



**Universal Recycling Ordinance Phase 2
Administrative Rules Development Process**

**Stakeholder Group Meeting #6
Healthcare**

September 25, 2013





What is Zero Waste?

Visionary goal to:

- Reduce consumption
- Minimize waste
- Maximize recycling

Ideally, products are made to be:

- Reused
- Repaired
- Recycled

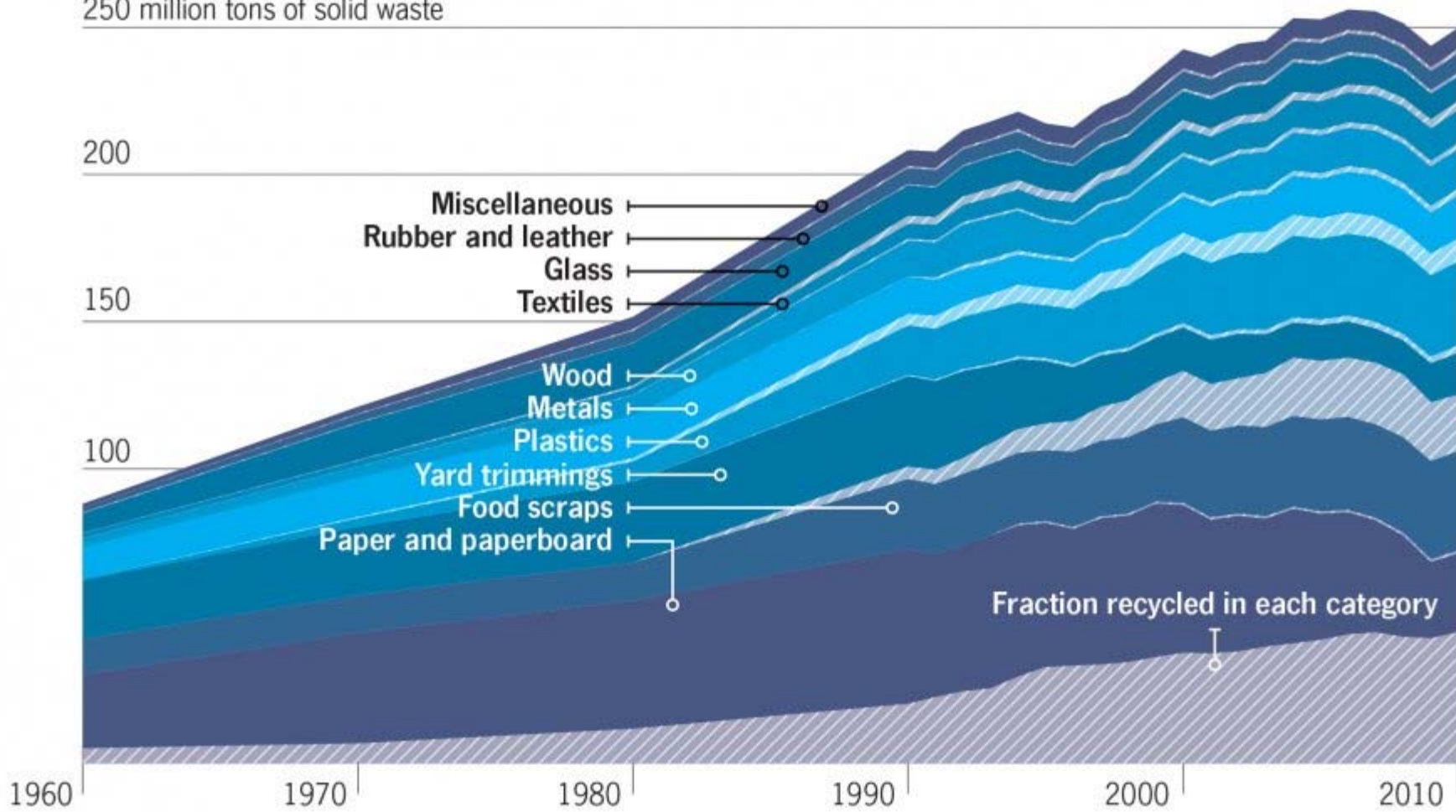
What is Zero Waste?

Designing a Full-Cycle System-Upstream and Downstream

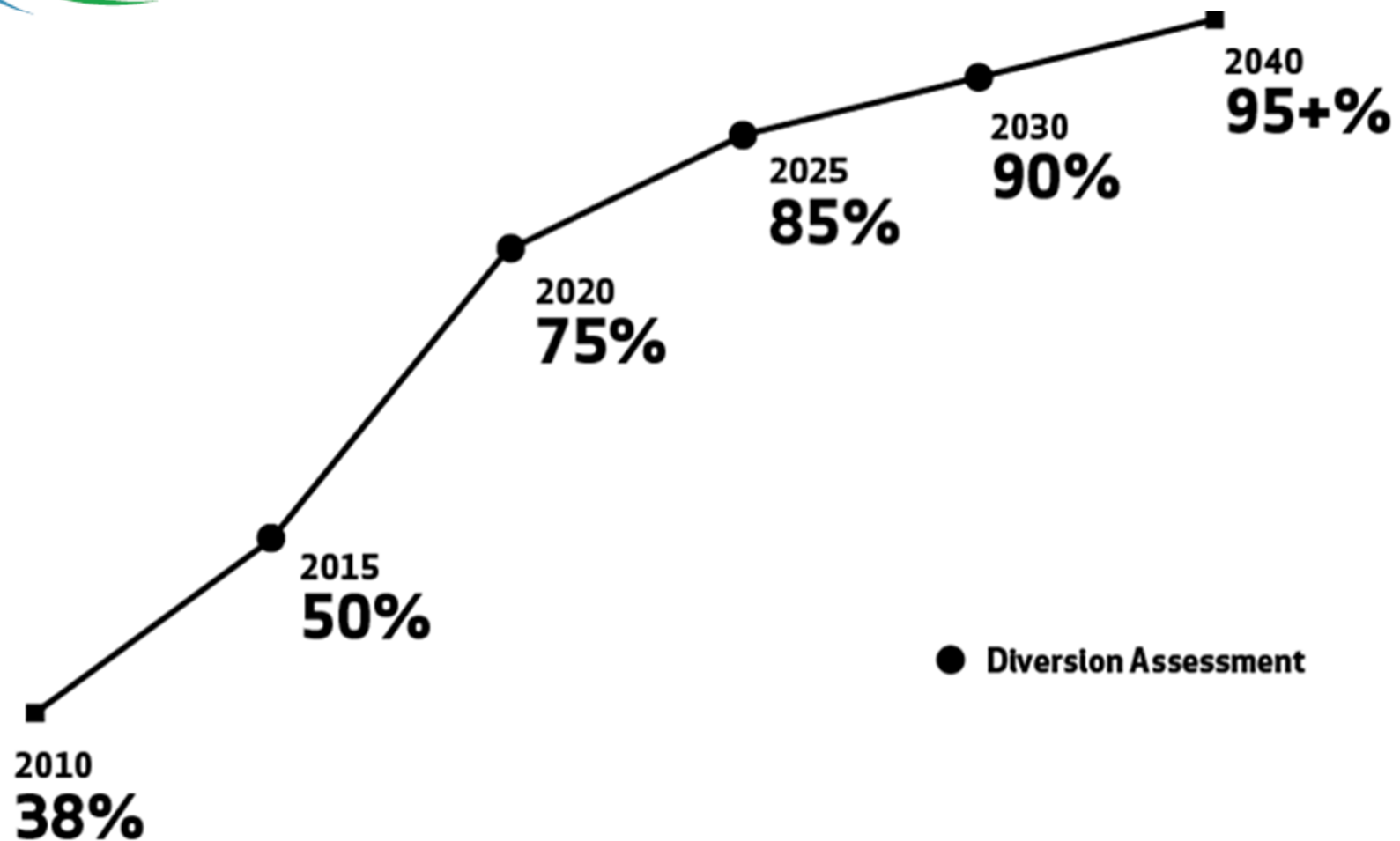


Recycling Rates in the U.S.

250 million tons of solid waste



Austin's Zero Waste Goal



Single-Stream Processing

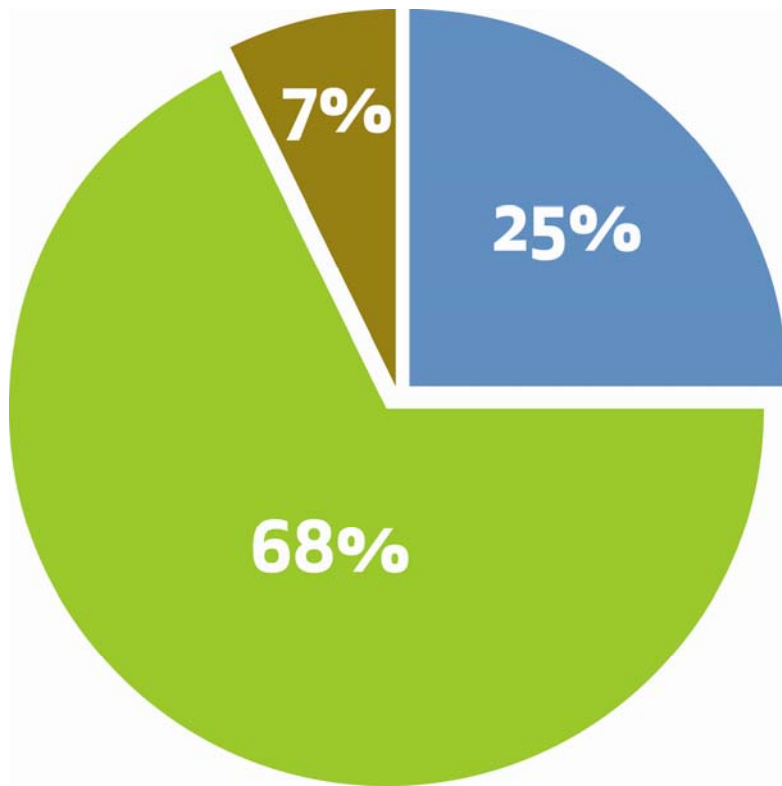


POPSCI **THE FUTURE NOW**

Popular Science magazine, August 2013



City & Private Sector Services



Hauler	Tons/yr	%
City of Austin	360,500	25%
Private Sector	976,100	68%
Self hauled	108,700	7%
Total	1,445,300	100%



Universal Recycling Ordinance

Intent of Ordinance

- Establish minimum recycling standards for Austin business community
- Make meaningful progress towards Austin's Zero Waste goal
- Ensure recycling is available and convenient for employees and tenants



URO Implementation

Effective Year (October 1)	Multifamily Properties (# Units)	Commercial Properties (Interior square feet)			Compost Programs at Food Service Businesses
		Offices, Institutions	Retail, Industrial, and Food Service		
2012	>75*	>100,000*			
2013	>50*	>75,000*			
2014	>25*	>50,000*	>50,000		
2015	>10	>25,000*	>25,000		
2016	All	>5,000	>5,000	>5,000	
2017		All	All	All	



URO Implementation

As of Oct. 1, 2013, the URO affects

- 676 Multifamily Complexes
 - 140,000 tenants
- 238 Office or Institutional Properties
 - >40 million square feet
 - ~100,000 employees



URO Basic Requirements

Property owners, or designees, must ensure:

- Annual education
- Completed online Recycling Plan
- Clearly marked receptacles
- Sufficient service capacity
- Collection of 5 materials

WASTE: AN EXPENSE EVERY BUSINESS
CAN REDUCE

FREE
ZERO WASTE
SERVICES



What works for your business?



Business Outreach Team...

FREE WASTE
TRAINING

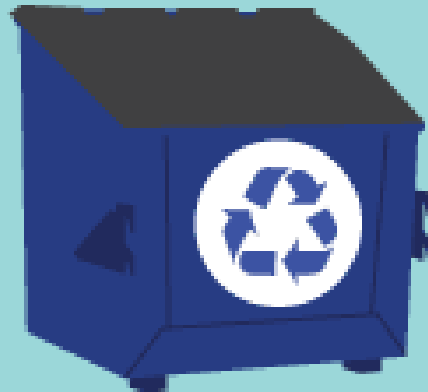
Palmer
Events Center
Thursday,
March 21, 2013
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Learn how to decrease
costs by assessing a
business-generated

Details and Register at
austintexas.gov/comm

IS YOUR PROPERTY READY TO
RECYCLE?

Attend a **FREE**
Lunch & Learn about
recycling requirements



Register today

WASTE:
EXPENSE
/ **BUSINESS**
REDUCE

Austin Resource Recovery's free
Zero Waste Business Services can
help your company divert more
materials from the landfill and
save money.

Learn more at
austintexas.gov

ZERO:
A NUMBER
EVERY BUSINESS
CAN WORK WITH

Austin Resource Recovery's free
Zero Waste Business Services can help
your business eliminate waste, recycle
more and reduce operational costs.

Learn more at
austintexas.gov/zeroswastebusiness

REDUCE:
A STRATEGY
EVERY BUSINESS
CAN EMPLOY

Austin Resource Recovery's free
Zero Waste Business Services can
help you start or improve your
company's recycling program and
reduce operational costs.

Learn more at
austintexas.gov/zeroswastebusiness





...Implementation Questions?

**Austin Resource Recovery, Strategic Initiatives
Business Outreach Team**

commercialrecycling@austinrecycles.com

Aiden Cohen

512-769-0485

Aiden.Cohen@austintexas.gov



URO Phase 2: Administrative Rules Amendment Process

1

Stakeholder
Discussions

Updates to
URO Phase 2
Committee
(quarterly)

*June – Dec.
2013*

2

Input on Draft
Recommended
Amendments
(stakeholder
review)

*Jan. – Feb.
2014*

3

URO Phase 2
Committee
approval
&
ZWAC approval

*Feb. – April
2014*

4

City Council
(adoption)

*May – June
2014*

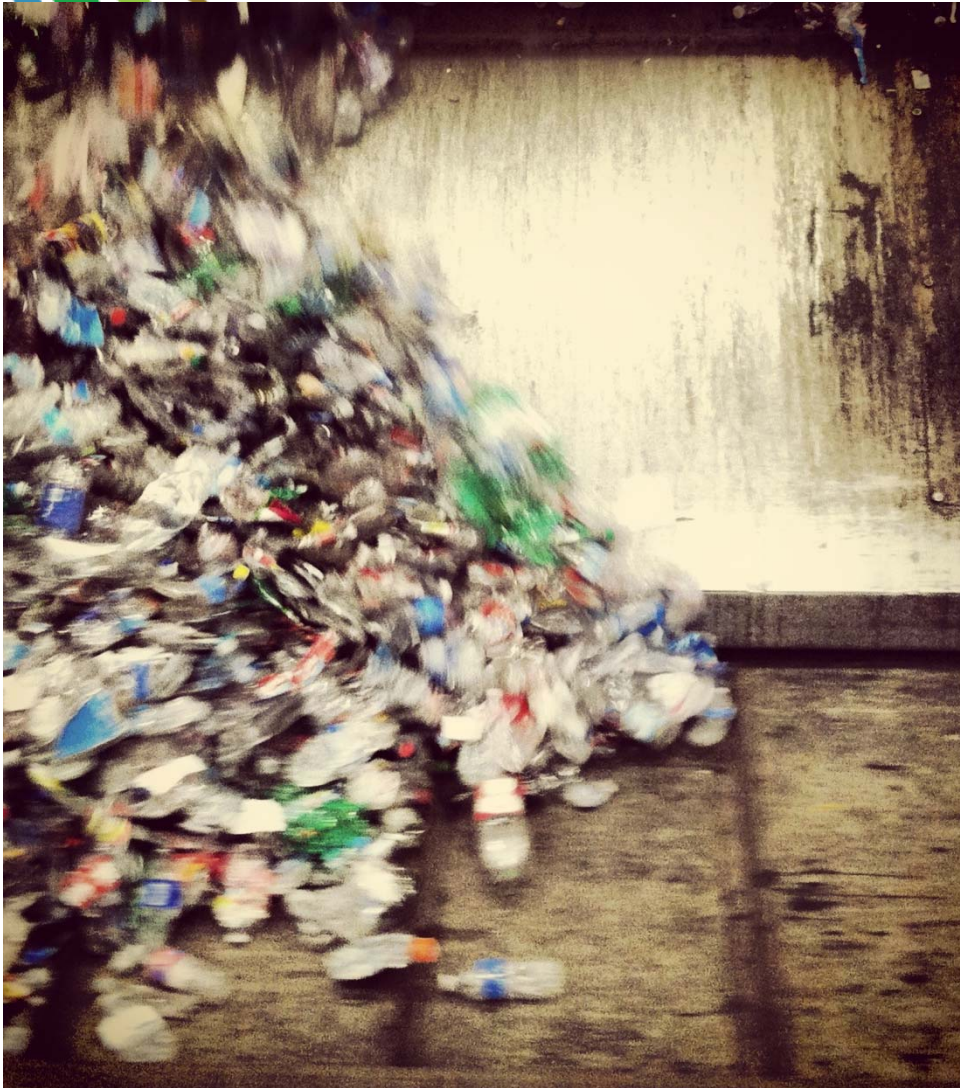


Rules amendment process: schedule

	Meetings	Scheduled Date*
Quarter 1	URO Phase 2 Committee - Kickoff	June 13, 2013
	Licensed Haulers	June 24, 2013
	Associations / Organizations	July 17, 2013
	Industrial / Manufacturing	July 31, 2013
	URO Phase 2 Committee - Update	August 13, 2013
Q2	Retail / Property management	August 28, 2013
	Grocery	September 9, 2013
	Healthcare	September 25, 2013
	Hotel / Motel	October 7, 2013
	Restaurants / Bars	October 22, 2013
	Restaurants / Bars	November 6, 2013
	URO Phase 2 Committee - Update	November 14, 2013
Q3	Other	December 11, 2013
	URO Phase 2 Committee - Final Update	December 17, 2013
Q4	Rules (final drafting and approvals); Public Hearings (ZWAC); City Council Adoption	January - June 2014

* Dates provided are subject to change.

URO and the Administrative Rules



- URO is policy framework
 - *tells you what is required*
- Director's Administrative Rules are the details
 - *specifics on how to meet the requirements*



Healthcare discussion

- Recycling
 - a) What does your waste stream look like?
 - b) What waste streams are unique to Healthcare?
 - c) What do recycling programs look like?
 - d) Tell us about amount of material recycled versus landfilled.
 - e) What would it take to get to zero waste?



Healthcare discussion

- Organics diversion
 - a) Tell us about your organic waste stream.
 - b) How is organics diversion unique in Healthcare?
 - c) What does (or would) organics diversion look like?
 - d) What would it take to get to zero waste?



Contact us

Project webpage:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/uro>

email:

commercialrecycling@austintexas.gov

Telephone:

Dee Dee Quinnelly, Senior Planner, 512.974.9201

Jason McCombs, Planner II, 512.974.2192

Gena McKinley, Program Manager, 512.974.1915





AUSTIN
SOURCE
RECOVERY
A CITY OF AUSTIN SERVICE

