

PRE-PROCESSING TECHNOLOGIES TO PREPARE SOLID WASTE FOR COMPOSTING

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AUDIENCE QUESTION

What are the costs associated with a typical MSW compost facility, inclusive of the cost for disposal of rejects which typically amount to a significant portion of the input waste (35 to 50 percent)?

AUTHORS' REPLY

Typical costs to construct, operate and maintain MSW compost facilities are between \$50 to \$80 per ton, inclusive of reject disposal costs and product revenue. As a result, other solid waste disposal alternatives are generally more cost-effective.