Good news: Red Wing decreased the percentage of trash going to landfills from 30% to 12% between 2021 and 2023, thanks to system improvements at the Waste Campus.

CITY LIMITS: Red Wing data reflects only the areas within the city boundary and not locations like Welch, Wacouta, and Hay Creek Township, which includes South Oaks and other neighborhoods.

**RESIDENT VIEWS**

96% of residents say the City should continue working to become a more sustainable city.

87% of residents say the City should continue to incorporate climate change effects into plans, projects, and policies.

Source: City of Red Wing Community Survey, 2023

**AIR AND WATER QUALITY**

**AIR QUALITY**
More than 80% of the days in Red Wing have good air quality. However, that percentage has decreased by 8% over the last 5 years, and 2.4% of days are now rated as "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups." This may be due, in part, to the increase in northern wildfires in 2023.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Air Quality Index, 2013-2023

**PERCENTAGE OF TRASH TO LANDFILLS**

Residents increased the amount of single-sort recycling by 6% between 2022 and 2023.

The monthly cost for the City’s refuse and recycling services has increased by less than 1% since 2015.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** Sustainability in the Red Wing 2040 Plan and the 2023 Community Survey is defined as the ability to meet current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

See more Report Card data at redwingreportcard.org
Red Wing recognizes the value of nature and seeks to minimize environmental impacts while leaving a sustainable legacy.

**ENERGY**

Wind is our greatest source of energy, accounting for nearly 30%.

Nuclear and natural gas each account for nearly a quarter of our energy.

Coal use dropped in 2022 and is now 13%.

*Source: Xcel Energy Community Report, 2023*

**SOLAR SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Households that subscribe to solar gardens has risen 65% between 2021 and 2023.

*Source: Xcel Energy Community Report, 2023*

**CARBON EMISSIONS THROUGH ENERGY & GAS**

Our use of natural gas creates 64% of local carbon emissions. Our electricity use accounts for 36%.

Residential households account for more than 1/3 of emissions through gas and electricity.

Carbon emissions are the amount of carbon dioxide emitted into the air from natural and human sources, including from the burning of fossil fuels, such as coal, oil, and natural gas.

*Source: Xcel Energy Community Report, 2023*