

CISWMP AT A GLANCE: SAIPAN AND THE NORTHERN ISLANDS

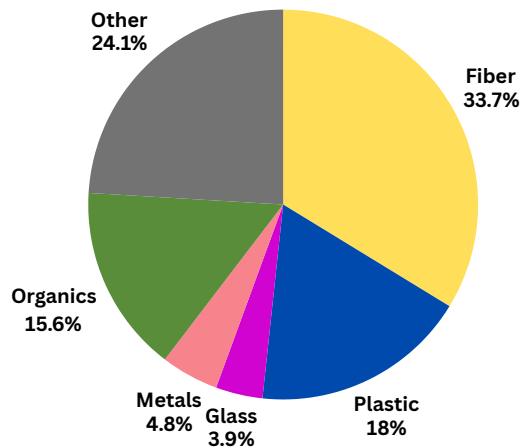
SAIPAN

Background Data:

 **Population:** 43,385
(2020 U.S. Census)

 **Estimated Amount of Waste Generated/ Year:**
~31,341 Tons
(86 Tons/Day)


Results of a March 2023 Waste Characterization Study for Saipan:



Ten-year goal found in the CNMI Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan (CSDP):





"By 2030, 50% of the recyclable waste stream will be diverted from CNMI's landfill or RCRA-compliant waste management facilities on Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands with diverted waste composted, reused, or sold to support sustainable waste management systems."

Of the solid waste currently being landfilled,





 **~75.9%** 
(~23,788 Tons)

can be diverted, recycled, or composted.

Existing Facilities:

-  Landfill at Marpi
-  Transfer Station with Recycling at Lower Base
-  Private Recyclers
-  Private Waste Haulers

Proposed New Facilities:

-  Two new Citizen Convenience Centers with Recycling in As Gonno and Kagman
-  Two organics processing sites in As Gonno and Kagman
-  Hardfill site on Saipan
-  Various equipment and infrastructure investments

NORTHERN ISLANDS

 **Population:** 7
(2020 U.S. Census)



Estimated Amount of Waste Generated/ Year:
5 Tons



Of this amount,
~75.8% (~3.8 Tons)
can be diverted, recycled, or composted*.

Given the very limited population of the Northern Islands, there are no specific solid waste management facilities planned for the islands at this time, but discussions have begun for potentially constructing a compliant solid waste site on Pagan.

It is worth noting that homesteading plans and some tourism to the islands are beginning to develop. As such, one recommendation is to support "zero waste" planning and promote behaviors such as not disturbing wildlife and packing out all waste when leaving the islands.

**Note: This was calculated based on the average amount of waste generated, or diverted, recycled, or composted per person in the other three municipalities, factoring in 2020 CNMI Census population data.*

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The Comprehensive Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI CISWMP) was prepared under the leadership of the Office of the Governor by the Office of Planning and Development (OPD) in coordination with the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Offices of the Mayors of Tinian, Rota, Saipan, and the Northern Islands, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This group of partnering agencies—OPD, DPW, the Offices of the Mayors of Saipan, Tinian and Aguihan, Rota, and the Northern Islands, BECQ, and EPA— is collectively known as the Inter-Island Solid Waste Management Taskforce.

This public hearing was conducted in accordance with 40 CFR 256.60 , 40 CFR 256.61, and CNMI Public Law 20-20 §20178.



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COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

