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## What is a Waste Assessment?

A waste assessment is an opportunity to learn how to improve materials management practices to save money. There are three parts to a waste assessment. First, general information is gathered about the business, service providers and materials generated. Second, a visual inspection of the facility takes place. The third step is optional, but powerful, because it involves sorting, characterizing and measuring materials that are both landfilled and diverted from the landfill during a certain timeframe. The data gathered provides a baseline of waste diversion. The baseline is a starting point from which all improvements can be measured.

### Oops, there are recyclables in your trash!

It's true! In every waste sort WasteCap Nebraska has performed, we have found recyclable materials taking up space in the trash dumpster. Our job is to figure out key areas where waste can be planned out of the process, and how recycling can improve so you can quit sending money and materials to the landfill.

### A cool tool

WasteCap Nebraska is a proud endorser of Waste Wise, an EPA program that enables your organization to enter waste, recycling and compost amounts into their database and track progress over time. WasteCap will enter your initial data in this easy to use system, so you can track improvements thereafter. Everybody loves success, so don't forget to share your improvements with employees. Waste Wise makes it easy.

### Schedule a Waste Assessment

Contact Julie Diegel to schedule a waste assessment at 402-436-2384 x1001 or [jdiegel@wastecapne.org](mailto:jdiegel@wastecapne.org).

Visit [www.wastecapne.org](http://www.wastecapne.org) for all your recycling needs.



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