

Solid Waste

Plan Design—The Regional Plan is designed to coordinate activities between solid waste management programs and other related activities within the region. Furthermore, it establishes goals and objectives within the region for proper collection and disposal of solid waste, reduction of wastes to be landfilled, and establishes an Action Plan for the implementation of these goals and objectives. The plan considers three separate planning periods:

Short Range————— 2002 – 2007

Intermediate————— 2007 – 2012

Long Range————— 2012 – 2022

Goals—Preliminary regional goals, objectives, and priorities were reviewed, discussed and further developed during monthly public participation meetings held around the region during the planning period. The results indicated the preferred waste management hierarchy given consideration by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for the ATCOG region is as follows:

1. Source Reduction and Waste Management
2. Reuse and Recycling (including composting)
3. Resource Recovery (including burning solid waste to produce energy)
4. Land Disposal

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Regional Goals and Objectives

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Goal #1: Encourage and promote funding availability for regional, sub-regional, and local implementation of this plan.

Goal #2: Promote source reduction efforts to decrease the amount of solid waste generated.

Goal #3: Promote the maximum development of regional as well as local, integrated, convenient, collection systems.

Goal #4: Promote recycling efforts to decrease the amount of solid waste entering the waste stream.

Goal #5: Promote public education on integrated solid waste management.

Goal #6: Promote enforcement efforts to decrease illegal dumping.

Goal #7: Promote composting of yard waste and sludge within the region.

Goal #8: Utilize existing facilities to the extent environmentally and economically feasible.

Goal #9: Promote development of integrated solid waste management systems.

Goal #10: Encourage sub-regions to allow for more cost effective local plans and regionalization of facilities.

Goal #11: Use the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) permit application process to ensure conformance with the regional plan and reduce environmental and other constraints that impact the siting of future solid waste facilities.

Recommended Action Plan

Minimize household trash Minimize apartment and commercial trash

Establish recycling markets

Coordinate state, regional, and local solid waste management

Stop illegal dumping

[Texas Illegal Dumping Resource Center](#)

Basic Environmental Laws

Resources and Links

Please click the following links for additional solid waste information:

[RG 389: Waste from Grease Traps, Grit Traps and Septic Tanks: Questions and Answers](#)

[RG 370: Managing Paint and Paint-Related Waste Under the Universal Waste Rule](#)

RG 455: Illegal Dumping: A Guide for Local Governments

RG 474: Methods for Municipal Solid Waste Diversion: Options for Local Governments

RG 469: Traditional Municipal Solid Waste Disposal: A Guide for Local Governments

[Federal Clean Air Act](#)

[Federal Clean Water Act](#)

Texas Health and Safety Code: Chapter [341](#), [343](#), [361](#), [362](#), [363](#), [364](#), [365](#), [368](#), and [371](#).

Federal Regulations [40 CFR Parts 240-281](#)

State Regulations Municipal Solid Waste Management Regulations 30 TAC 330

State Regulations General Permitting Rules for Discharge From Any Point Source 30 TAC 305

State Regulations Sludge Rules 30 TAC 312

State Regulations Composting Rules 30 TAC 332

[Buy Recycled Program, Texas General Land Office](#)

[Texas Recycles TVs](#) (TRTV) program

[Texas Recycles Computers](#) (TRC) program