

Recycling & Waste Diversion Long Term Goals Among 10-Largest U.S. Cities and Select Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction		Population (2014 Census Estimates)	Year Plan Adopted/Updated	Recycling/Diversion Goal	By Year	Pay as You Throw?	Waste Reduction Initiatives (e.g. plastic bag bans, EPS/Styrofoam bans, etc.)	Do Goals Include WTE or Conversion Technologies?	Notes:
Top 10 Cities	New York, NY	8,491,079	2014	Zero Waste (90% waste reduction from 2005 baseline)	2030	No	EPS, Plastic bags		Still dual stream recycling (examining single-stream)
	Los Angeles, CA	3,928,864	2013	Zero Waste	2025	Yes	Plastic bags, EPS (partial)	Yes	Commercial franchising
	Chicago, IL	2,722,389	2014	40%	2040	No	Plastic bags		
	Houston, TX	2,239,558	2013	75%		No	No		Were pursuing MWP facility
	Philadelphia, PA	1,560,297	State goal: 1998; City goal: 2009	35% Recycling (state); 70% Landfill Diversion (City)	2015	No	No	Landfill diversion goal	SW Plan rewrite in development.
	Phoenix, AZ	1,537,058	2013	40%	2020	Yes	No		
	San Antonio, TX	1,436,697	2010	60%	2020-2025	Piloting	No		
	San Diego, CA	1,381,069	2015	Zero Waste/90%	2035	Yes	Plastic bags	Yes	
	Dallas, TX	1,281,047	2008	Zero Waste	2040	No	5c Plastic bags fee		40% diversion by 2020; 60% by 2030
	San Jose, CA	1,015,785	2007	Zero Waste	2022	Yes	Plastic bags, EPS	Yes	Includes wet-dry commercial system; mixed-waste processing.
Other Cities	Austin, TX	912,791	2009	Zero Waste	2040	Yes	Plastic bags		
	Jacksonville, FL	853,382	2008	75%	2020	No	No	Yes	Includes incineration; state goal
	San Francisco, CA	852,469	2011	Zero Waste	2020	Yes	Plastic bags, EPS		Includes pre-consumer inerts
	Columbus, OH	835,957	2011	50%		No	No		State goal; 25% residential, 66 % commercial/industrial
	Indianapolis, IN	820,445	2010	60%	2020	No	No	Yes	Pursuing MWP instead of source-separated curbside
	Fort Worth, TX	812,238	2012	40%	2020	Yes	No		
	Seattle, WA	668,342	2011	Zero Waste	2025	Yes	Plastic bags, EPS, 10c fee on paper bags		
	Denver, CO	663,862	2011	50%	2020	No	No		
	Portland, OR	619,360	2008	Zero Waste, 75%	2015	Yes	Plastic bags, EPS		City divided into exclusive franchise zones
	Minneapolis, MN	407,207	2014	Zero Waste*		No	No	No	* Mayoral goal; plan in development