



Solid Waste Collectors Registration and Reporting FAQs

As required by the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Amendment Act of 2014, DC Official Code [§ 8-1031.05](#) and [§ 8-1031.06](#), all solid waste collectors who operate in the District of Columbia will be required to register and report annually with the Office of Waste Diversion in the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Do I qualify as a Solid Waste Collector?

Any business, non-profit, or government entity engaged in the collection or transportation of garbage, refuse, trash, or any other waste or waste product (including recyclable, compostable, or otherwise reusable materials) in the District is considered a solid waste collector.

Solid waste collectors include:

- Refuse or trash collectors
- Recycling collectors
- Food waste collection companies
- Landscapers and other collectors of yard waste
- Fat, oil, and grease collectors
- Textile collectors
- Electronic waste collectors
- Businesses with approved self-implementation plans
- Other collectors of any type of solid waste

Solid waste is garbage, refuse, trash, or any other waste or waste product (including recyclable, compostable, or otherwise reusable material) resulting from an industrial, commercial, residential, or government operation or community activity. Solid waste may be in a solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous state.

I already have a license with DCRA; do I have to register with the DPW Office of Waste Diversion?

Yes. These requirements are in addition to any licensing requirement of DCRA.

I am registered with the DPW Office of Recycling; do I have to register with the DPW Office of Waste Diversion?

Yes. This new process will replace and expand upon the registration and reporting process that was previously undertaken by the Office of Recycling.



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When do I need to register and report?

By February 1st of each calendar year

- Annual reporting deadline for data representing solid waste collected from January 1 to December 31 of the previous calendar year
 - (i.e. By February 1, 2020 you report for calendar year 2019)
- Annual registration deadline for the current calendar year
 - (i.e. By February 1, 2020 you register for calendar year 2020)

What will registration entail?

- Company contact information
- A list of solid waste collection vehicles
- A registration fee of \$50 per collector and \$50 per collection vehicle

Visit <https://dpw.dc.gov/SWCInfo> and review the Solid Waste Collector Registration Guide for more information.

What will I need to report?

- Location, name, and facility type of each delivery facility used to dispose of solid waste collected in the District
- Type of material delivered
- Tonnage of material delivered
- Data may be reported by quarter.



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