It’s not WASTE until it’s WASTED!

**Data:** Weighted averages from sample loads of in-state waste sent to six Massachusetts incinerators.

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**Info on Waste and Waste Reduction**
- **MassDEP:** [www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/priosres.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/priosres.htm)
- **Zero Waste International Alliance:** [tinyurl.com/6r3guzs](http://tinyurl.com/6r3guzs)
- **EPA WasteWise:** [www.epa.gov/osw/partnerships/wastewise/wrr/rm.htm](http://www.epa.gov/osw/partnerships/wastewise/wrr/rm.htm)

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**PLASTICS—14%**
- containers, toys, bags, etc.

**ORGANICS—20.6%**
- food, leaves, manure, etc.

**PAPER—25.8%**
- magazines, office paper, cardboard, etc.

**CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION—13.9%**
- wood, carpet, asphalt, etc.

**OTHER MATERIALS—11.6%**
- tires, textiles, bulky items, etc.

**METALS—5.5%**
- beverage cans, “white goods”, steel composites, etc.

**ELECTRONICS—3.3%**
- TVs, computers, printers “brown goods”, etc.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE—3.2%**
- paint, batteries, fluorescents, etc.

**GLASS—2.2%**
- bottles, jars, composite glass, etc.

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Let’s REUSE, RECYCLE, and COMPOST our resources.