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Electronic Access to the Office of Solid Waste

The Office of Solid Waste (OSW) provides a wide variety of information about hazardous and nonhazardous waste on the Internet and on certain bulletin board systems. OSW materials are located at <www.epa.gov/osw>. Selected OSW documents also can be found at <ftp.epa.gov/pub/epaoswer>; Login: *Anonymous*; Password: *Your e-mail address*.

Federal Register notices are arranged by date, from October 1994, and can be found at: <www.epa.gov/EPA-WASTE>.

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About This Document

This catalog contains descriptions of a variety of resources available from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on solid and hazardous waste management. It includes publications for consumers, students, and teachers on topics such as recycling, composting, and environmental education, as well as information on regulatory requirements. The publications are listed alphabetically by subject area.

How To Order Publications

All publications are available at no charge from EPA. To order a publication, call the RCRA Hotline at 800 424-9346 (TDD 800 553-7672) or, in the Washington, DC, area, call 703 412-9810 (TDD 703 412-3323). When ordering, please mention the order numbers. You also can order documents via e-mail by sending a request to <rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov> or via regular mail by writing to RCRA Information Center (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460 (this address is for mailing purposes only). See the order form in the back of this document. Finally, many of these documents are available on the Internet through EPA's Office of Solid Waste web site at <www.epa.gov/osw>.

For More Information

For a more comprehensive list of solid and hazardous waste publications, order the *Catalog of Hazardous and Solid Waste Publications, Tenth Edition* (EPA530-B-97-003) from the RCRA Hotline or the RCRA Information Center (see above).

Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste

Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 1996 Update; Executive Summary

This report characterizes the components of municipal solid waste by weight and volume. It summarizes a study of municipal solid waste that includes data from 1960 to 1995 and projects waste generation and management practices through 2010. This resource is used by solid waste managers, companies, institutions, and the media. The report is updated annually.

05/15/97

Order Number: EPA530-S-97-015

Characterization of Products Containing Lead and Cadmium in Municipal Solid Waste in the United States, 1970 to 2000; Executive Summary

A summary of sources of lead and cadmium in municipal solid waste disposed of between 1970 and 1986, with projections to 2000. Products containing lead or cadmium include lead-acid batteries, certain household batteries (see also *Implementation of the Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act*), and some consumer electronics, glass, ceramics, plastics, soldered cans, and pigments.

01/15/89

Order Number: EPA530-SW-89-015C

Characterization of Products Containing Mercury in Municipal Solid Waste in the United States, 1970 to 2000; Executive Summary

Identifies the products in municipal solid waste that contain mercury and tells how much mercury they contain. Products included are household batteries, electric lighting, paint residues, thermometers, thermostats, pigments, special paper coatings, electric light switches, and film pack batteries. Discontinued sources of mercury and trends in discards of mercury also are covered. Nonmunicipal solid waste products that contain mercury that may be disposed of in a municipal disposal facility also are covered.

04/15/92

Order Number: EPA530-S-92-013

Environmental Education

Adventures of the Garbage Gremlin: Recycle and Combat a Life of Grime

This comic book teaches elementary and middle school students about recycling and how materials are remanufactured into useful products. It features the Garbage Gremlin, a hapless character continually outwitted by smart students who practice recycling.

08/15/90

Order Number: EPA530-SW-90-024

Don't Trash It: Super Fun

Developed with, and originally published in, *National Geographic World,* this children's activity booklet contains puzzles and games designed to help school children in elementary grades learn about municipal solid waste. It teaches both terms and issues.

08/15/95

Order Number: EPA530-K-95-005

Let's Reduce and Recycle: A Curriculum for Solid Waste Awareness

This curriculum contains many projects, classroom activities, and discussion topics designed to help educators teach solid waste issues. This curriculum helps students in kindergarten through 12th grade evaluate the pros and cons of different waste management techniques. It also provides instruction on ways students can reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost in the classroom and at home. Lesson plans encompass many different subject areas including art, language arts, math, music, science, and social studies. Activities range in duration from 20 minutes to more than 2 weeks.

08/15/90

Order Number: EPA530-SW-90-005

Recycle Today! Educational Materials for Grades K-12

An order form for a number of free educational materials on municipal solid waste issues and recycling. These materials include a curriculum guide for teachers, a recycling how-to handbook for teachers, a comic book for students, and a poster for displaying in the classroom. Available to teachers from kindergarten through 12th grade.

04/15/90

Order Number: EPA530-SW-90-025

Recycle: You Can Make a Ton of Difference (Flyer and Poster)

These materials introduce the public to the problems posed by solid waste generation in this country and how national recycling efforts can help. The flyer provides a good overview of solid waste challenges and recycling solutions. The colorful poster is designed to encourage recycling in classrooms, businesses, and organizations. It features a set of scales balancing a

large pile of waste on one side and a person on the other to illustrate the impact each individual can have on the solid waste dilemma. The poster also reflects the global nature of solid waste management, urging readers in six different languages to practice recycling.
04/15/92
Order Number: EPA530-F-92-003 (Flyer)
Order Number: EPA530-H-92-001 (Poster)

A Resource Guide of Solid Waste Educational Materials
Identifies resources for teaching and learning about solid waste. Provides details on curricula, activity guides, videos, and Internet sites that contain information on a variety of solid waste topics, such as source reduction, recycling, reuse, household hazardous waste, and composting. Includes publisher, date of publication, cost, intended audience, format, key words, and an abstract for each resource.
01/15/98
Order Number: EPA530-B-97-004

Ride the Wave of the Future: Recycle Today!
This colorful poster displays a surfer riding on a wave of recyclable materials including glass, paper, and aluminum cans. Part of an EPA educational campaign, this poster can be displayed in classrooms and other public areas to encourage recycling. (It folds for easy mailing.)
4/15/90
Order Number: EPA530-SW-90-010

School Recycling Programs: A Handbook for Educators
This booklet for teachers explains options for setting up school recycling programs. Step-by-step instructions are included on how to set up a program that's right for your school. Information is included on materials commonly collected in such programs, and case studies of successful programs around the country are presented.
08/15/90
Order Number: EPA530-SW-90-023

Hazardous Waste Management

Hazardous Waste Facility Permitting Process
This publication defines hazardous wastes and hazardous waste management facilities in nontechnical terms. It lists laws and regulations governing facilities that treat, store, and dispose of hazardous wastes. It also describes permitting requirements for these facilities, steps in the permitting process, and public participation.
06/15/96
Order Number: EPA530-F-96-007

El Proceso de Permisos Para Instalaciones de Residuos Peligrosos (Spanish Translation of Hazardous Waste Facility Permitting Process)
Esta publicación define residuos peligrosos e instalaciones de manejo de residuos peligrosos en terminos no-tecnicos. La publicación ista eyes y regulaciones que goviernan instalaciones para el tratamiento, almacenaje, y desecho de residuos peligrosos. Además describe los requisitos para el permiso de estas instalaciones, pasos para el proceso del permiso, y la participación pública.
15/06/96
Número de pedido: EPA530-F-96-007S

Passing the Torch: Streamlined State Authorization
A short brochure explaining how EPA delegates the hazardous waste management program to individual states. Because these regulations are regularly changed and improved, states must continually submit authorization applications to EPA explaining how their programs are incorporating these changes.
08/15/96
Order Number: EPA530-F-96-005

Permitting Hazardous Waste Incinerators
This publication explains incineration as a means to dispose of hazardous waste. It includes standards that hazardous waste incinerators must meet in order to operate and describes the steps involved in obtaining an operating permit.
04/15/88
Order Number: EPA530-SW-88-024

RCRA: Reducing Risk from Waste
A brief overview of EPA's national program to manage hazardous and nonhazardous wastes that are regulated under RCRA. In particular, it defines hazardous waste and describes the regulations that apply to facilities that generate, transport, treat, store, and dispose of hazardous waste. This document also describes the importance of waste minimization programs and explains the role of the states. A section on other environmental laws related to hazardous substances also is included along with a glossary and a guide to relevant sections of the *Code of Federal Regulations.*
09/97
Order Number: EPA530-K-97-004

Sensitive Environments and the Siting of Hazardous Waste Management Facilities
Discusses environments that pose special challenges to the siting, expansion, and operation of facilities that manage hazardous waste. "Sensitive environments" include flood plains, wetlands, earthquake zones, and others. The document explains the problems associated with each type of environment and offers recommendations for addressing these problems.
05/15/97
Order Number: EPA530-K-97-003

Medio Ambientes Delicados y la Ubicacíon de Instalaciones Para Manejo de Residuos Peligrosos (Spanish Translation of Sensitive Environments and the Siting of Hazardous Waste Management Facilities)
Esta publicación discute tipos de ambientes delicados que plantean un desafío especial para la ubicación, expansión y operación de instalaciones para el manejo de residuos peligrosos. Los lugares que constituyen medio ambientes delicados que se tratan en este folleto incluyen: planicies alubiales, humedales, zonas sísmicas, terreno inestable, y otros. Este documento explica los problemas asociados con cada tipo de estos ambientes delicados y ofrece recomendaciones para tratar con estos problemas.
15/05/97
Número de pedido: EPA530-K-97-003S

Understanding the Hazardous Waste Rules: A Handbook for Small Businesses; 1996 Update
This handbook is an essential resource for small business owners and operators who must comply with federal hazardous waste management regulations. It defines the three categories of hazardous waste generators (small, large, and conditionally exempt); assists small-quantity generators determine if federal regulations apply to them; and explains how to obtain an EPA identification number, manage waste on site, and ship waste off site. Requirements for conditionally exempt generators and a summary of requirements for large-quantity generators also are included. The handbook lists state hazardous waste management agencies, EPA and other federal resource centers, and EPA regional offices that can be contacted for more information.
04/15/96
Order Number: EPA530-K-95-001

Entiende Los Reglamentos Sobre Residuos Peligrosos: Manual Para Empresas Pequeñas—Actualizacíon de 1996 (Spanish Translation of Understanding the Hazardous Waste Rules: A Handbook for Small Businesses; 1996 Update)
Este folleto es un recurso esencial para dueños de empresas pequeñas que tienen que cumplír con regulaciones federales para el manejo de residuos peligrosos. En el folleto se definen las tres categorias de generadores de residuos peligrosos (pequeñas, grandes y condicionalmente exentos); asiste a generadores de cantidades pequeñas a determinar si se les aplica regulaciones federales; y explica como obtener un número de identificación de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental (EPA por sus siglas en inglés), manejar desperdicios en sitio, y enviarlos fuera de sitio. En el folleto también se incluyen los requisitos para generadores condicionalmente exentos y una descripción para generadores de cantidades grandes. El folleto lista agencias estatales para el manejo de residuos peligrosos, centros de recursos federales, y oficinas regionales de la EPA que pueden ser contactadas para más información.
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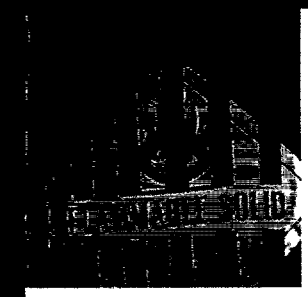

The Universal Waste Rule
EPA's universal waste rule is designed to reduce the amount of hazardous waste items in the municipal solid waste stream. It encourages recycling and proper disposal of certain common hazardous wastes and reduces the regulatory burden on businesses that generate these wastes. The document defines universal wastes as including certain batteries, agricultural pesticides, and thermostats. It describes how businesses, households, and communities are affected by this rule and outlines the role of the states in implementation.
02/15/96
Order Number: EPA530-F-95-025

Reglamento de Residous Universales (Spanish Translation of The Universal Waste Rule)
El reglamento de residuos universales de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental (EPA por sus siglas en inglés) fue diseñado para reducír la cantidad de residuos peligrosos en el flujo de residuos sólidos municipal, fomentar el reciclaje y disposición apropiada de ciertos residuos peligrosos y reducir las obligaciones reglamentales para empresas que generan estos residuos. Los residuos universales que se definen en el documento incluyen ciertas baterías, pesticidas agrícolas y termostatos. El documento describe como empresas, residencias y comunidades son afectadas por este reglamento y analiza el papel del estado para implementarlo.
15/02/96
Número de pedido: EPA530-F-95-025S

Waste Minimization National Plan: Reducing Toxics in Our Nation's Waste (Brochure)
Outlines the benefits of waste minimization. Defines the Waste Minimization National Plan and its goals. Explains why EPA is targeting persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic chemicals. Lists other resources.
09/15/97
Order Number: EPA530-F-97-010

Home Health Care

Disposal Tips for Home Health Care (Patient Flyer)
A flyer about how to prevent injury, illness, and pollution when disposing of sharp objects and contaminated materials from home health care. It describes simple steps for safe disposing of needles, syringes, lancets, and other "sharps."
1/15/93

Disposal Tips for Home Health Care (Professional Brochure)
This guide for home health care professionals stresses the importance of teaching patients the safe way to dispose of needles, syringes, lancets, and other "sharps." It includes a detachable order form for receiving additional professional brochures and for ordering patient flyers. It is available in multiple quantities for office distribution.
11/15/93
Order Number: EPA530-F-93-027a

Handle with Care: How to Throw Out Used Insulin Syringes and Lancets at Home: A Booklet for Young People with Diabetes and Their Families
This short booklet provides directions and illustrations to help young insulin users protect family members and others from injury while keeping the environment clean and safe. This booklet offers tips on disposing of lancets and syringes in lidded containers and provides suggestions on what types of containers are suitable.
10/15/90
Order Number: EPA530-SW-90-089

Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste Management: A Manual for One-Day Community Collection Programs
A helpful guide designed to assist communities interested in setting up a one-day program for collecting household hazardous wastes. Such programs are a safe and effective way to ensure the proper handling, recycling, or disposal of certain pesticides, paints, cleaners, and other items that residents cannot use or no longer want. This guide contains how-to information on all aspects of planning, organizing, and publicizing such a program.
08/15/93
Order Number: EPA530-R-92-026

Household Hazardous Waste: Steps to Safe Management
A pamphlet describing what household hazardous waste is and explaining the dangers of improperly disposing of this waste. It also provides safe use and storage tips and urges homeowners to reuse and recycle leftover materials whenever possible.
04/15/93
Order Number: EPA530-F-92-031

Desechos Domésticos Peligrosos: Pasos para un manejo seguro (Spanish Translation of Household Hazardous Waste: Steps to Safe Management)
Describe los desechos domésticos peligrosos y los riesgos de una eliminación incorrecta. Urge a los dueños de casa a reutilizar, reciclar, y manipular correctamente los desechos caseros peligrosos.
15/12/96
Número de pedido: EPA530-F-92-031S

Implementation of the Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act
This booklet explains the Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act (the Battery Act), which was signed by President Clinton in 1996. It summarizes state and federal requirements affecting battery recycling prior to the passage of the Battery Act; the Act's requirements; why proper disposal or recycling is necessary for nickel-cadmium and small sealed lead-acid rechargeable batteries; and state, local, and private-sector initiatives to recycle used rechargeable batteries.
11/97
Order Number: EPA530-K-97-009

Used Dry Cell Batteries: Is a Collection Program Right for Your Community?
This guide helps communities determine whether establishing a program to collect used dry cell batteries is right for them. It reviews 10 key issues related to setting up and running a collection program, including determining the types and amounts of dry cell batteries being discarded and estimating the likely costs of a program. This guide focuses on household battery collection.
12/15/92
Order Number: EPA530-K-92-006

Pay-As-You-Throw

Pay-As-You-Throw: Lessons Learned About Unit Pricing
This useful guide is designed to assist communities in determining if a unit pricing (or pay-as-you-throw) program is appropriate for them. The guide examines the advantages and potential barriers to unit pricing systems and contains step-by-step details on how to launch a program. In particular, the guide discusses planning and building consensus, designing an integrated program, and implementing and monitoring the program. Different rate structures and container options for structuring a program also are presented. This guide includes real-life examples from communities that have launched unit pricing programs, definitions of terms, and a bibliography.
04/15/94
Order Number: EPA530-R-94-004

Pay-As-You-Throw Success Stories
First-hand stories from communities that used pay-as-you-throw programs to address significant municipal solid waste challenges. Some of the issues faced were increasing amounts of waste, rising disposal costs, and uncertain budgets. This publication includes a series of fact sheets describing successful pay-as-you-throw programs in Poquoson, Virginia; Dover, New Hampshire; Gainesville, Florida; San Jose, California; South Kingstown, Rhode Island; Vancouver, Washington; Mount Vernon, Iowa; Falmouth, Maine; and Fort Collins, Colorado.
04/15/97
Order Number: EPA530-F-97-007

Pay-As-You-Throw: Throw Away Less and Save
A fact sheet to help citizens understand how pay-as-you-throw programs work. It describes the many benefits these programs offer communities along with potential barriers that are sometimes encountered. Sources for more information also are included.
04/15/97
Order Number: EPA530-F-96-028

Unit Pricing: Providing an Incentive to Reduce Municipal Solid Waste
This publication describes unit pricing systems, which charge customers for waste collection and disposal services based on the amount of trash they generate. This document describes how unit pricing works, explains the benefits of these systems, and lists implementation tips. A bibliography lists related EPA publications.
02/15/91
Order Number: EPA530-SW-91-005

Public Participation

RCRA Expanded Public Participation Rule
Describes how communities can become more actively involved in local environmental decisions, particularly in the permitting of hazardous waste management facilities. It explains how the rule involves citizens early in the permitting process, offers more opportunities for public participation, and expands public access to information.
02/15/96
Order Number: EPA530-F-95-030

Reglamento de Participación Pública Expandida de la RCRA (Spanish Translation of RCRA Expanded Public Participation Rule)
Describe el reglamento que amplía la participación pública en EPA (siglas en inglés de la Agencia para la Protección Ambiental) facultando a las comunidades a interesarse más activamente en el manejo de desechos peligrosos de su localidad. Trata de involucrar al público

desde el inicio en el proceso de otorgamiento de permisos, proporcionando más oportunidades para la participación pública, ampliando el acceso del público a la información, y ofreciendo una orientación de cómo los establecimientos pueden mejorar la participación pública.
15/02/96
Número de pedido: EPA530-F-95-030S

RCRA Public Participation Manual
This manual is primarily designed for technical staff in regulatory agencies that are responsible for permitting facilities that manage hazardous waste. Staff of regulated facilities that are engaged in public involvement also might find the guide useful. This guide provides an overview of the public participation process. It also offers step-by-step instructions for conducting public involvement activities related to the permitting of hazardous waste management facilities and the remediation of contamination problems at these facilities.
Spanish translation now available
06/15/96
Order Number: EPA530-R-96-007

Sites for Our Solid Waste: A Guidebook for Effective Public Involvement
This guide provides information for public officials, citizens, and industry professionals to help them find sites for municipal solid waste disposal that are both environmentally sound and socially acceptable. This guide explains how to involve the public at every step of the siting process.
04/15/90
Order Number: EPA530-SW-90-019

Recycling

Environmental Fact Sheet: Recycling Municipal Solid Waste: 1995 Facts and Figures
A fact sheet describing 10 of the major components of the municipal solid waste stream. It explains how much of each type of material is generated annually, what percentage the materials represent of the overall waste stream, and how much of each material is currently recycled.
04/15/97
Order Number: EPA530-F-97-015

How to Start or Expand a Recycling Collection Program
Provides basic information on establishing recycling collection programs in any setting but focuses on collection in offices. Provides suggestions for expanding or improving an existing collection program. Discusses what materials are recyclable, how to start a collection program and find markets, how to sell collected materials, how to collect and store recyclables, how to educate and motivate employees, and how to monitor and evaluate the collection programs. Lists sources of additional information.
01/15/94
Order Number: EPA530-F-94-007

Puzzled About Recycling's Value? Look Beyond the Bin
This booklet educates municipal solid waste managers, state solid waste officials, elected officials, and the waste management industry about the benefits of recycling. Organized into sections describing the financial, environmental, and social benefits of recycling, this booklet addresses issues such as economic development, pollution reduction, and natural resource conservation.
01/98
Order Number: EPA530-K-97-008

Recycling Guide for Native American Nations
A guide describing several ways that Native American tribes can participate in each facet of recycling: collection, manufacture, and purchase. It describes how to set up a recycling program, create recycling jobs, and establish a buy-recycled program.
06/15/95
Order Number: EPA530-K-95-006

Recycling Means Business
This booklet introduces Recycling Means Business, EPA's strategy for supporting the national effort to expand markets for recycled materials. It discusses both the environmental and economic benefits of boosting the recycling market and addresses the national and local impact of this strategy. A list of EPA resource centers also is included.
09/95
Order Number: EPA530-K-95-004

Recycling Works! State and Local Solutions to Solid Waste Management Problems
This booklet examines the economic and environmental necessity for recovering, reusing, and recycling materials from the municipal solid waste stream. Diverse examples of state and municipal recycling programs are described. This booklet also includes a listing of state-level recycling offices with addresses and phone numbers.
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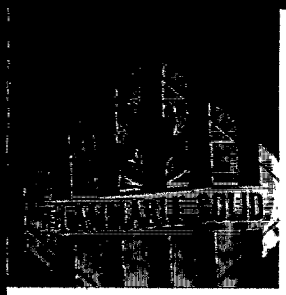
Order Number: EPA530-SW-89-014



Report to Congress: Recovery and Recycling of Plastics From Durable Goods
A report about the recovery of plastics from postconsumer durable goods, which are consumer items used for 3 or more years before disposal. The report discusses the current status of postconsumer durable plastics recycling in the United States and barriers to increased recycling. This report includes a table of resin characteristics, markets, and products.
09/15/95
Order Number: EPA530-R-95-042

Report to Congress: A Study of the Use of Recycled Paving Material
This report, issued jointly by EPA and the U.S. Department of Transportation, discusses issues related to the use of recycled materials in highway paving. This report examines health and environmental issues, economic issues, and technical performance related to asphalt pavement containing recycled rubber. Ways in which states are reusing and disposing of highway materials also are presented.
07/15/93
Order Number: EPA530-R-93-013

Reusable News
This quarterly newsletter describes the activities of EPA's Municipal and Industrial Solid Waste Division and informs people of the Agency's active participation in addressing the nation's solid waste management dilemma. Articles focus on EPA policies, rulemakings, and technical assistance and outreach projects. In addition, success stories, notices of upcoming conferences, and recent report releases are covered. The audience for the newsletter includes more than 20,000 local and state solid waste officials, EPA managers and staff, environmental groups, the general public, and others interested in solid waste management. To subscribe, see order form.

Solid Waste Management

Decision-Makers' Guide to Solid Waste Management; Second Edition
This guide offers solid waste management practitioners detailed information about key technical, economic, political, and social issues that must be addressed when developing an effective solid waste management program. It discusses public education and involvement, facility siting, factors to consider in developing a waste management program, collection, and source reduction, recycling, composting, combustion, and land disposal. A glossary is included as well.
08/15/95
Order Number: EPA530-R-95-023

Joining Forces on Solid Waste Management: Regionalization Is Working in Rural and Small Communities

A booklet describing regionalization, an approach to solid waste management. Neighboring cities, towns, and counties pool their resources to solve local municipal solid waste challenges. It discusses some of the key advantages and potential barriers associated with regionalization, explains the planning activities that must precede a multicommunity project, and describes the different types of organizational approaches that can be used to carry out regional solid waste management activities. This guide provides examples of successful regionalization efforts and resources to help readers institute their own regional program.
10/15/94
Order Number: EPA530-K-93-001

Municipal Solid Waste Factbook

A floppy disk (3.5") containing a wealth of data on municipal solid waste and its management. It offers national and international data on waste prevention, recycling, waste-to-energy combustion, and land disposal. Extensive data on state solid waste management programs also are included. This electronic factbook requires an IBM-compatible computer equipped with a mouse and Microsoft Windows. The diskette contains necessary installation and runtime software. It also can be accessed on the Internet at <www.epa.gov/factbook>.
08/06/97
Order Number: EPA530-C-97-001 (3.5" diskette)

Planning for Disaster Debris

This booklet describes steps communities can take to prepare for managing the waste created by natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and floods. It also discusses ways to speed recovery after such disasters to reduce the burden on municipal solid waste management systems. Information is provided on the volume of debris typically generated by different kinds of natural disasters. Case studies also are included along with sources of federal, state, and local assistance.
12/15/95
Order Number: EPA530-K-95-010

Report to Congress: Methods to Manage and Control Plastic Wastes; Executive Summary

A summary of a report on plastic waste in the municipal solid waste stream. It describes the health and environmental risks to marine life and to people when plastics are disposed of or lost at sea. It also addresses the volume of plastic wastes produced, the potential environmental impacts of plastics disposal, and the role of source reduction and recycling on plastic waste generation. Degradable plastics also are discussed.
02/15/90
Order Number: EPA530-SW-89-051A

Reporting on Municipal Solid Waste: A Local Issue
This booklet is a primer on municipal solid waste management. Although designed primarily for broadcast reporters, this booklet is useful for anyone interested in understanding local waste issues. It examines the role of federal, state, and local governments in municipal solid waste management; options for solid waste management (source reduction, recycling, incineration, and landfilling); and regulations for solid waste landfills. Questions are posed throughout the document that people should keep in mind when gathering information and sources.
09/15/93
Order Number: EPA530-K-03-002

Used Oil

Collecting Used Oil for Recycling/Reuse: Tips for Consumers Who Change Their Own Motor Oil and Oil Filters
This guide gives step-by-step instructions for changing your own motor oil and changing and recycling oil filters. It also explains how to recycle used oil and oil filters.
03/15/94
Order Number: EPA530-F-94-008

Recolección de Aceite Usado para Reciclaje o Reutilización: Consejos para los consumidores que cambian ellos mismos el aceite y el filtro de aceite de su automóvil (Spanish Translation of Collecting Used Oil for Recycling/Reuse: Tips for Consumers Who Change Their Own Motor Oil and Oil Filters)
Contiene instrucciónes detallados para cambiar y reciclar el aceite y el filtro de aceite de su automóvil.
15/01/97
Número de pedido: EPA530-F-94-008S

How to Set Up a Local Program to Recycle Used Oil
A guide explaining the administration, design, implementation, and promotion of a used oil program. Included are sample brochures and letters communities can use in their own programs.
05/15/89
Order Number: EPA530-SW-89-039A

Waste Disposal (Solid Waste)

List of Municipal Solid Waste Landfills
Lists municipal waste landfills throughout the country and includes a section organized by state and territory. Data in the report are from 1995 records.
06/15/96
Order Number: EPA530-R-96-006

Safer Disposal for Solid Waste: The Federal Regulations for Landfills
This document summarizes the federal regulations covering location, operation, design, ground-water monitoring, corrective action, closure and postclosure care, and financial assurance for landfills accepting solid waste. This document gives landfill owners and operators and local officials dates for compliance and additional sources of information.
03/15/93
Order Number: EPA530-SW-91-092

Waste Reduction (Solid Waste)

Consumer's Handbook for Reducing Solid Waste
This easy-to-read, colorful booklet describes how consumers can reduce the amount and toxicity of the trash they produce. It also explains how to make environmentally aware decisions about the products and packaging people purchase, use, and ultimately dispose of. Suggestions follow four basic principles: reduce, reuse, recycle, and respond. This booklet also lists state environmental agencies, as well as other publications and resources. This booklet is also available on the Internet at <www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/reduce/catbook.htm>.
09/15/96
Order Number: EPA530-K-96-003

Manual del Consumidor para Reducir los Desechos Solidos (Spanish Translation of Consumer's Handbook for Reducing Solid Waste)
Describe cómo los consumidores pueden reducir el volumen de sus desperdicios cuando saben cómo comprar, usar y por último eliminar los productos y empaques, relacionándolos con la protección del ambiente. Las sugerencias siguen cuatro principios básicos: reducir, reutilizar, reciclar, y acatar. Asimismo ofrece una lista de las agencias estatales ambientales así como también otras publicaciones y fuentes.
15/10/94
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Donating Surplus Food to the Needy

A fact sheet explaining how to reduce food surpluses as part of a waste reduction program. It discusses the two types of food donation programs: traditional food banks and prepared and perishable food programs. Food program services, donor responsibilities, and common health concerns also are discussed. Examples of successful programs are included.

09/15/96

Order Number: EPA530-F-96-038

Electronics Reuse and Recycling Directory

This directory provides resources for the reuse and recycling of a variety of consumer electronics including computers, televisions, and video cameras. This directory lists contact information for original equipment manufacturers, scrap dealers that utilize certain components within these products, businesses that dismantle or repair electronic items, and community and charitable organizations that accept these products as donations. The listings are based on existing lists that have not been verified and do not represent an endorsement by EPA.

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Order Number: EPA530-B-97-001

Spotlight on Waste Prevention: EPA's Program to Reduce Solid Waste at the Source

This booklet advances the age-old idea that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. It introduces the concept of waste prevention (reducing and reusing) and outlines the many benefits of this solid waste management solution. Waste prevention success stories from businesses, industry, government, and consumers are included.

06/15/95

Order Number: EPA530-K-95-002

Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Composting Options: Lessons from 30 Communities

Real-life success stories in waste reduction from 30 diverse communities. Some of these communities have achieved high materials recovery rates; others have developed model waste reduction initiatives. The document examines demographic and materials generation and recovery levels; discusses waste prevention strategies and comprehensive source-separation composting programs; addresses improving residential, commercial, and institutional recovery levels; and discusses targeting construction and demolition debris for recovery. The costs of recycling and composting are analyzed. Appendices include data definitions and methodology, community contacts, waste generation calculations, procurement, and the wet/dry collection system in Guelph, Ontario.

02/15/94

Order Number: EPA530-R-92-015

Yard Care

Environmental Fact Sheet: Recycling Grass Clippings
A fact sheet that explains how and when to mow your lawn to avoid a buildup of clippings and discusses why this practice is good for lawns and the environment.
07/15/92
Order Number: EPA530-F-92-012

Environmental Fact Sheet: Yard Waste Composting
A fact sheet containing instructions for composting yard trimmings such as branches, leaves, and grass clippings. It also explains why it is better to compost yard trimmings than to dispose of them in landfills or combustors.
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Order Number: EPA530-SW-91-009

Other

Green Advertising Claims
A pamphlet to help consumers evaluate the environmental claims of particular products. It presents ways to identify vague claims, claims of biodegradability, and claims that products are ozone-friendly. In addition, it provides government information sources on green advertising.
10/15/92
Order Number: EPA530-F-92-024

It's Easy Being Green: A Guide to Planning and Conducting Environmentally Aware Meetings and Events
Provides an outline to assist professionals in planning environmentally aware events. Includes profiles of successful events that have been held as well as step-by-step procedures for coordinating events using a planning checklist.
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Order Number: EPA530-K-96-002

Solid Waste Funding: A Guide to Federal Assistance
This brochure describes a variety of funding sources for solid waste research and management programs available to state and local governments, the general public, and small businesses. It describes each grant, cooperative agreement, and loan program for solid waste activities. Each description includes goals, amounts available, eligibility, deadlines, and phone numbers and addresses to contact for more information.
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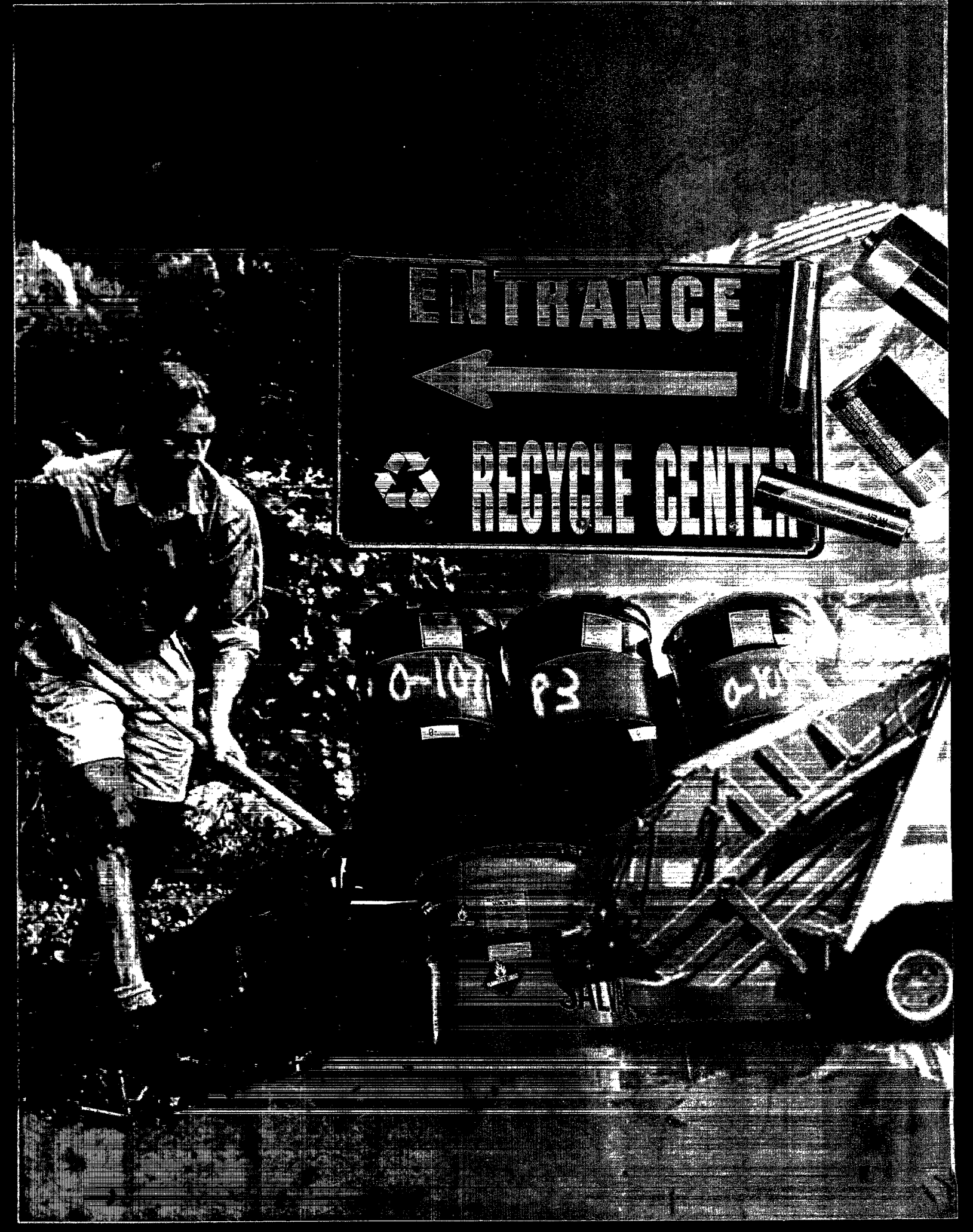
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