

Glossary

Biodegradable material

Any organic material that can be broken down by microorganisms into simpler, more stable compounds. Most organic wastes (e.g., food, paper) are biodegradable.

Bottom ash

Relatively coarse, non-combustible, generally toxic residue of incineration that accumulates on the grate of a furnace.

Bulky waste

Large wastes such as appliances, furniture, and trees and branches, that cannot be handled by normal MSW processing methods.

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.