

# Worksheet for Calculation of Residential Solid Waste Generated Per Capita for Cities and Towns with Populations of 5,000 or more\*

Type in available data in cells with red boxes; gray cells produce calculations through formulas.

See numbered directions on left for how to obtain needed data.

Town: Litchfield, CT

Fiscal Year Being Calculated: 2019 - 2020

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\*Towns with a population of fewer than 5,000 may calculate their residential solid waste generated per capita using similar methodology but adapted to their needs. For additional support, please contact [info@sustainablect.org](mailto:info@sustainablect.org).

1. Determine the total residential solid waste generated for your municipality or town, in pounds, for the fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th).		(i) Tons (T) from Curbside	2,557
(i) For towns and cities that use a subscription service for curbside collection, gather data from each hauler that holds a permit to collect waste in your community. For municipal or contract curbside collection, use residential tons associated with the households in the program.		Total Residential Solid Waste Generated (lbs) (fiscal year, July 1st-June 30th)	(A)
(ii) If you have a transfer station that collects residential waste then include that number in the Transfer Station field.		(ii) Tons (T) from Transfer Station	
		(iii) Tons (T) from Other Source	
		Total Tons (T)	2,557
		Total Converted to Pounds (lbs)	5,114,000
<u>Total Tons is converted to Pounds by multiplying by 2000</u>			
2. Go to the United States Census Bureau's Quick Facts website: <a href="https://www.census.gov/quickfacts">https://www.census.gov/quickfacts</a>			
a. In the search box on the top left, type in the name of your town. If more than one entry comes up, please select the one with the county name included.			
3. Under the "Family & Living Arrangements" section, determine your town or city's average "Persons per household": _____ (B)		(B) Average Persons Per Household	2.9
NOTE: If you know the number of homes picked up in your community, please use that number in cell E24 to override the formula in response to question 7 on line 25 of this spreadsheet. If you don't have the exact number, please go through the exercise below to estimate the number of households.			
4. Go to the United States Census Bureau's Explore Census Data website: <a href="https://data.census.gov">https://data.census.gov</a>			
a. Click on <b>Advanced Search</b>			
b. On the Table ID line, type <b>DP04</b>			
c. Click <b>Search</b> on the lower right of the screen			
d. Click <b>Filter</b> in the upper left of the screen			
e. On the search line, begin typing the name of the City or Town			
f. A series of options will appear with check boxes. Check the box next to your City or Town			
g. Click <b>Hide</b> on upper right of screen			
5. Under "Housing Occupancy," determine the percent of "Occupied Housing Units for your municipality" and record the number as a decimal (e.g., record 95.6% as 0.956): _____ (C)		(C) % of Occupied Housing Units	86.35%
6. Scroll down a little further and click on the "Units in Structure" section. Look at the estimated number of units for each of the following:		(i) 1-unit, detached	2,747
1-unit, detached: _____ (i)		(ii) 1-unit, attached	68
1-unit, attached: _____ (ii)		(iii) 2 units	110
2 units: _____ (iii)		(iv) 3 or 4 units	16
3 or 4 units: _____ (iv)		(v) 4 units and above (if applicable)	316
4 units and above: _____ (v) (if applicable)			
Total: _____ (D)***		(D) Units in Structure	
***This number represents the total number of homes where residential (vs. commercial) trash is collected from. In some community residential pick-up may occur in unit structures greater than 4. If so, then include this in (v).			
		Total housing units	3,257
7. Multiply the decimal version of the percent occupied housing units (C) by the total number of housing structures from which residential class is collected (D): _____ (E)		(E)	2,812
8. Multiply that number (E) by the average persons per household (B): _____ (F)		(F)	8,156
9. Divide the waste total (A) by the number in (F).		Residential Solid Waste Generated Per Capita Per Year (in pounds)	627.02