

# POLICY AND STRATEGY

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#### Waste service providers include:

- Individuals or businesses who collect and transport waste (formal and informal)
- Waste sorters, such as recycling or waste minimisation groups
- Scrap dealers
- Buy-back centres
- Building/demolition companies

#### Waste management plans for these service providers should cover:

- The quantity and type of waste being managed.
- A description of the services required to store, collect, transport and dispose of the waste safely.
- Details of potential environmental impact of the waste
- A pollution prevention plan
- The type or characteristics of environmentally sensitive waste

This process helps ensure that waste management by private entities is managed and disposed in a safe and responsible way. All residents that use private waste management services for home or business waste must please ensure their service provider is accredited with the City, to help prevent illegal dumping in our communities.



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## Approval of Integrated Waste Management Plans for Waste Generators

All businesses that could generate waste in Cape Town are required to develop a waste management plan covering:

- How much waste is generated by the business
- What type of waste is generated by the business
- What is the potential environmental impact of the waste
- Targets for minimizing waste, and plans to reach those targets
- Strategies for preventing pollution and safe disposal of waste generated by the business.

The approval process for waste management plans for businesses helps the City meet waste minimization targets and conserves limited space in our landfills. It also helps ensure that businesses are disposing of waste correctly. Residents are encouraged to report businesses that do not have a waste management plan to the City, so we can ensure that they are minimizing waste and disposing of waste in a safe and responsible way.

### Strategic Support

The Policy and Strategy branch helps develop and review strategies, policies and plans for the City, based on emerging trends and data from the administration of waste management plans and industry studies.

#### Key documents that guide the approach to Waste Management in Cape Town include:

- City of Cape Town Waste Strategy (Currently in draft – Public participation to follow)
- City of Cape Town Integrated Waste Management Sector Plan
- Integrated Waste Management Policy
- Integrated Waste Management By-law

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