

# Less Waste Challenge

Goal	Definition Details	Calculation Details
<p><b>Regulated Medical Waste Reduction</b></p> <p>Report a waste baseline for: Solid waste, regulated medical waste, recycling and hazardous waste.</p> <p>Reduce RMW to either less than 10 percent of total waste or less than 8 tons per operating room per year.</p> <p>Optional: Dollars spent on removal per year.</p>	<p>Track tons of solid, recycling, composting, Regulated Medical Waste and Hazardous waste.</p> <p>Regulated Medical Waste is defined as anything that is removed as Regulated Medical Waste including pathological waste (tissues from surgery or autopsy), residual chemotherapeutic agents, sharps and general Regulated Medical Waste.</p> <p>Total Waste is the sum of hazardous waste, recyclables, compost, solid waste and Regulated Medical Waste.</p>	<p>Tons of each stream with sum of each component for total.</p> <p>Numerator: Pounds of Regulated Medical Waste</p> <p>Denominator: Pounds of Total Waste</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Numerator: Pounds of Regulated Medical Waste</p> <p>Denominator: Number of Operating Rooms</p>
<p><b>Recycling</b></p> <p>Report a waste baseline for: Solid waste, regulated medical waste, recycling and hazardous waste.</p> <p>Achieve a 15 percent recycling rate compared to total waste.</p>	<p>Track tons of solid, recycling, composting, Regulated Medical Waste and Hazardous waste.</p> <p>Recyclables include any materials collected for recycling or composting.</p> <p>It does not include items collected for reuse including single use device reprocessing.</p> <p>Total Waste is the sum of hazardous waste, recyclables, compost, solid waste and Regulated Medical Waste.</p>	<p>Tons of each stream with sum of each component for total.</p> <p>Numerator: Pounds of recycling per year</p> <p>Denominator: Pounds of total waste per year.</p>
<p><b>C&amp;D Debris Diversion &amp; Recycling</b></p> <p>Implement a construction and demolition debris recycling program for major renovations and new construction to achieve at least 80 percent recycling or diversion rate.</p>	<p>For significant construction and renovation projects (over 1,000 square feet)</p>	<p>Numerator: Total pounds of diverted or recycled construction and demolition debris for the project.</p> <p>Denominator: Total pounds of construction and demolition debris (the sum of recycled and non-recycled debris.)</p>

For further guidance on data collection, refer to the [Less Waste How-To Guide](#).

## Resources

-Education: [www.healthierhospitals.org](http://www.healthierhospitals.org)

-Data Submission: [www.ihl.org](http://www.ihl.org)

-Refer to [Data Submission Guide for More Information](#)

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