



# The Future of Processing and Collecting

(or Collections and Processing – Have to Get the Material First!)

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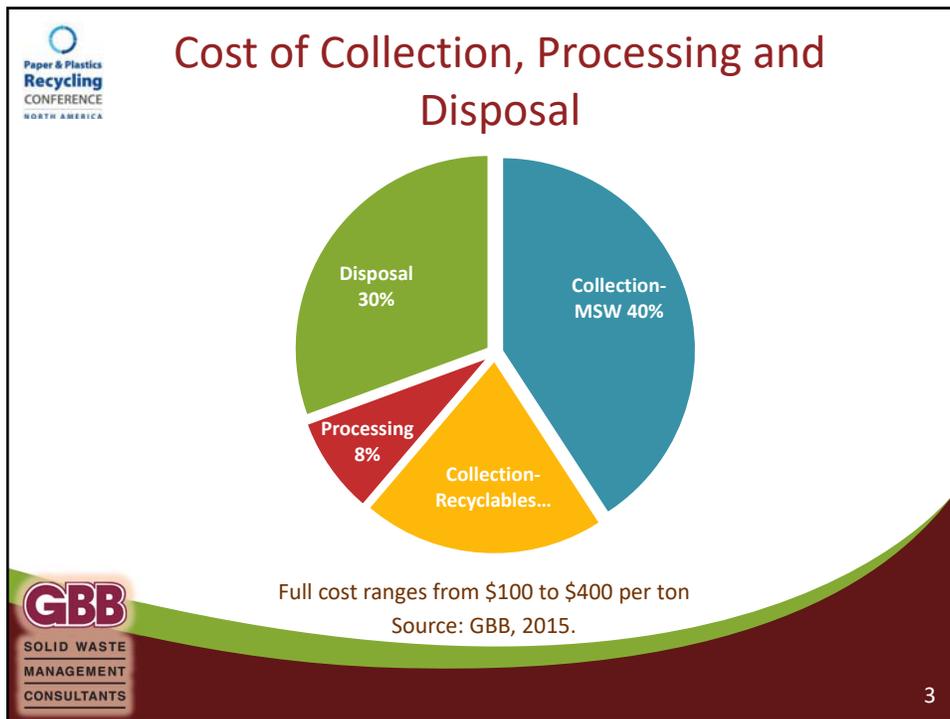
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## GBB's Waste Consulting Services

- Economic, technical and environmental reviews
- Procurements
- Due diligence third-party reviews
- Waste characterization and sourcing
- Process planning and conceptual designs
- Independent feasibility consultant





**Collection Improvements Can Lower Cost and Improve Service**

- Routing Optimization
  - Semi-Automated and Automated
  - Pick-up Schedule
  - Real-Time Updates
- RFID Tags and Wireless Monitoring
- Driver Monitoring and Safety
- Renewable Fuels
- Driverless Vehicles

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## Semi-Automated Collections

- Usually Require a ANSI Type “B” Container
- Can be used with Front or Side Load but most frequently with Rear Load
- Can collect from both sides of curb



Source: Rumpke. GBB

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## Automated Collections – Side Load

- Require a ANSI Type “G” Container
- Can reduce injuries and fatigue
- Can only collect from one side of curb at a time



Source: Labrie

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## Automated Collections – Front Load

- Require a ANSI Type “G” Container
- Improved Vision of Loads for Driver
- Large/Long vehicle required with tall dump height



Source: Curatto-Can

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## Pick-up Schedules

- Switching to EOW collections can reduce costs
- Portland, OR METRO now collects Organics and Food Scraps every week and MSW and Recyclables EOW
- GBB Waste Characterization Study for Mecklenburg County, NC with EOW Recyclable collections found:
  - *No statistical difference in the amount of recyclables in the waste between recycling and non-recycling weeks*



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## Route Optimization

- Software to optimize routes and timing now can include
  - Real-time updates with Traffic or pick-up changes
  - Use either in-cab tablets or smartphones
- Apps for Customers as well to ask “What goes Where?”



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Source: FleetRoute™, ReCollect

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## Cart Monitoring (The Internet of Things - IoT)

- RFID Tags to Track Individual Carts
  - Monitor Inventory
  - Record Individual Collections
- Wireless Fill Monitors to Signal when Carts are Nearing Capacity
  - Can customize routes to only collect carts that are nearly full



Source: Evevo

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## Driver Monitoring and Safety

- Internal cameras monitor driver behavior at critical moments
- External cameras monitor vehicle
  - For automation cart collections
  - To prevent fraudulent claims
  - To prevent damage in tight areas

Source: Brigade



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## Driverless Vehicles

- Big Push in Passenger Vehicles and Trucking
- Government has recently issued guidelines
- Volvo has a prototype electric driverless dump truck
- Collection Drivers have additional tasks required than just driving from A to B!

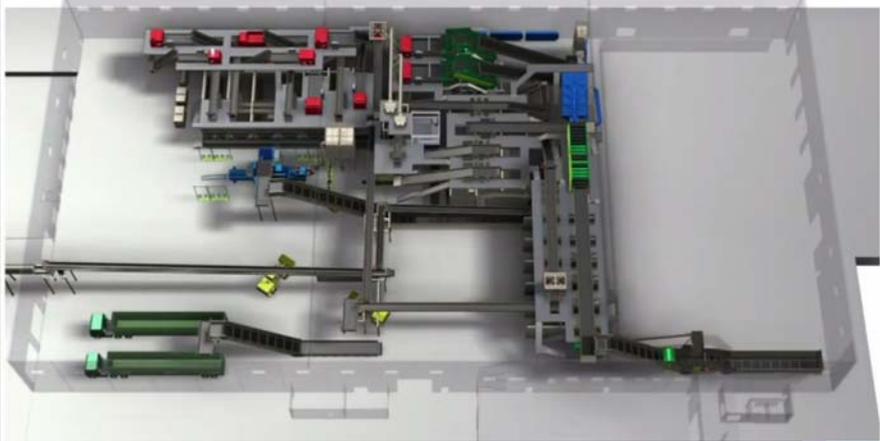
Source: Volvo



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## Processing of MSW and Recyclables



Source: BHS/Infinitus

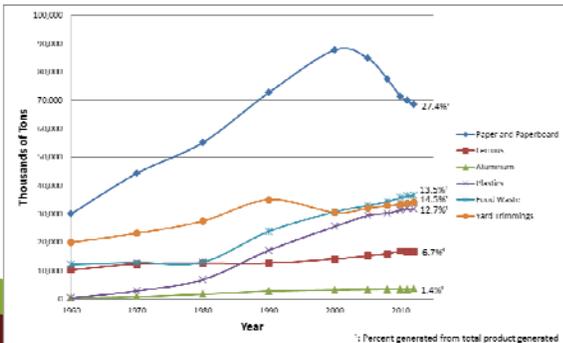
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## The Changing Waste Stream

- Less Paper
- Product Lightening – Lower weight and more volume
  - 30 TPH systems are now 25 TPH systems
- Increased Product Complexity
  - Colored PET, increased uses of #5 Polypropylene



Source: EPA Generated Materials/GBB

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Year	Paper and Paperboard	Lumber	Aluminum	Metals	Plastics Waste	Yard trimmings
1950	~100,000	~10,000	~1,000	~1,000	~1,000	~10,000
1970	~150,000	~10,000	~1,000	~1,000	~1,000	~10,000
1990	~70,000	~10,000	~1,000	~1,000	~1,000	~10,000
2010	27.4%	6.7%	1.4%	1.5%	12.7%	23.2%



## Contamination and “Wish”-Cycling

- Households are now Customers, not Participants
- Contamination has been increasing in recent years
  - Non-program materials and single stream contamination is different than MRF Residue Rate, which is what is usually reported
- Push to “Recycle More” leads to “Wish”-cycling



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## Examples of Single Stream Contamination Issues



Food Waste & Vegetation



Contaminated Material & Food Waste



ONP Screen Jammed w/Plastic Waste



Household Trash, Electronics and Hoses



Source: ReCommunity

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## Contamination Causes

### ❑ Generator Problems

- Confused
- Poor communications
- Too many targeted recyclables
- Maybe this is recyclable!

### ❑ Operator Problems

- PAYT waste cart too small
- Dual compartment collection
- Glass!



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## Automation Key to Separation and Quality



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## Differences Between MWPF and MRFs are Narrowing

- Materials are becoming similar with greater SS contamination
- Machines are much the same, different front end, identical on the back end
- MWPF can also process Single Stream, but not the other way around
- All machines are being developed to wrap less materials



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## Additional Info:

- MWPF Reports from American Chemistry Council
  - Evolution of MWPF (1970-Today)
  - Supplemental Technology and Equipment Guide





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*Thank you!!*

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