



# NYCHA Recycling Fast Facts

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

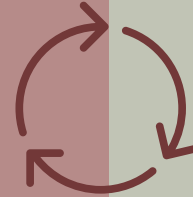
## Recycling Rates are MUCH Lower

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.

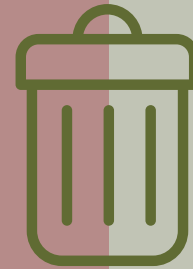


## Generation Rates are Higher

NYCHA households generate about 20% more waste than the  
citywide average: 1.1 tons per household per year at NYCHA,

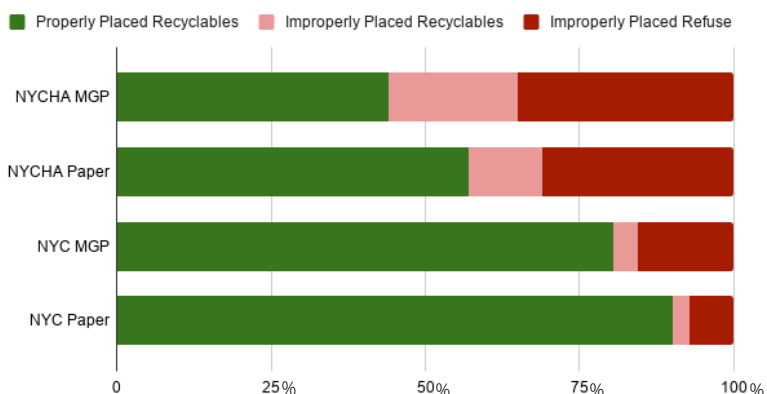
compared to 0.9 tons per household per year citywide.

NYCHA suggests this difference may be due to larger household  
sizes and off-lease residents in NYCHA developments.



## Contamination Rates are Higher

Contamination Rates for Recycling in NYC



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:

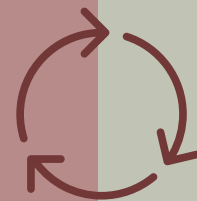
**Infrastructure Investment**

**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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