

## Goal 10

# Provide Efficient Services

## Indicator #20—Per capita waste disposal

### Why is this indicator important?

The amount of solid waste produced in the region reflects our stewardship of resources from consumption to disposal. The decrease in per capita disposal indicates that households are using products more efficiently through reuse, recycling and composting. The stewardship of products reduces the need to extract more natural resources for consumer products. The reduction in the disposal of products also reduces the amount of waste in the landfill, and consequently reduces the methane created through the decomposition of materials in the landfill.

### What does this indicator tell us?

This indicator tells us how much solid waste is being produced per capita. This indicator shows the amount of waste being diverted through recycling and composting, and the impact on landfill capacity.

### Where do we want to go?

The Regional Growth Strategy provides direction that the RDN and member municipalities pursue a 'zero waste' approach by eliminating the need for waste disposal by diverting recyclables and food waste from entering the landfill. This indicator can show if household and commercial waste disposal are being reduced through recycling and composting programs.

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### What is included in this indicator?

This indicator reports the kilograms of waste per capita disposed of each year, as well the kilograms of waste per capita diverted from the landfill through recycling and composting.

### Where are we right now?

The per capita amount of waste going to the landfill decreased from 379 kg in 2011 to 340 kg in 2014. This represents a 11.5% decrease in the amount of per capita waste disposed of at the landfill. The per capita amount of waste going to the landfill increased from 340 kg in 2014 to 347 kg in 2017, slightly under the 350 kg target. This represents a 2.1% increase in the amount of per capita waste disposed of at the landfill.

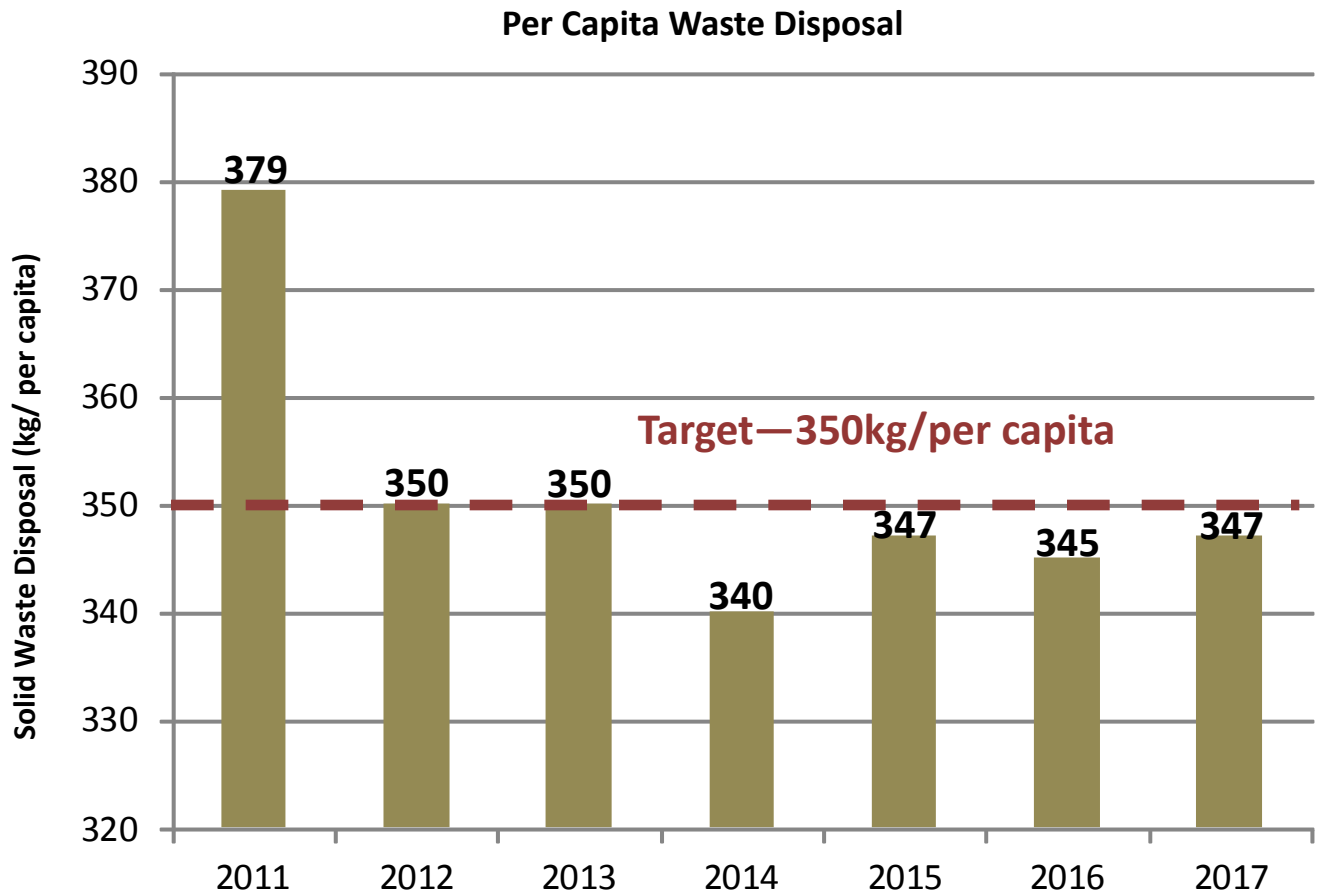
Progress on the target remains stable from 2015 to 2017 at 347 kg/person.



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Year	Per Capita Waste Disposal (kg per capita per year)
2011	379 kg
2012	350 kg
2013	350 kg
2014	340 kg
2015	347 kg
2016	345 kg
2017	347 kg



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