

Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint SWMD

Public Notice

Public Comment Period for Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update

The Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District (District) is establishing a 30-day written comment period from September 30, 2026, until October 30, 2026, on the draft Solid Waste Management Plan Update (2027 Plan Update). The District has prepared the draft 2027 Plan Update as required by Section 3734.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. The draft 2027 Plan Update includes a budget and fees to finance the Plan, a solid waste facility inventory, projections and strategies, facilities and programs to be used, an analysis of the progress made toward achieving state solid waste reduction goals, and District rules.

This 2027 Plan Update updates the previously approved solid waste plan. The 2027 Plan Update includes a demonstration of access to landfill capacity and determines whether there are enough years of landfill capacity available to the District through the planning period (ten years). Based on the landfills used to manage waste generated in the District during the 2024 reference year for the planning period, the three landfills recording accepting 96% of District waste had an average life expectancy of 68 years; demonstrating sufficient access for the planning period.

The District continues to support an open market for the collection, transport and disposal of solid waste. As required in Section 3734.53(A)(13)(a) of the Ohio Revised Code, the District is identifying all Ohio licensed and permitted solid waste landfill, transfer and resource recovery facilities and all licensed and permitted out-of-state landfill, transfer and resource recovery facilities. The authority for the Board of County Commissioners to designate facilities is given in this 2027 Plan Update.

The 2027 Plan update includes proposed District rules in Appendix Q. The District intends to adopt these rules upon approval of this Plan Update.

The 2027 Plan Update complies with State Plan Goal #1 achieving greater than 80% access to recycling in all three counties. The District also meets State Plan Goal #2, achieving 25% diversion of all residential/commercial waste generated. The District expects to continue to reach these goals throughout the planning period.

The District's primary source is disposal fees (Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.57(B)). Disposal fees are collected on each ton of solid waste that is disposed at landfills in the levying District. There are three components, or tiers, to the fee. The tiers correspond to where waste was generated – in-district, out-of-district, and out-of-state. Ohio Revised Code allows the District to generate revenues by levying fees on any waste disposed in landfills located in the District. The District's disposal fee structure is as follows:

	2019 - 2027	2028 - 2036
In-District:	\$1.00	\$1.50
Out-of-District:	\$2.00	\$2.50
Out-of-State:	\$1.00	\$1.50

The District will increase the in-district, out-of-district, and out-of-state disposal fees by \$0.50 per-ton beginning in 2028.

The District will accept written comments as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.55 on the draft Plan Update from September 30, 2026, until October 30, 2026. Written comments should be sent to Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District, 9918 Wilkshire Blvd NE, Bolivar, OH 44612 or to steve@timetorecycle.org.

The District will hold a public hearing to obtain oral comments regarding the draft Plan Update on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 9:30 am.

The draft Plan Update is available for review on the District's website at: <https://www.timetorecycle.org>

Please contact the District at (800) 678-9839 with any questions about the Plan Update.