



Solid Waste Planning Areas Guidance for Generators and Haulers

In Iowa, waste that is disposed of within the state is to be managed in the solid waste planning area where it was generated. Iowa has 44 solid waste planning areas that cover every city and unincorporated county area. Each solid waste planning area has one or more designated, permitted landfills or transfer stations to receive waste that is generated within the planning area.

Based on where a waste was generated, responsible persons, haulers and contractors should discern which planning area applies and which facility is to be used. Planning areas and permitted disposal facilities may be located using the interactive map at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Solid-Waste/Comprehensive-Planning>.

Per [Iowa Administrative Code 567 - 101.4](#), if a transfer station or landfill refuses to receive waste that is generated within its planning area, then the planning area, in cooperation with the waste generator, will arrange for another facility to receive it.

Waste flow control, as described above, does **not** apply in the following situations.

- Managing recyclables and other materials that are not destined for disposal.
- Waste that is delivered out-of-state.
- Certain emergency situations.

More information may be obtained by contacting your local solid waste agency or at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Solid-Waste/Comprehensive-Planning>.