

WASTE BY-THE-NUMBERS

1. How much waste do we generate in Broward County?

- About 5.3 million tons/year or 10.6 billion pounds/year
- That's approximately 20,000 lbs/minute (equal in weight to about 15 refrigerators)

2. What impact will population growth have on our waste system?

- Approximately 235,000 new residents expected by 2040
- The Authority's modeling shows total solid waste increasing from about 5.3 million tons in 2025 to 7.8 million tons by 2070 as population and per-capita generation rise

3. How much valuable waste can be recovered (diverted from landfill and waste-to-energy facility, where waste that is not recycled is burned) now?

Approximately 75% of our waste could be recovered with the programs suggested in the Master Plan.

4. What's in our waste?

Residential

- Compostable: 35%
- Recyclable: 31%
- Potentially Divertible: 13%
- Non-Divertible: 21%

Commercial

- Compostable: 28%
- Recyclable: 33%
- Potentially Divertible: 15%
- Non-Divertible: 24%

5. How can we improve?

The Master Plan prioritizes waste reduction, reuse, and recycling/composting over waste-to-energy and landfill disposal.

Each resident and business in Broward County can contribute to a more sustainable future by reducing the amount of waste they generate and properly participating in waste diversion programs presented in the Master Plan.