

# CISWMP AT A GLANCE: SAIPAN AND THE NORTHERN ISLANDS

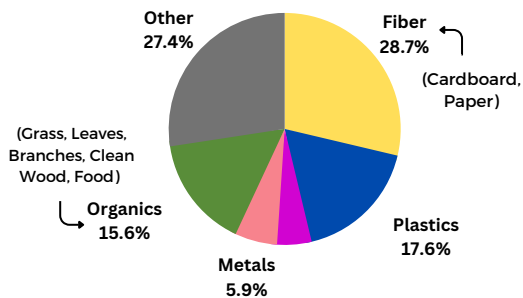
## SAIPAN

### Background Data:

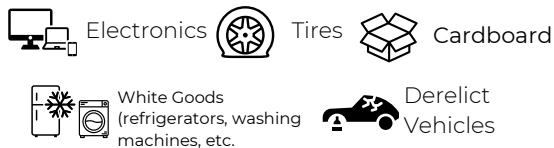
 **Population:** 43,385  
(2020 U.S. Census)

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

### Results of a March 2023 Waste Characterization Study for Saipan:



### Recycling Opportunities are Available for:



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

*“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,

**~68%**  
(~21,250 Tons)






can be diverted and recycled or composted.

### Existing Facilities:

-  Existing landfill at Mapri
-  Citizen Convenience Center (with recycling) at Lower Base
-  Private Recyclers
-  Private Hauling— Residential and Commercial

### Proposed New Facilities:

-  Two additional citizen convenience centers with recycling (As Gonno and Kagman)
-  Two organics processing sites (As Gonno and Kagman)
-  Various equipment and infrastructure investments

## NORTHERN ISLANDS

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

### Summary of Plans and Recommendations for the Northern Islands:

Given the very limited population of the Northern Islands, there are no specific solid waste management facilities planned for the islands at this time.

However, 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.

Alternative energy solutions are also being discussed for the Northern Islands. Future feasibility studies and pilot projects on alternative energy for the islands may support the development of critical infrastructure that can further zero waste and recycling goals.

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns





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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.*


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