



Waste Audits: What Are They?

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Presentation Summary

- What is a Waste Audit (and why do one)?
- Scope of work
- What the audit consultant will want to know
- What can you expect in the final Report
- Recommendations – moving on...
- Key points



What is a waste audit?

- a formal, structured process used to quantify the amount and types of waste being generated by an organisation.
- Information from audits will help identify:
 - current waste practices
 - current quantities and types of waste
 - suggest improvements



Why Do a Waste Audit?

- A more efficient and effective organisation
- Reduced waste management costs
- Better use of limited natural resources.
- Meeting staff concerns



Scoping out the project: What the consultant will want to know

- What do we want to achieve?
- Setting a Baseline
- Will improvements be measurable?
- What do we know already?
- What don't we know?
- How much detail do we want?
- Does our agency have special circumstances?



The Audit Itself

What should the contractor have thought about?

- Where is waste generated?
- Conducting a risk assessment
- meaningful level of detail
- Data significance (sampling strategy)
- Timing issues (not Christmas!)
- Data verification
- Staff survey?



Outcomes: What should you expect in the Report?

- Data verification
- Analysis and report production
- Identify feasible opportunities for improvement
- Work out how to measure the changes



Recommendations: After the Audit...

- simple but practical ideas
- communication
- plan the logistics and strategy
- is it measurable?
- Monitoring plan and further audits



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In Summary

Key points:

- Remember what you want to achieve
- Get workable recommendations
- Ensure that changes are measurable and credible

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