
Composting: Controlled process of natural conversion of organic materials by micro organisms into compost. By composting, you can remove more than 500 lbs of organic matter from your household waste per year, diverting it from collection, the landfill or incinerator.

Compost Bin: A bin designed specifically for backyard composting. Designed for the collection of kitchen browns (coffee filters, paper products, etc.) , kitchen greens (food waste, peelings, etc.), yard browns (straw, leaves, etc.) and yard greens (hedge clippings, flowers, vegetables, etc.).

Hauler: Commercial trucking business that focuses on recyclable and trash collection. Can be contracted by municipalities for the curbside collection of their residents' recyclable materials and trash.

Solid Waste, Municipal: (MSW) A waste type that includes predominantly household waste (domestic waste) with sometimes the addition of commercial wastes collected by a municipality within a given area.

Organic Waste: Food, yard and other organic waste originating from plant or animal sources, which may be broken down by other living organisms.

Rain Barrel: According to the Environmental Protection Agency, a rain barrel is a system that collects and stores rainwater from roofs that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and streams. Usually a rain barrel is composed of a 55 gallon drum, a faucet and a screen to keep debris and insects out. A rain barrel is relatively simple and inexpensive to construct and can sit conveniently under any residential gutter down spout.

Recycling Bin or Box: Reusable plastic bin or box designed for the residential and commercial curbside collection of recyclable materials, including paper, plastic and metal.

Recycling Cart: Plastic wheeled cart designed for the residential and commercial curbside collection of organic material or recyclable materials, including paper, plastic and metal.