

# VOLUME-TO-WEIGHT REFERENCE CARD

How many pounds of recycled material do you have? Use this reference card to help determine the amount. When reporting to DHEC, please convert volume to weight. Similar calculations will help data from each source to be compared accurately.

Below are some examples of the types and sizes of containers that are typically used.

## Recycling Bins and Roll-cart Containers



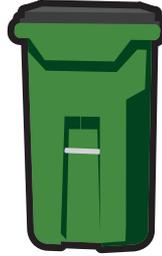
Curbside Bin  
18 gallons



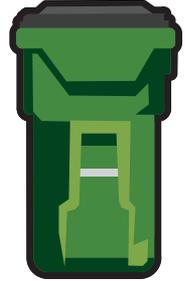
Drum Bin  
35 gallons



Barrel with Lid  
55 gallons

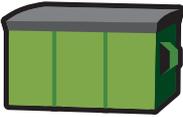


Small Roll-cart  
65 gallons



Large Roll-cart  
95 gallons

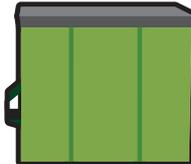
## Dumpsters



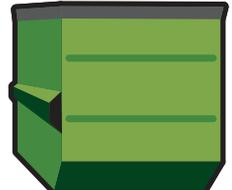
2 cubic yards



4 cubic yards



6 cubic yards

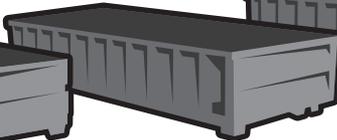


8 cubic yards

## Roll-off Dumpsters



15 cubic yards



20 cubic yards



30 cubic yards



40 cubic yards

### TYPICAL GARBAGE BAG VOLUMES

SMALL BAGS	LARGE BAGS
4 gallons (bathroom)	30 gallons
8 gallons (bathroom)	33 gallons
13 gallons (kitchen)	39 gallons
—	45 gallons



# Conversion Factors

If your material is commingled:

COMMINGLED MATERIALS	POUNDS/ GALLONS	POUNDS/ CUBIC YARDS
Cans, Bottles and Mixed Paper	1.73	300.35
Cans, Bottles, Steel Cans and Mixed Paper	1.18	204.76
Cans, Bottles, Steel Cans, Glass and Mixed Paper	1.02	177.32
Cans, Bottles and Glass	0.35	61.55
Cans, Bottles and Steel Cans	0.18	31.35
Cans, Bottles, Steel Cans and Glass	0.32	55.80
Cans and Bottles	0.16	27.22

If your material is source separated:

SINGLE MATERIAL	POUNDS/ GALLONS	POUNDS/ CUBIC YARDS
Paper (Office/Printer Paper ONLY)	2.80	371.53
Cardboard	1.16	200.93
Mixed Paper	0.97	342.49
Steel Cans	0.74	128.47
Aluminum Cans	0.15	39.93
Plastic Bottles	0.12	26.08
Glass Bottles	2.06	415.52

MATERIAL	POUNDS PER 1 ITEM
Aluminum Can	0.03
Carton (Milk or Juice)	0.03
Glass Bottle	0.44
Plastic Bottle	0.04
Steel Can	0.09



To get total weight:

Number of Containers (of same size)	X	Size of Container	X	Conversion Factor	=	Weight of Material/Pickup
Weight of Material/Pickup	X	Number of Pickups (per month or year)	=	Total Weight of Material (per month or year)		

**Don't forget to report your data BY SEPTEMBER 15.**

To submit your data, please visit [connect.re-trac.com](http://connect.re-trac.com).



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