

Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) has recently added a solid waste coordinator with the goal of supporting Southwest Alaskan communities in dealing with solid waste issues. SWAMC's goal is to initiate community driven, regionally based projects around Southwest Alaska. SWAMC hopes to connect ideas, partners and funding to create measurable and lasting results on a regional level.

SWAMC has been working with Larry Zirkle and Anna Pratt at Total Reclaim and we are very excited to have their support. Total Reclaim has generously offered **1000 lbs. of free electronics waste recycling** to any community that completes this survey! In order to qualify for Total Reclaim's generous donation please fill out the survey and mail back to SWAMC by February 15. If you have any questions or need more time please let us know.

The reason for this survey is to help SWAMC focus its work on what is most important to you. Although the survey may take a few minutes to fill out we have tried to ask questions that are relevant and important. SWAMC will summarize the results and share them so we can all learn from one another. Please share the survey with others in your community. If there is an important question that wasn't asked please let us know. Your support in this endeavor is the first step in creating measurable, positive change. And of course, by filling it out your community will be eligible for **1000 lbs. of free electronics waste recycling** from Total Reclaim, Inc.!

Thank you sincerely for your support,

**Hendrik Van Hemert
Solid Waste Project Coordinator**





Contact Name:	
Community Name:	
Position in Community:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Mailing Address:	

If there are additional contacts for your community's solid waste services please include their contact information below.

Contact Name:	
Position in Community:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Mailing Address:	

What organization is responsible for solid waste services in your community?

If the responsibility is shared please list all parties and their respective responsibilities.



Please check **all** the methods that apply in your community's solid waste program.

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Baler | <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Composting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Hazardous Waste Removal | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Scrap Metal Backhaul | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Electronics Backhaul |

1. If Baler was checked:

Please circle all materials your baler is able to handle.

- | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Cardboard | Aluminum Cans | Plastic Containers |
| Household Waste | Other _____ | |

Can your baler process more material than your community generates? _____ (Y/N)

Additional comments about baler.

2. If Hazardous Waste Removal was checked:

How are hazardous wastes collected?

How are hazardous wastes stored?



How are hazardous wastes removed?

If your community had the resources to change your hazardous wastes program what would be done differently?

3. If Recycling was checked:

Who is in charge of the recycling program? _____

Which materials are recycled?

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Cans | <input type="checkbox"/> Glass | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Bags | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Containers | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard | |

Where are materials sent for recycling?

Aluminum Cans	
Plastic Bags	
Plastic Containers	
Glass	
Newspaper	



Cardboard	
Mixed Paper	
Other:	

If your community had the resources to change or expand your recycling program what would be done differently?

4. If Scrap Metal Backhaul was checked:

How often are materials removed from the community? _____

Who is in charge of planning the scrap metal backhaul? _____

What are the requirements for removing scrap metal from your community? (cleaned, drained, inventoried, staged, etc.)

Is there an organization your community collaborates with to coordinate scrap metal backhaul?



Has the partnership been successful? _____ (Y/N)

Why or why not?

Are other nearby communities also involved in the program? _____ (Y/N)

If Yes, which ones? _____

5. If Composting was checked:

What types of materials are composted?

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn wastes | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper or cardboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish wastes | <input type="checkbox"/> Food scraps | |

What is the final product used for? (ground cover, fertilizer, potting soil)

Additional comments about community composting.



6. If Electronics Backhaul was checked:

How often are materials removed from the community? _____

Who is in charge of planning the electronics backhaul? _____

What are the requirements for removing electronics from your community? (inventoried, staged, packaged, etc.) _____

Is there an organization your community teams up with to coordinate electronics backhaul?

Has the partnership been successful? _____ (Y/N)

Why or why not?

Are other nearby communities also involved in the program? _____ (Y/N)

If Yes, which ones? _____

Please answer all of the remaining questions.

Are there sufficient resources (not only money, also community participation, land, training) to carry out solid waste services in a way that pleases the community? What are the limitations?



Is scrap metal (junk cars, snowmachines, etc) building up in your community? Has inventory been taken? Are any staged for removal?

Has a solid waste management plan been created in your community? _____ (Y/N)

If Yes, when was the plan last updated? _____

Does your community team up with any other organizations to help deal with any aspect of solid waste (ALPAR, Total Reclaim, Zender Environmental)?

If a solid waste pilot project was started in your region please rank the importance of **removing** the following goods from your community.

Question	Scale of Importance				
	Not at all	Not very	No Opinion	Somewhat	Extremely
Household hazardous waste removal (batteries, paint, cleaning products, used motor oil)?	1	2	3	4	5
Scrap metal removal (junk automobiles, snowmachines, used fuel tanks)?	1	2	3	4	5
White goods removal (stoves, refrigerators)?	1	2	3	4	5
Beach cleanup?	1	2	3	4	5
Used fishing equipment (nets, buoys)?	1	2	3	4	5
Aluminum cans?	1	2	3	4	5
Plastics (bags, bottles, containers.)?	1	2	3	4	5
Recyclables (tin cans, glass, plastic bottles)?	1	2	3	4	5
Electronics waste?	1	2	3	4	5



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Please send questions or comments to Hendrik Van Hemert

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Thank you for your support!