

How?

Not sure how to conduct a waste assessment? We have a guide available with step by step instructions and examples to help you get started.

Conduct a Waste Assessment

To reduce waste, you need to know what waste your business generates. Look at your garbage to determine its composition. When you examine the contents of your business's waste, keep in mind the Three Rs:

Reduce - did we need to use this item? Is there a more durable alternative that wouldn't end up in the garbage?

Reuse - was this item used to its full extent? Could it be replaced with a reusable alternative? Are there others (e.g. employees, organizations) that have a use for it?

Recycle - if the item has reached its end-of-life, it can't be reduced or reused, then is it recyclable?



Quick Tip

Conduct your assessment when collection bins are full—typically at the end of the day, on the day of or the day before your regular garbage pick-up.



Need Assistance?

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