**Waste Management**

**Waste** are unwanted or unusable materials. Waste is any substance which is discarded after primary use, or is worthless, defective and of no use.

**Waste management** are the activities and actions required to manage waste from its inception to its final disposal. This includes the collection, transport, treatment and disposal of waste, together with monitoring and regulation of the waste management process.

**Sources of waste**

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| **Source** | **Type** |
| Residential | Food wastes, paper, cardboard, plastics, textiles, leather, yard wastes, wood, glass, metals, electronics, batteries, oil. |
| Industrial | Housekeeping wastes, packaging, food wastes, construction and demolition materials, hazardous wastes, ashes. |
| Commercial | Paper, cardboard, plastics, wood, food wastes, glass, metals, special wastes, hazardous wastes. |
| Institutional | Paper, cardboard, plastics, wood, food wastes, glass, metals, special wastes, hazardous wastes. |
| Construction and demolition | Wood, steel, concrete, dirt, etc. |
| Municipal services | Street sweepings; landscape and tree trimmings; general wastes from parks, and other recreational areas. |
| Agriculture | Spoiled food wastes, agricultural wastes, hazardous wastes (e.g., pesticides). |