

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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LWVMI supports measures to solve the problem of solid waste disposal.

- I. The state should:
 - A. Implement federal regulations and participate in federal programs;
 - B. Establish state standards and regulations which may be stricter than federal regulations;
 - C. Encourage coordinated state supervision and cooperation with local governmental units and regional arrangements of government for strict enforcement and implementation;
 - D. Enact and implement legislation which would enable local government to manage and pay for solid waste pick-up, disposal and resource recovery efforts;
 - E. Encourage re-use of all salvageable materials;
 - F. Encourage participation by private enterprise and educational institutions to find improved solutions to solid waste problems.

- II. Local or regional arrangements of government should:
 - A. Exercise main responsibility for maintaining solid waste pick-up, disposal and resource recovery projects;
 - B. Provide that costs be covered through local taxation, user charges, special charges to business and industry or a combination thereof;
 - C. Be able to establish stricter standards than those of the federal or state governments.

- III. The use of resource recovery techniques should become mandatory with the initiating assistance of governmental subsidies or tax allowances, with the ultimate goal of self-supporting or profitable operations.