

# Community Solid Waste Profile

# City of Chelsea

Description: Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA); Single Hauler System

## Demographics and Waste Generation

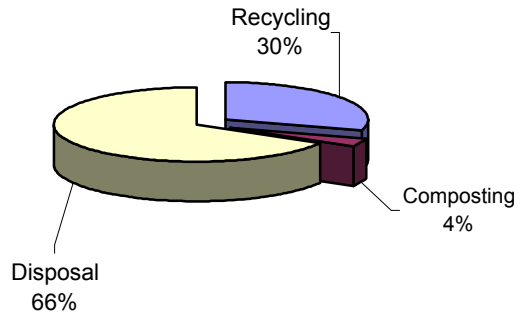
Population 4,792  
 Employment 4,215

Residential Sector	Tons per year
Recycling	827
Composting	101
Disposal	1,867
<b>Total Waste Generation</b>	<b>2,795</b>
Recovery Rate	33.2%

Business Sector	Tons per year
Commercial/retail/services:	5,678
Manufacturing/industrial	2,975

**Total Waste 11,448**  
 Tons per year

## Residential Waste Breakdown



## Waste and Recycling Service Profile

	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Collection/Hauler</u>	<u>Program Description</u>
<u>Trash</u>	Weekly curbside	City	Pay-per-bag
<u>Recycling</u>	Drop-off and curbside	WWRA	
<u>Yard Waste</u>	Drop-off and curbside	City	Taken to Chelsea Transfer Station

### Program Management

Cost per household: \$2 per bag for waste, recycling is \$37 per year through WWRA (on tax bill).

Contract includes: WWRA drop-off sites and curbside collection.

Education: County pamphlets

## Recommendations:

1. Work with WWRA communities to develop and implement an authority-wide single hauler system (franchised hauler/preferred hauler) resulting in:
  - Trash services for residents at lower costs
  - Community-based incentives such as roadside clean-up, franchise fees, special collection days and educational materials
  - Hauler manages billing function
2. Incorporate waste volume control measures (such as set out limits and PAYT) to increase participation in diversion programs.
3. Study adding new WWRA memberships of adjacent communities in and outside of the county.