

2019 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL OVERVIEW

The City of Brookings Solid Waste Department is committed to the management of Solid Waste employing source reduction practices by enhancing recycling opportunities for the public, with a focus on sustainable lifestyles, processing waste into energy, and operating an environmentally safe landfill in a cost efficient manner.

The Solid Waste Disposal Department is comprised of six (6) staff members The Brookings Regional Landfill serves the six counties of Brookings, Kingsbury, Moody, Deuel, Hamlin and Lake. The landfill serves a population area of 47,600 residents across 32 communities.

The Landfill offers the annual spring clean-up for Brookings Residents. This program is possible with the joint efforts of the Park & Recreation, Forestry, Street, Landfill and Collection departments. The Brookings Regional Landfill also offers a free leaf/compost drop-off program for Brookings residents. The revenue for the landfill in 2019 was \$2,723,040 and expenses were \$1,869,003.

Key Projects

	Description	Status
1	Citizens Campus dirt work (Complete 2020)	75%
2	Compost drop off site (Community gardens)	100%
3	Fencing in compost/Citizens Campus area	100%

Successes

- Keep roads in operation condition
- Cleaning up tree and lumber/metal area
- Maintaining the working face with cover material
- Keep a head of any paper issues

Challenges

- Excess rain
- Storm Water pumping
- Pumping Leachate
- Wind
- Compost Screening

Looking Ahead

- Complete Citizens Campus Area (2020)
- Bid Cell Construction Project in February 2020
- Renew Landfill Operating Permit (2020)
- Review Air Quality Permit (2020)
- Landfill Gas Testing Program (2020)

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2019 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION OVERVIEW

The Solid Waste Collection Department is comprised of five staff members.

The Solid Waste Collection Department offers garbage collection, recycling collection, yard waste pickup and holiday tree pickup for the City of Brookings residents. The Solid Waste Collection has a yard waste program that starts in April and ends in November

The Solid Waste Collection Department organizes and works with the area volunteers to make the annual Latex Paint Exchange a success. The program gives the general public an opportunity to drop off used Latex paint and have it recycled.

The revenue for the Collection in 2019 was \$1,246,611 and expenses were \$1,047,129.

Key Projects

	Description	Status
1	New Calendar insert for Utility Billing	100%
2	Recycling Education	100%
3	Cart/dumpster replacements	75%

Successes

- Collection Tonnage Breakdown:
 - Garbage: 4,903
 - Compost: 814
 - Recycling: 880
 - Total: 6,596
- Served 5,385 residential homes

Challenges

- Weather (wind, Rain, Snow)

Looking Ahead

- Yard waste Cart Program (2020)
- Yard Waste drop off site (Park Shop)
- Plastic Bags out of single recycling
- Other changes in recycling industry

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