

Glossary

Communal collection

A system of collection in which individuals bring their waste directly to a central point, from which it is collected.

Compactor vehicle

A collection vehicle using high-power mechanical or hydraulic equipment to reduce the volume of solid waste.

Construction and demolition debris

waste generated by construction and demolition of buildings, such as bricks, concrete, drywall, lumber, miscellaneous metal parts and sheets, packaging materials, etc.

Disposal

The final handling of solid waste, following collection, processing, or incineration. Disposal most often means placement of wastes in a dump or a landfill.

Diversion rate

The proportion of waste material diverted for recycling, composting, or reuse and away from landfilling or incineration.

Hazardous waste

Waste that is reactive, toxic, corrosive, or otherwise dangerous to living things and/or the environment. Many industrial by-products are hazardous.