

Metro Waste Authority (MWA) is an independent regional government agency comprised of 16 member communities, one county and six planning members. It owns and operates the largest public landfill in Iowa, and the income it generates from landfill services pays for recycling and waste reduction programs available to businesses and residents in Central Iowa. The agency was formed in 1969.

Managed by an executive director and governed by a board of directors consisting of one elected official from each of its member communities, MWA has an annual budget of about \$20 million. In recent years, the agency has received national GOLD Excellence Awards for Special Waste Acceptance, Landfill Management, and Transfer Station Excellence from the Solid Waste Association of North America, as well as numerous local and regional awards.

## Funding

MWA is self-funded through fees charged to those who use the landfill or its other services. The organization does not receive tax dollars or charge per capita fees.

## Programs and Services

- Landfilling
- Curb It!<sup>®</sup> residential recycling
- Compost It!<sup>®</sup> yard waste recycling
- Business recycling assistance
- Hazardous waste management and assistance (households and businesses)
- Appliance and electronic recycling
- Scrap tire recycling
- Technical assistance with special waste
- Education programs and presentations for all ages

## Facilities

MWA employs 55 permanent staff at its administrative office and facilities:

- Metro Compost Center
- Metro Park East Landfill
- Metro Transfer Station
- Regional Collection Center for Household Hazardous Waste
- Regional Salt Storage Facility

MWA also has partnerships to operate three other facilities:

- Metro Methane Recovery Facility
- Two Metro Recycling Centers

## Member and Planning Member Communities

Alleman*	Des Moines	Mitchellville	Runnells
Altoona	Elkhart	Norwalk	Sheldahl*
Ankeny	Grimes	Pleasant Hill	Urbandale
Carlisle*	Hartford*	Polk City	Windsor Heights
Bondurant	Johnston	Polk County	West Des Moines
Clive	Mingo*	Prairie City*	

\*These are planning member communities; they receive all MWA programs and services but do not have a voting representative on MWA's Board of Directors. MWA also has reciprocal agreements with the South Dallas County and North Dallas County Landfills.

- *MWA manages the largest public landfill in Iowa, receiving more than 500,000 tons of garbage each year.*
- *MWA was formed in 1969 through a 28E; it is governed by an elected official from each of its 17 member communities.*
- *No tax dollars are used for MWA programs or services.*

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## Mission Statement

Metro Waste Authority is the leader in environmental stewardship and cost-effective waste management.

