



Solid Waste Management in Your Community*

Activity H.r
Grades 9 - 12

What organization is responsible for solid waste management in your community?

City/County government ____ Private contractor ____ Individual residents ____

If government:

Agency name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone/fax/e-mail: _____
Person to contact: _____

If private contractor:

Company name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone/fax/e-mail: _____
Person to contact: _____

Does your community have a landfill? Yes ____ No ____

Where is it located? _____

Who owns and operates the landfill?

Is a tipping fee charged in order to dispose of solid waste in the landfill? \$ _____

How many years until this landfill is full to capacity? _____

Are there restrictions on what materials can be disposed of in the landfill? What substances or items are banned?

Does the landfill have a methane recovery system? What happens to the methane?

Does your community have an incinerator? Yes ____ No ____ Where is it located?

Who owns and operates the incinerator?

Is a tipping fee charged for permission to dispose of solid waste in the incinerator?

\$ _____ When was the incinerator built? _____

Are there restrictions on what materials can be burned in the incinerator? What substances are banned?

What happens to ash from the incinerator?

How does the incinerator prevent air pollution?

How is the heat produced by the incinerator used?

Is there a municipal composting facility in your community? Yes ____ No ____

Who owns and operates it?

What types of materials does the composting facility accept?

What types of materials are not acceptable?

What happens to the finished compost?

How can residents of your community safely dispose of household hazardous waste? Are household hazardous waste collections held periodically?

What organization(s) sponsors the collection?

Where is it held?

How often? _____

When is the next collection day? _____

What types of materials should be taken to a household hazardous waste collection?

How much do residents of your community pay for solid waste management (if solid waste management is provided by the government, residents may pay through property or other taxes)?
