



Waste Prevention Grant Program for Businesses

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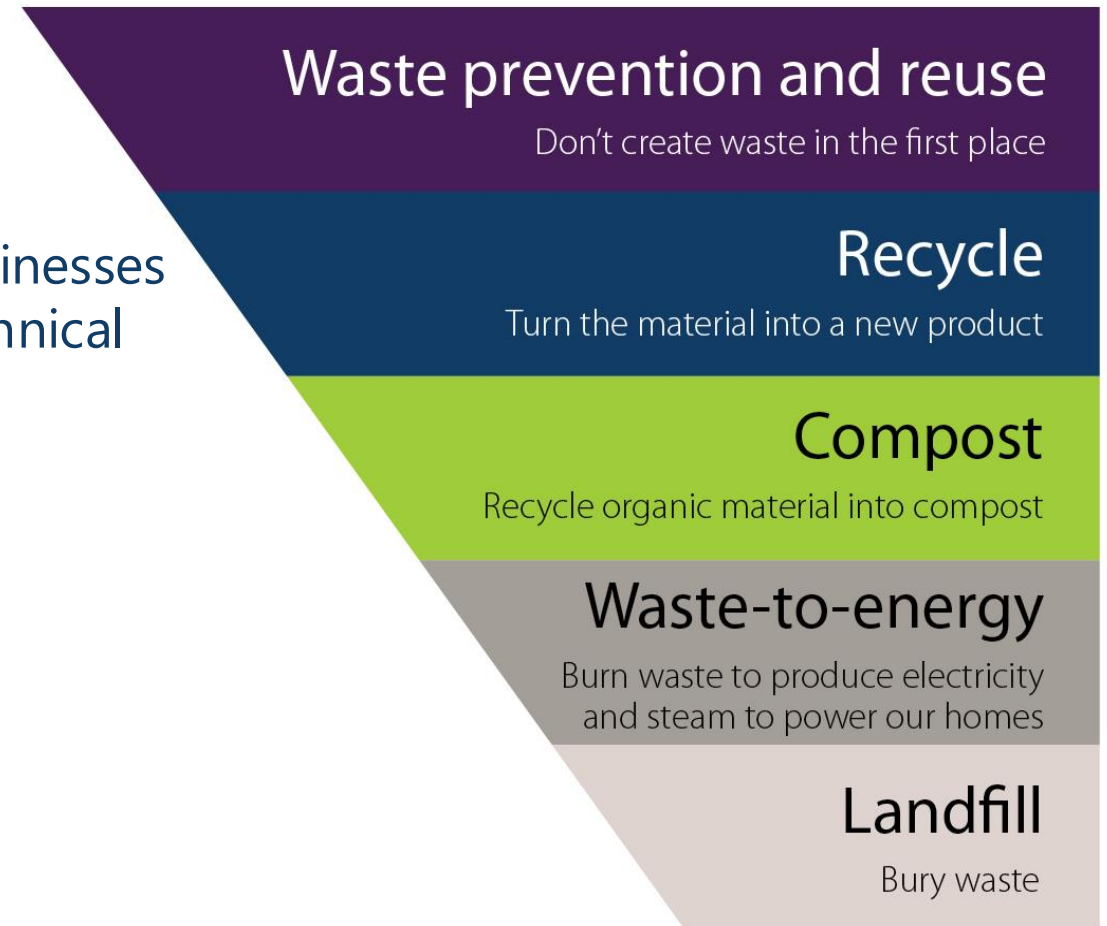
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Background and goals

- Established in 2013 to provide funding to businesses and organizations to: grants, signage and technical assistance to help businesses reduce waste.
- Re-branded in 2021.
- In 2024, Hennepin County awarded 13 waste prevention grants. Over \$300,000.



Business resources available

- Grants
- Labels/signs
- Assistance including trainings



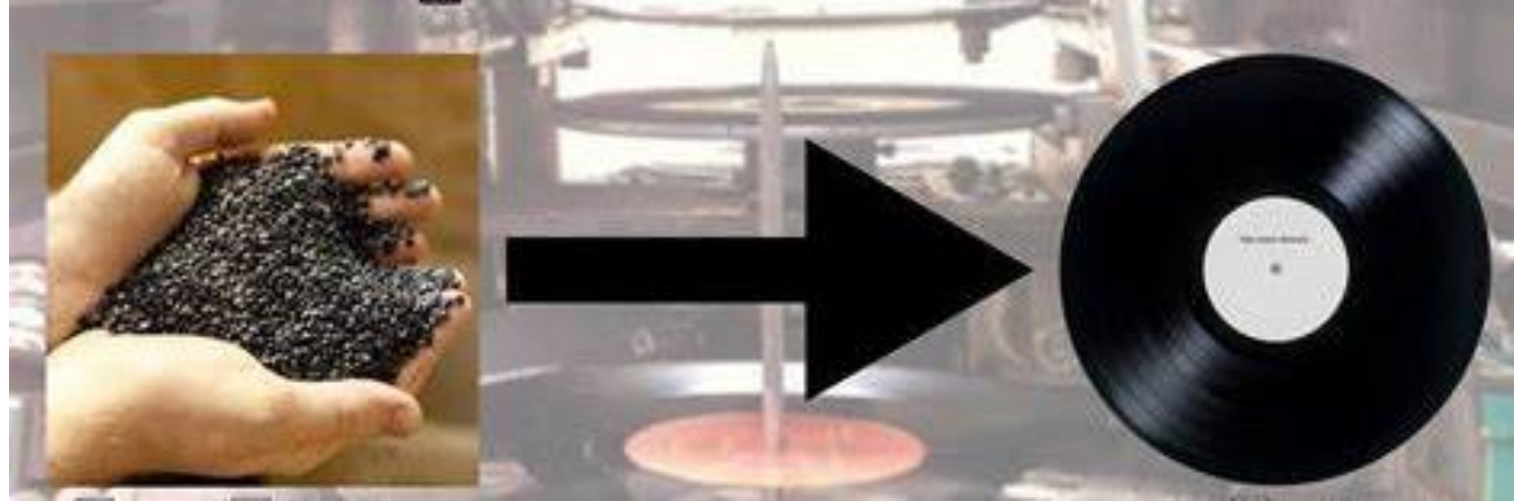
Waste prevention grant timeline

- RFP released: Tuesday, Feb 25, 2025
- **Proposals due: 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8**
- Grant review
 - Notify recipients
 - Contracting (Attachment C)

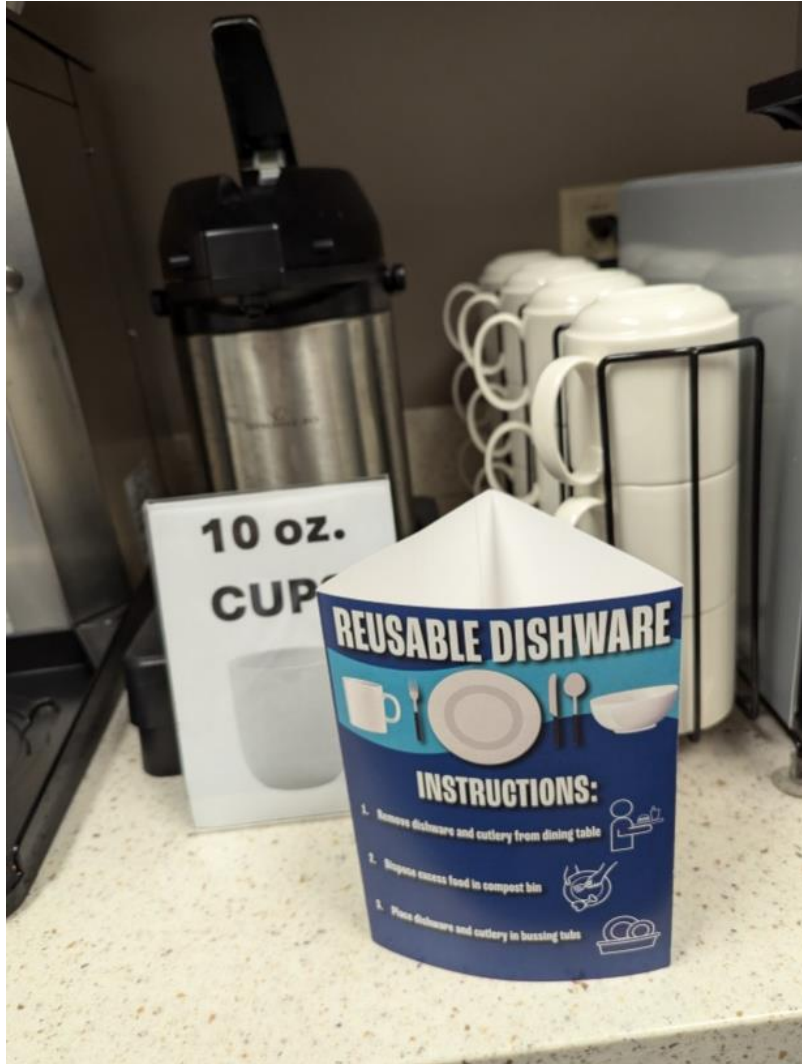
Waste prevention grant overview

- Up to \$50,000 per applicant (per year). \$400,000 budget this year.
 - Grant minimum \$2,500
- Must be registered at MN Secretary of State.
- Project must occur in Hennepin County.
- For-profit businesses or nonprofit organizations are eligible.
- Areas of focus can include preventing food from going to waste, reuse and recovery of goods and materials, replacing disposables with reusables. Solid waste is defined as non-hazardous, municipal solid waste.
- Projects that prevent, reduce, or reuse waste are eligible.

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Next steps

- If you'd like, contact us at businessrecycling@hennepin.us to discuss your project ideas
- Register in the Supplier Portal
- Apply in Supplier Portal by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8

Questions?

