

# THE LANDFILL ALLOWANCE TRADING SCHEME (LATS)

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The collection of information should not place an additional burden on Waste Disposal Authorities, although they will now need to supply the information they already collect quarterly instead of annually. It is anticipated that the following information will need to be collected:

- a) The amount of municipal solid waste collected;
- b) The amount of municipal solid waste sent to landfills; and
- c) The amount of municipal solid waste diverted to other waste management facilities.

2. **How is waste that is treated prior to landfill measured?**

The Environment Agency carried out a research project to determine the results from different treatment options in terms of waste and biodegradable content reduction. It consulted on this and the results of this project were published in 2004.

Some "treatments", e.g. de-watering

do not count as diversion of BMW, only methods of treatment that actually reduce the impact of emissions from waste contribute towards an authority's diversion.

3. **Will home-composting schemes be counted as diversion of biodegradable municipal waste?**

Biodegradable waste composted by householders on their domestic premises benefits WDAs, as it reduces waste arisings. WRAP and the Environment Agency (EA) have been considering whether there is a way to modify the Mass Balance Calculation (MBC) to accurately reflect the impact of home composting on diverting BMW from landfill. Whether the model WRAP and the EA are considering can be included in the MBC was one of the topics covered in the LATS Operational Review in 2007. The work is still ongoing.

