

Quantities and major types of solid waste disposed of at landfills in the past five years

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	Unit: 10,000 tonnes				
Overall solid waste	549	507	494	486	504
MSW (food waste component)	339 (117)	335 (119)	330 (110)	327 (120)	333 (118)
Construction waste	151	115	113	114	131
Dewatered sludge	33	32	32	30	34
Other waste ⁽¹⁾	27	25	19	15	7

Remarks: The figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.

Note: (1) For example, animal carcasses, livestock waste, etc.

Quantities generated and recovery rates of the major components of MSW in the past five years

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	Unit: 10,000 tonnes				
Total quantity of MSW generated	623	616	644	645	693
Recovery rate of MSW	45%	46%	49%	49%	52%
Quantity of metals generated	114.2	85.0	101.3	89.6	78.5
Recovery rate of metals	93.1%	91.9%	92.1%	93.1%	91.8%
Quantity of waste electrical and electronic equipment generated	6.88	7.01	7.14	7.20	7.40
Recovery rate of waste electrical and electronic equipment	84%	84%	82%	89%	82%
Quantity of plastics generated	117.0	135.6	153.7	171.6	216.6
Recovery rate of plastics	55.2%	60.5%	66.6%	70.5%	72.8%
Quantity of paper generated	180.1	189.8	181.6	169.7	185.5
Recovery rate of paper	55.7%	58.1%	60.1%	60.5%	64.4%
Quantity of glass generated	11.5	13.4	14.2	12.0	14.1
Recovery rate of glass ¹	2.2%	0.9%	1.0%	2.3%	3.2%

¹ Waste glass recovery in Hong Kong is severely constrained by the lack of local glass manufacturing plants that can process a large quantity of waste glass for recycling and high transport costs for export. But the recovery rate has steadily risen in recent years as the trade and NGOs have launched several glass recovery programmes in housing estates with the assistance of the Government.