Inadequate solid waste management systems present serious risks to human health, the environment, and economies around the world. Cities around the world are working hard to address these challenges. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guide highlights best practices and examples across multiple waste topics.
The guide is designed for decision-makers and policymakers involved in solid waste management, but is also useful to non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and other stakeholders.

2 UNDERSTANDING THE NEED FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Best practices highlight solid waste management options and benefits

Case studies and examples of projects or activities from cities across the world

Facilitates easy navigation between topics

Key resource boxes identify useful guidance materials, tools, and studies

Questions for decision-makers to consider when evaluating options for improving solid waste management

Download EPA’s Best Practices for Solid Waste Management guide

www.epa.gov/international-cooperation/environmentally-sound-management-waste-international-initiatives