

# Minnesota Department of Corrections, Lino Lakes



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## Organization

MN Department of Corrections is a state agency operating 10 correctional facilities and is responsible for housing and rehabilitating criminal offenders.

## Intern Project

Create a recycling program at the Lino Lakes facilities as well as develop educational materials for other facilities.

## Incentives to Change

The Governor's Executive Order 17-12 requires all state agencies to achieve a 75% recycling rate by 2030. Currently Lino Lakes facilities has a recycling rate of 43%.



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## Solutions

### Recover Post-Consumption Organics

The facility can reduce costs and improve recycling rates by separating and recovering food waste from trays after meals and prevent 400,000lbs of food waste from going to landfills.

### Standardize recycling bins

with standard colors and signage.

### Reduce compactor pick-ups

by waiting for the waste compactors to become full before paying for pick-up.

### Bale recyclable materials

Baling recyclable materials for credit to significantly reduce hauling costs at several DOC facilities.

