

Statistics on Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)
Disposal and Recovery

Type of Waste/Recyclables Year	Recovery quantity	Disposal quantity	Recovery Rate (=[Recovery quantity / (Recovery quantity + Disposal quantity)] x 100%)
	(Thousand Tonnes)	(Thousand Tonnes)	(Percentage)
Paper			
2010	1 195	732	62%
2011	1 278	705	64%
2012	1 162	697	63%
2013	1 035	666	61%
2014	948	702	57%
Plastics			
2010	1 577	708	69%
2011	843	618	58%
2012	317	668	32%
2013	243	681	26%
2014	99	736	12%
Ferrous Metals⁽¹⁾			
2010	566	49	92%
2011	667	52	93%
2012	500	70	88%
2013	523	53	91%
2014	845	57	94%
Non-ferrous Metals			
2010	155	15	91%
2011	115	14	89%

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2012	78	18	82%
2013	79	12	87%
2014	76	20	79%
Glass⁽²⁾			
2010	5	136	3%
2011	5	101	4%
2012	18	106	15%
2013	10	129	7%
2014	8	104	7%
Textile			
2010	20	85	19%
2011	11	79	12%
2012	4	107	3%
2013	7	99	7%
2014	4	107	4%
Wood			
2010	17	98	15%
2011	18	105	14%
2012	9	128	7%
2013	6	134	4%
2014	6	116	5%
Food Waste			
2010	N.A.	1 181	N.A.
2011	0.6	1 308	0%
2012	7	1 221	1%

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2013	29	1 331	2%
2014	7	1 329	1%
2015 ⁽³⁾	14	1 234	1%
Electrical and Electronic Equipment⁽⁴⁾			
2010	61	13	82%
2011	67	9	88%
2012	56	14	80%
2013	56	15	78%
2014	56	15	79%
Total⁽⁵⁾			
2010	3 603	3 327	52%
2011	3 019	3 283	48%
2012	2 163	3 396	39%
2013	2 009	3 485	37%
2014	2 053	3 570	37%

N.A.- No data or not applicable

Note:

1. Ferrous metals generated from construction, renovation and demolition works are not included.
2. Glass beverage bottles recovered through deposit-and-refund system operated by local beverage manufacturers are not included in the recovery quantity.
3. The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) has compiled the statistics on food waste disposal for 2015 in advance to facilitate the discussion of the Panel on Environmental Affairs of the Legislative Council on October 24, 2016.

4. The volume of waste electrical and electronic equipment recovered for recycling is compiled from the findings of a survey on “Generation & Disposal Practice of Used/End-of-Life Electrical & Electronic Equipment and Batteries in Hong Kong” commissioned by the EPD.
5. Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.