

Township of Ocean  
Waste/Recycling Analysis  
2004-09

Year	Solid Waste (tons)	Recycling (tons)	Total (tons)	Diversion Rate	Recycling (tons/month)
2004	12,495	2,616	15,111	17.3%	218
2005	12,635	2,887	15,522	18.6%	241
2006	12,831	2,497	15,328	16.3%	208
2007	12,124	2,478	14,602	17.0%	207
2008	10,559	2,334	12,893	18.1%	195
2009	9,717	2,767	12,484	22.2%	231

From 2008 to 2009 Township residents increased their recycling by nearly 19%, going from 195 tons per month to 231 tons per month. This increase is likely the result of accepting cardboard and chipboard as part of the curbside collection program as well as streamlining the collection process so that both commingled and paper recyclables are collected on the same day.

It is important to note that each ton of recyclable material that is diverted from the landfill creates a savings in tipping fees (disposal costs) of nearly \$75.00 (per ton) for the Township as well as a potential revenue of between \$10 and \$30 per ton depending on the market for recyclable material.

The significant reduction in Solid Waste from 2007 to 2009 was a result of the Township eliminating its commercial dumpster service in April 2008.