

# WASTE TREATMENT & DISPOSAL INDUSTRY (NAICS 56221)

## INDUSTRY DEFINITION AND RELATED INDUSTRIES

**NAICS 56221: Waste Treatment & Disposal.** This industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in (1) operating waste treatment or disposal facilities (except sewer systems or sewage treatment facilities) or (2) the combined activity of collecting and/or hauling of waste materials within a local area and operating waste treatment or disposal facilities. Waste combustors or incinerators (including those that may produce byproducts, such as electricity), solid waste landfills, and compost dumps are included in this industry.

### Related Industries

- Garbage Collection
- Local Trucking
- Long-Distance Trucking

### U.S. Census Categories

NAICS 56221 – Waste Treatment & Disposal is 10% comparable to  
SIC 4953 – Refuse Systems

### Sub-Industries

- Refuse systems
- Hazardous waste collection and disposal
- Acid waste, collection and disposal
- Chemical detoxification
- Radioactive waste materials, disposal
- Refuse collection and disposal services
- Garbage: collecting, destroying, and processing
- Liquid waste, collection and disposal
- Rubbish collection and disposal
- Street refuse systems
- Nonhazardous waste disposal sites
- Dumps, operation of
- Sanitary landfill operation
- Sludge disposal sites
- Ashes, collection and disposal
- Other waste treatment and disposal