

Recycling requirements

Determining trash generation

This document will help you determine if your business generates enough waste to trigger the business recycling requirements. This document includes fillable fields that will automatically calculate totals.

Getting started

You will need either weight or volume information about the container your waste hauling company empties (often a compactor or dumpster located outside). Call your waste hauling company and check your monthly invoice for details.

If your business contracts for:

- FOUR or more cubic yards of trash per week, it meets the threshold for the recycling requirement.
- EIGHT or more cubic yards of trash per week, or generates ONE ton or more of trash per week, it meets the threshold for the food waste recycling requirement.

For more specifics on the requirements, see the summary guidance documents online.

Calculating your weekly waste totals

The following tables are set up to automatically calculate your weekly waste totals. You only need to use one of the three tables to find your trash generation based on the type of information you have.

Option One: Compactors

If your business uses a compactor and does not share it, fill in this table with either one trash compactor's full weight and the number of days of waste it held or your last year's annual total.

Full compactor weight in tons	Days of accumulation	Weekly generation in tons
Annual weight in tons		Weekly generation in tons

Option One Table Calculations:

$(\text{Full compactor weight in tons}) / (\text{Days of accumulation}) \times (7 \text{ days}) = \text{Weekly generation in tons}$

$(\text{Annual weight in tons}) / (52 \text{ weeks}) = \text{Weekly generation in tons}$

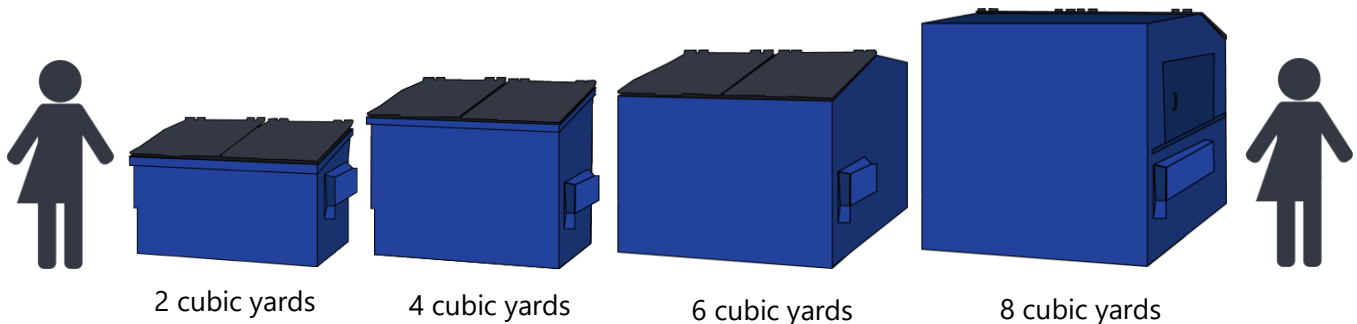


Option Two: Dumpsters, Carts, Containers

If your businesses uses dumpsters, carts or other small containers and does not share them with another business, use the table below. This table uses the size and quantity of your trash container(s) along with how often they are picked up to calculate your weekly total in cubic yards. Fill in one row for each trash container you have at your location (do not include recycling containers).

Number of containers	Size of container (use the metric that matches)	Number of pickups per week	Weekly volume in cubic yards
	Cubic yards		
	Cubic yards		
	Gallons		
	Gallons		
			TOTAL cubic yards per week

The diagrams below are some examples of common containers and may help you estimate a dumpster’s size. Be sure to contact your hauler to confirm the size of your container and the frequency of pickup.



Option Two Table Calculations:

$(\text{Number of Containers}) \times (\text{Size in cubic yards}) \times (\text{Number of pickups}) = \text{Weekly volume in cubic yards}$

$(\text{Number of Containers}) \times (\text{Size in gallons}) \times (\text{Number of pickups}) / (201.974 \text{ gallons per yd}^3) = \text{Weekly volume in cubic yards}$

$\text{Sum of weekly volumes per container size} = \text{Total cubic yards per week}$