

About the SCORE program

In 1989, the Governor's Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment recommended to the Legislature to adopt a comprehensive set of laws, commonly referred to as SCORE. This act initiated a state funding source for recycling programs, as well as waste reduction, management of household hazardous wastes, and problem materials. SCORE legislation and grant dollars, along with funding from counties and local government, provide the basis for long-term, flexible programs.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) publishes a report on SCORE activities annually that summarizes information submitted by all 87 counties and the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD). St. Louis County is a partial reporting and only reflects the waste generated outside of WLSSD boundaries whereas Carlton reports all waste generated and that is excluded from the WLSSD reporting. Some counties report as a combined entity such as Redwood and Renville and will be displayed in the county filter as Redwood/Renville.

The MPCA uses SCORE information to detail trends in waste generation, management, and disposal. Data trends are used to help the MPCA and local units of government develop sound policy and plans to manage waste in a manner that protects the environment and human health.

Questions about using this report or the data?

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