



NYCHA Recycling Fast Facts

Compared to NYC residential curbside waste & recycling data, NYCHA data shows:

Recycling Rates are MUCH Lower

NYCHA developments produce 200,000 tons of waste annually. 87.5% is household garbage and 12.5% is bulk waste. Less than 2% of household waste is recycled. DSNY estimates 1/3 of NYCHA household waste can be recycled in the existing recycling bin system.

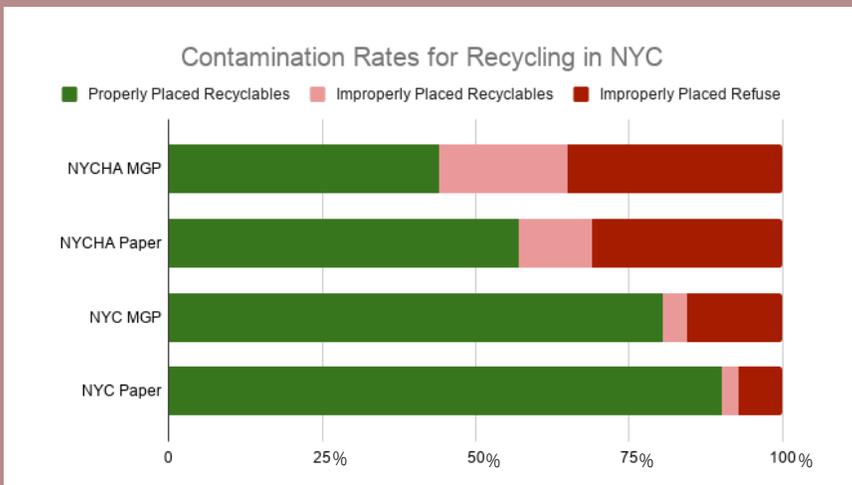


Generation Rates are Higher

NYCHA households generate about 20% more waste than the citywide average: 1.1 tons per household per year at NYCHA, compared to 0.9 tons per household per year citywide. NYCHA suggests this difference may be due to larger household sizes and off-lease residents in NYCHA developments.



Contamination Rates are Higher



NYCHA Recycling Contamination Rates are almost five times as much as citywide contamination rates for paper recycling and 2.87 times as much for metal/glass/plastic recycling. NYCHA's average contamination rate (49.5%) is almost twice as much as the reported national average (16.9%).



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NYCHA is beginning to address these issues through three core area improvements:

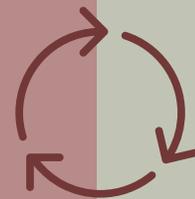
Infrastructure Investment

Staffing and Procedures

Residential Engagement

Forthcoming Programs

- Waste Asset Inventories and waste site maps for NYCHA staff
- Infrastructure Upgrades = trash chutes, secondary collection areas, food waste sink garbage disposer
- Enhance Cardboard Collection, 9 developments
- Pest and Waste Management Action Plan
- Waste Yard Redesign, starting at 7 developments
- Pneumatic Collection, Polo Grounds Tower
- Waste Signage Updates, starting at 5 developments
- Mattress Recycling, will reach 100 developments



How the SWABs can Complement NYCHA's Efforts

Provide support to NYCHA via resource sharing, data reporting methods and program and metric development ideas for increasing recycling data collection;

Showcase and support community-led initiatives, such as Inner City Green Team, that prioritize ongoing zero waste education for NYCHA residents

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