



<http://www.epa.gov/osw/nonhaz/index.htm>
Last updated on Thursday, November 14, 2013

Wastes - Non-Hazardous Waste

You are here: [EPA Home](#) » [Wastes](#)

Non-Hazardous Waste Quick Finder

[Backyard Burning](#)

[Construction and Demolition Debris](#)

[Energy Recovery from Waste](#)

[Industrial Waste Guidelines](#)

[Landfills](#)

[Medical Waste](#)

[MSW Transfer Stations](#)

[MSW in the US: Facts and Figures](#)

EPA defines solid waste as any garbage or refuse, sludge from a wastewater treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semi-solid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations, and from community activities. Nearly everything we do leaves behind some kind of waste.

Choose from the solid waste types below to learn more.

- [Municipal solid waste](#) is commonly known as trash or garbage.
- [Industrial waste](#) is made up of a wide variety of non-hazardous materials that result from the production of goods and products.

Related Links

- [Municipal Solid Waste Publications](#)
- [Hazardous Waste](#)
- [Universal Wastes](#)
- [Solid Waste Regulations](#)
- [Identification of Non-Hazardous Secondary Materials That Are Solid Waste](#)
- [Waste Management for Homeland Security Incidents](#)