

WASTE HAS VALUE

1. What does “waste has value” mean?

- Much of what we throw away isn’t really trash. It contains material with value
- Paper, metals, plastics, food scraps, yard trimmings, and construction debris can all be reused, recycled, or transformed into something valuable

2. How does recovering our valuable waste help us?

When we capture or recover these valuable materials instead of burning or burying them:

- The materials get used locally (think new mulch for our parks!)
- The recovery process creates more local jobs than landfilling because materials are handled, processed, and resold many times before their value is fully realized

3. Why is construction and demolition (C&D) debris valuable?

Concrete, asphalt, metals, and lumber from construction sites can be crushed, melted, or milled for reuse in new building or manufacturing projects here in Broward County.

4. How much of our valuable waste can be recovered?

Today, about 62% of our waste could be recovered with the right programs as presented in the Master Plan.