

Solid waste management policy

MRp2.1 | Possible point

Intent

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Establish minimum source reduction and recycling program elements and quantify current waste stream production volume.

Requirements

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- MR Credit 8: Solid Waste Management—Durable Goods
- MR Credit 9: Solid Waste Management—Facility Alterations and Additions

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Conduct a waste stream audit of the ongoing waste stream (not specific upgrade project waste) to establish a current building waste baseline that identifies the types of waste making up the waste stream and amounts of each type of waste in the waste stream. At a minimum, the audit should determine the amounts for paper, glass, plastics, cardboard and metals in the waste stream. Identify opportunities for source reduction and diversion. Operate over the performance period a waste reduction policy to reduce waste stream through source reduction purchasing strategies, collection station equipment, recycling and occupant education.