste in the first place, students can build environmental knowledge, foster stewardship and take pride in keeping their community clean.

#### What is included in the Waste in Place Activity Kit?

- Forty-two activities used by thousands of educators nationwide on litter prevention, beautification and community greening, managing waste, source reduction, recycling, composting, waste-to-energy and landfills.
- Lesson plans and activities designed for easy integration into art, drama, language arts, math, music, physical
  education, science and social studies classes.

#### Who can use Waste in Place?

Waste in Place curriculum is designed for three learning levels: Early Childhood (PreK-2), Primary (3-4) and Intermediate (5-6). The lesson plans can be used in informal and formal education settings; in schools, parks, after school programs and are even great for adults and teacher trainings.

Level	Lessons
Early Childhood only	6
Early Childhood & Primary	5
Primary & Intermediate	18
Intermediate only	6
All (lessons that apply to all levels)	7



## Litter Be Gone<sup>TM</sup>

#### **Purpose**

To provide an annual citywide litter clean-up event "Litter Be Gone™" as an opportunity for all Minneapolis residents, business and property owners, visitors and other groups to come together and clean-up litter in the City.

A little help to make our city shine.

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# Questions?



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