

Solid Waste and Recycling Program Assessment

Volume

1. How much total solid waste does your campus generate annually?
By volume By weight
How does this fluctuate during vacation times?
2. Have any waste-composition-studies been conducted?
3. What are the components of campus waste and their percentages?

Waste Disposal

4. Who is in charge of solid waste disposal contracts?
What were the costs of solid-waste disposal for the last academic year?
5. How has the cost changed over the past five years?
6. For the past academic year, how much solid waste was:
landfilled?
incinerated?
recycled?
composted and mulched?
7. Where does campus garbage go?
Are there landfills or incinerators on campus or in the community?
What are the environmental records of these facilities?

Recycling Program

8. When was the program started?
Who operates the program?
9. What is the budget for the program?
How is it funded?
Indicate revenues from recyclables sold.
10. List recycled materials
11. How are the materials sorted?
12. Where do the commodities go once they are collected?
13. How many tons of each material were recycled during the last academic year?
14. Does recycling cost more or less than conventional disposal?
By how much?
15. Please describe any programs your campus has implemented to promote source reduction.

Food

16. How do food vendors dispose of food waste?
17. Do we donate unused food to community centers or the homeless shelter?
18. Do we compost food scraps?
19. Does the food service use disposable plates and flat ware?