

## Community Municipal Solid Waste

Give as much detail as you can about waste management in your community and school. Following are some general questions to help you get started.

### General Information:

- ▶ Is your community considered rural, suburban, or urban?
- ▶ What is the population of your area?
- ▶ What is the total amount of MSW generated per year?
- ▶ What is the per capita generation? (Calculate the total MSW weight per person.)
- ▶ Do you have a recycling program? If so, what items are recovered? If not, is there a plan for one in the future?
- ▶ Is there a composting program? If so, what is composted? Is composting done by individuals or by a municipal program? What is done with the compost?
- ▶ Is there any type of waste prevention or reduction program?
- ▶ Are there special collections of household hazardous waste?
- ▶ How are items for disposal, recycling, or composting collected? Where are they taken?
- ▶ How has the MSW program in your area changed in the past 5-20 years? How may it change in the future?

### School Programs:

- ▶ What is the population of your school?
- ▶ Can you describe the waste management program in your school? (Include a descriptive essay, flow chart, pictures, or video.)
- ▶ Does the school have recycling or composting programs? For what materials? Is any money generated?
- ▶ Are there programs to reduce waste or reuse items?
- ▶ Who runs the programs and how successful are they?