

**SOLID WASTE GOALS, POLICIES, STRATEGIES****Goals:**

1. Work towards attaining the state's goal for recycling of 50% of Brewer's household waste.
2. Continue to explore and evaluate more cost effective methods of waste reduction and disposal.
3. Extend the life expectancy of the City's CDD landfill to the greatest possible extent.
4. Continue to work with other communities to ensure the future viability of PERC
5. Continue to work towards the mission of affordable, long term, environmentally sound disposal of municipal solid waste beyond 2018.

Policies	Strategies	Responsibility
<b>1. Zero sort recycle and PAYT programs.</b> Continue to administer zero sort recycle and PAYT programs or their equivalent.	<b>A. Zero sort and PAYT public education efforts</b> aimed at increasing recycling rates and saving on trash disposal costs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue public education efforts for the general public.</li> <li>• Develop an education program for new residents.</li> <li>• Develop an education program for apartment building owners and tenants.</li> <li>• Continue to use the City web page as an educational tool.</li> </ul>	Environmental Services Director (ESD)/Public Works Director (PWD)/Code Enforcement Officer/
	<b>B. Enforcement.</b> Enforce zero sort/PAYT Ordinance.	ESD/PWD/Code Enforcement Officer
	<b>C. Ordinance update.</b> Periodically update the zero sort/PAYT Ordinance as the programs change.	ESD/PWD/City Council
<b>2. CDD Landfill.</b> Continue CDD landfill management efforts.	<b>A. Landfill Committee.</b> Establish a Committee to explore long- options and recommend a plan of action for the trash disposal when the CDD landfill is full and/or can no longer be used, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new CDD landfill at a different site</li> <li>• Establishment of a transfer station at the CDD landfill site</li> <li>• Establishment of a transfer station at another site</li> <li>• Establishment and/or use of another site in conjunction with another community</li> </ul>	City Council
	<b>B. Full range of services.</b> Continue to offer Brewer residents a full range of trash disposal services including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curbside pickup,</li> <li>• Environmentally safe methods of disposing of and recycling materials,</li> <li>• Metal, brush and leaf recycling,</li> <li>• hazardous materials and other wastes</li> </ul>	ESD/PWD/City Council

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(2. CDD Landfill)	<b>C. Fees.</b> Periodically adjust disposal fees to offset the cost to operate the CDD landfill.	ESD/PWD/City Council
	<b>D. Ordinance update.</b> Periodically update the landfill ordinance as landfill policies and fees change.	ESD/PWD/City Council
	<b>E. Extension of landfill life.</b> Do everything possible to limit the volume of material entering the landfill, so as to extend its life to the greatest extent possible.	ESD/PWD
	<b>F. Storm water management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the landfill storm water drainage system to prevent storm water pollution.</li> <li>• Manage the landfill to prevent polluted storm water from leaving the site.</li> <li>• Maintain structural Best Management Practices at the landfill to manage, control and clean storm water runoff.</li> <li>• Revise the landfill and recycle drop-off area Storm Water Pollution Plan as MaineDEP regulations change.</li> </ul>	ESD/PWD
	<b>G. Landfill closure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to set funds aside every year to help fund CDD landfill closure once it is full.</li> <li>• Close landfill when it is full (estimated cost: \$680,000)</li> </ul>	ESD/PWD/City Council
<b>3. Trash disposal costs.</b> Continue to monitor and plan for changes in future trash disposal costs.	<b>A. PERC reserve account.</b> Continue the annual transfer of funds to the PERC (Penobscot Energy Recovery Company) reserve account to accrue money in anticipation of the 2018 City and Bangor Hydro contract expiration with PERC.	ESD/PWD/City Council
	<b>B. PERC future plans.</b> Continue to monitor PERC future plans and municipal solid waste disposal costs for Brewer through MRC (Municipal Review Committee).	ESD/PWD
	<b>C. Future disposal costs.</b> Prepare the City of Brewer to be in the best position possible when disposal costs increase, as expected, in 2018.	ESD/PWD