

Solid Waste Management Strategy: Progress Update

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Progress in 2020-21

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Enhance education, awareness and technical understanding of waste management best practices and the risks of improper practices across Saskatchewan.

- Annual Progress Report
- Communications strategy
 - Multi-year education campaign
 - Awareness survey



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Encourage regional collaboration to enhance the cost effectiveness of waste management infrastructure.

- Funding opportunities to:
 - Close and decommission unsustainable landfills
 - Conduct regionalization feasibility studies
 - Develop regional waste management solutions
- Reviewing and assessing barriers to regional solutions.

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Provide a robust and flexible regulatory system for waste disposal and management.

- Complete:
 - Waste management guidelines update
 - Composting guidance document
 - *The Municipal Refuse Management Regulations* Red Tape Review
 - Establish a Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
- Code chapter development – Transfer Stations and Composting Facilities

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Enhance waste diversion across Saskatchewan.

- HHW Program Implementation
- Household Paper and Packaging Program Review – 2020-21
- Research and development of a baseline report for organic waste



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Foster innovative and sustainable solutions to manage waste.

- GHG Offset Program
 - Protocols for methane capture and aerobic compost under development
- Promoting new technologies to manage waste and enhance diversion

INNOVATION



Progress in 2020-21

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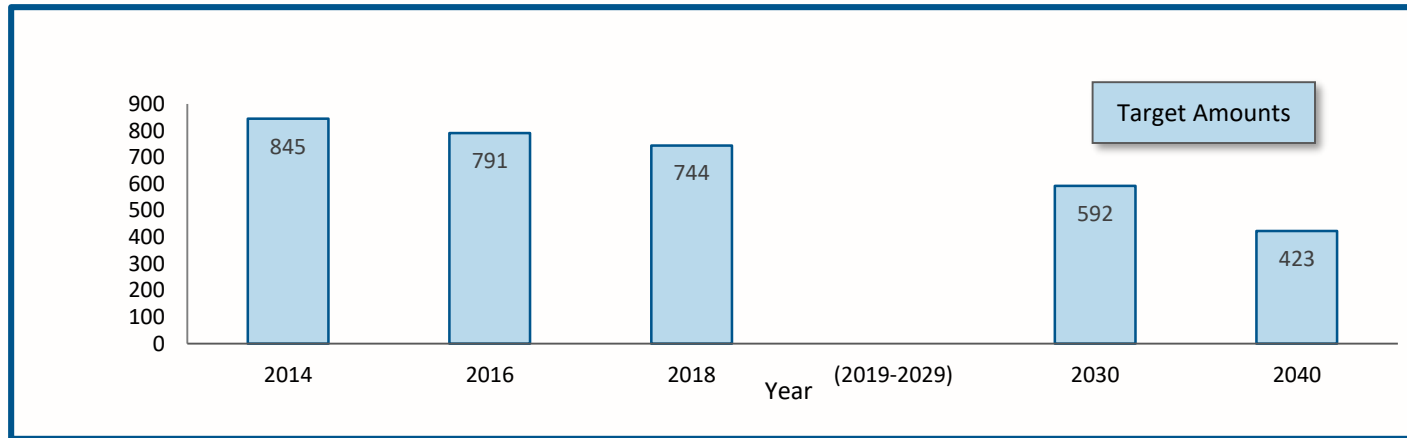
Demonstrate government leadership in waste management.

- CCME Co-lead
 - EPR consistency
 - Single-use and disposable plastic management
- Work with neighbouring jurisdictions to identify economies of scale
- The Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport
 - Decommissioned all but two landfills on provincial parkland
 - 2021 pilot initiative to incorporate recycling capacity at three provincial parks



Performance Measures

- Amount of waste generated (kg/capita)



- Percentage of population served by a regional landfill model

>13.5%

Performance Measures

- Number of landfills closed and decommissioned

2015 500 Landfills ↓ 2021 139 Landfills

- Percentage of population aware of waste reduction and recycling programs

Varies

Questions?