



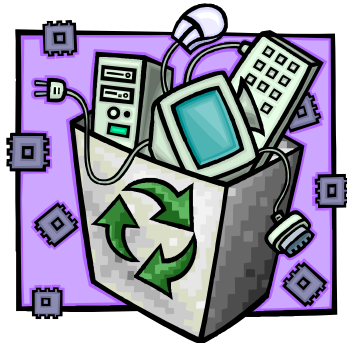
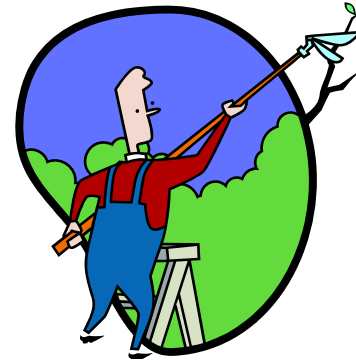
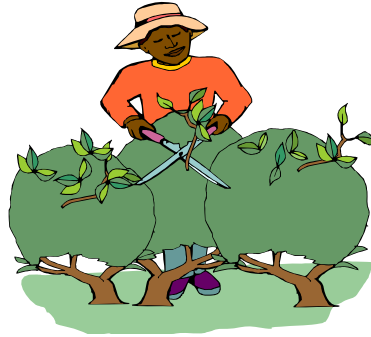
Recycling in Houston: Where Are We?

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What is in your Waste Stream?

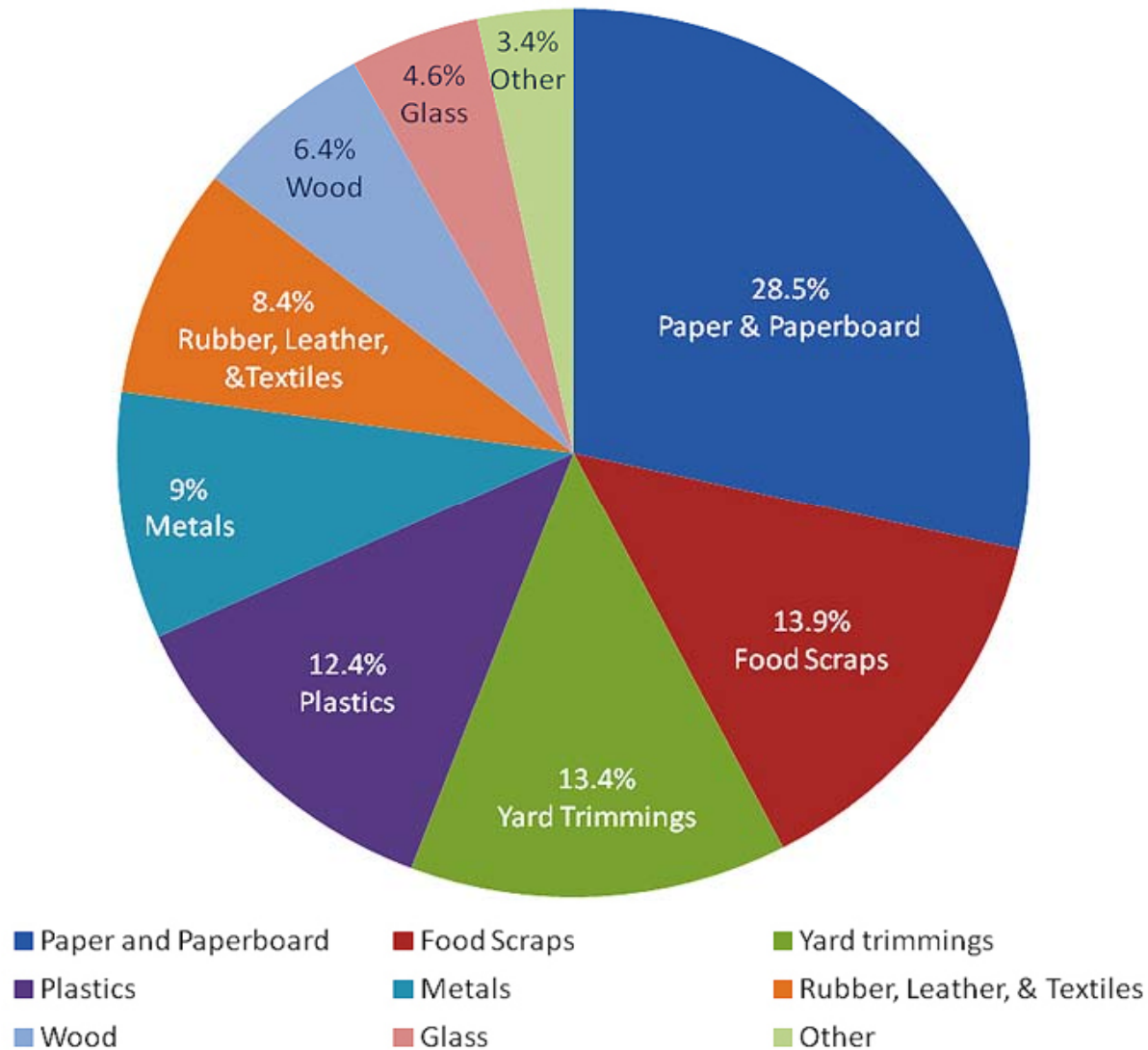




US Municipal Solid Waste 2010



2010 Total MSW Generation (by Material)
250 Million Tons (Before Recycling)





Solid Waste Task Force

"SWMD, in general, is functioning well and is quite efficient due to good management, hard-working personnel,...."





Recycling Programs and Partnerships

- Curbside recycling program
- Neighborhood recycling centers
- E-scrap recycling
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)
- Reuse Warehouse
- Go Green Community
- Recycling in City buildings
- Pilot opportunity for small businesses



MONTROSE
DISTRICT



Recycling in City Buildings

- Moved from a patchwork program of paper recycling to a comprehensive program in all City buildings and facilities.
- New program began 2009
- Average over 100 tons a month from over 300 buildings and facilities



Apartments and Businesses

- Launched a partnership with the Houston Apartment Association November 2011
- Go Green Community recognition is awarded to apartment residences offering recycling to their residents
- Piloting a recycling program for small businesses with the Montrose Management District

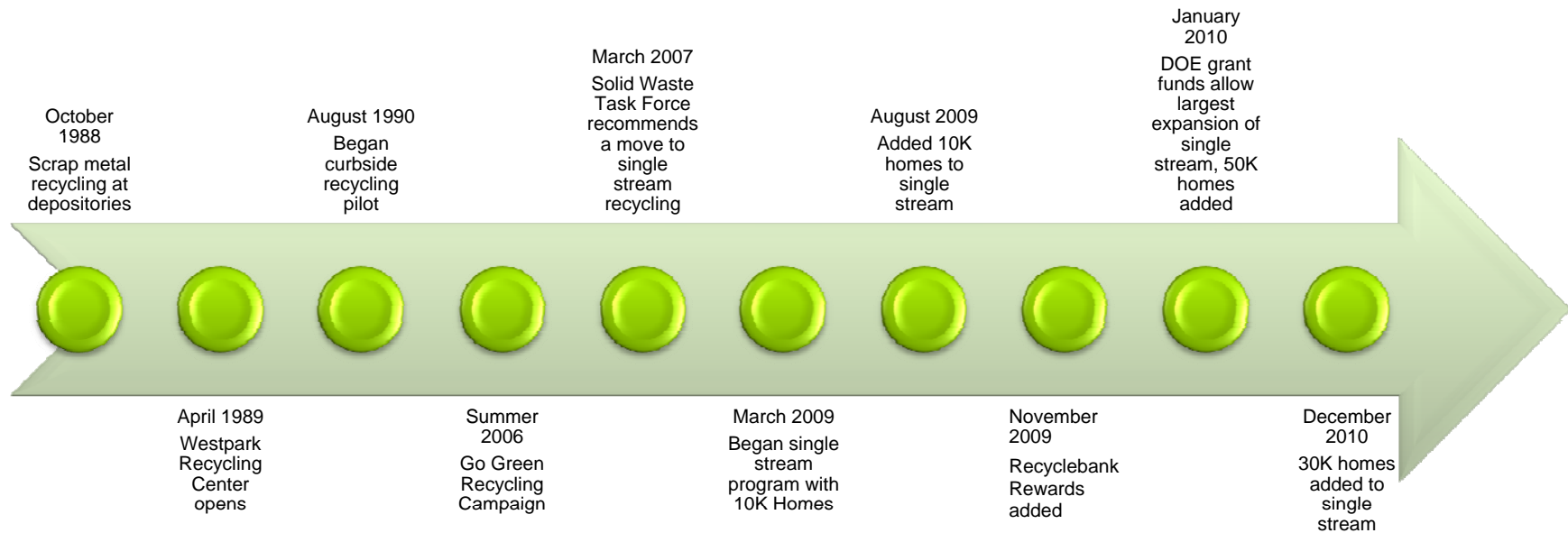


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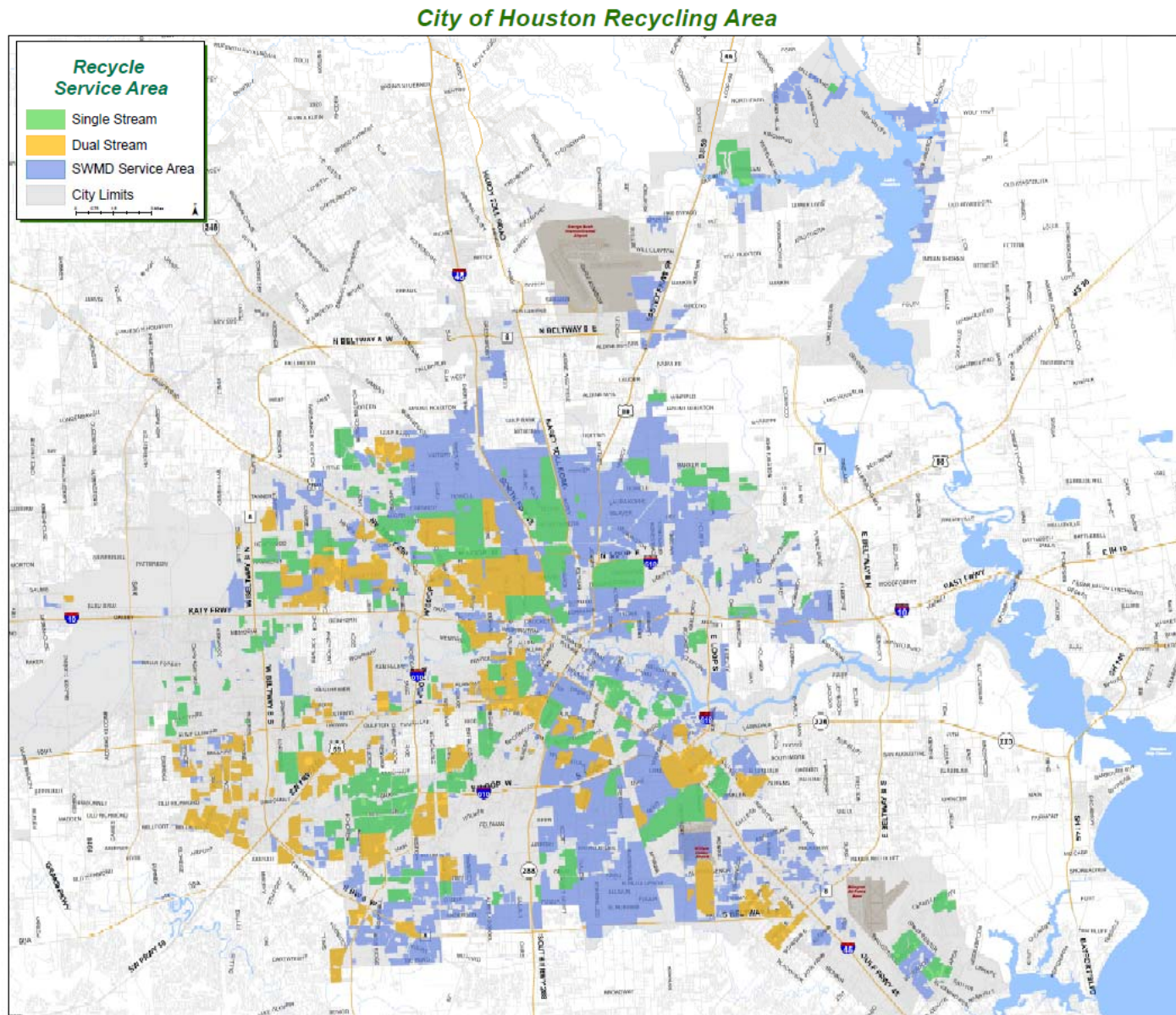


Curbside Recycling: History





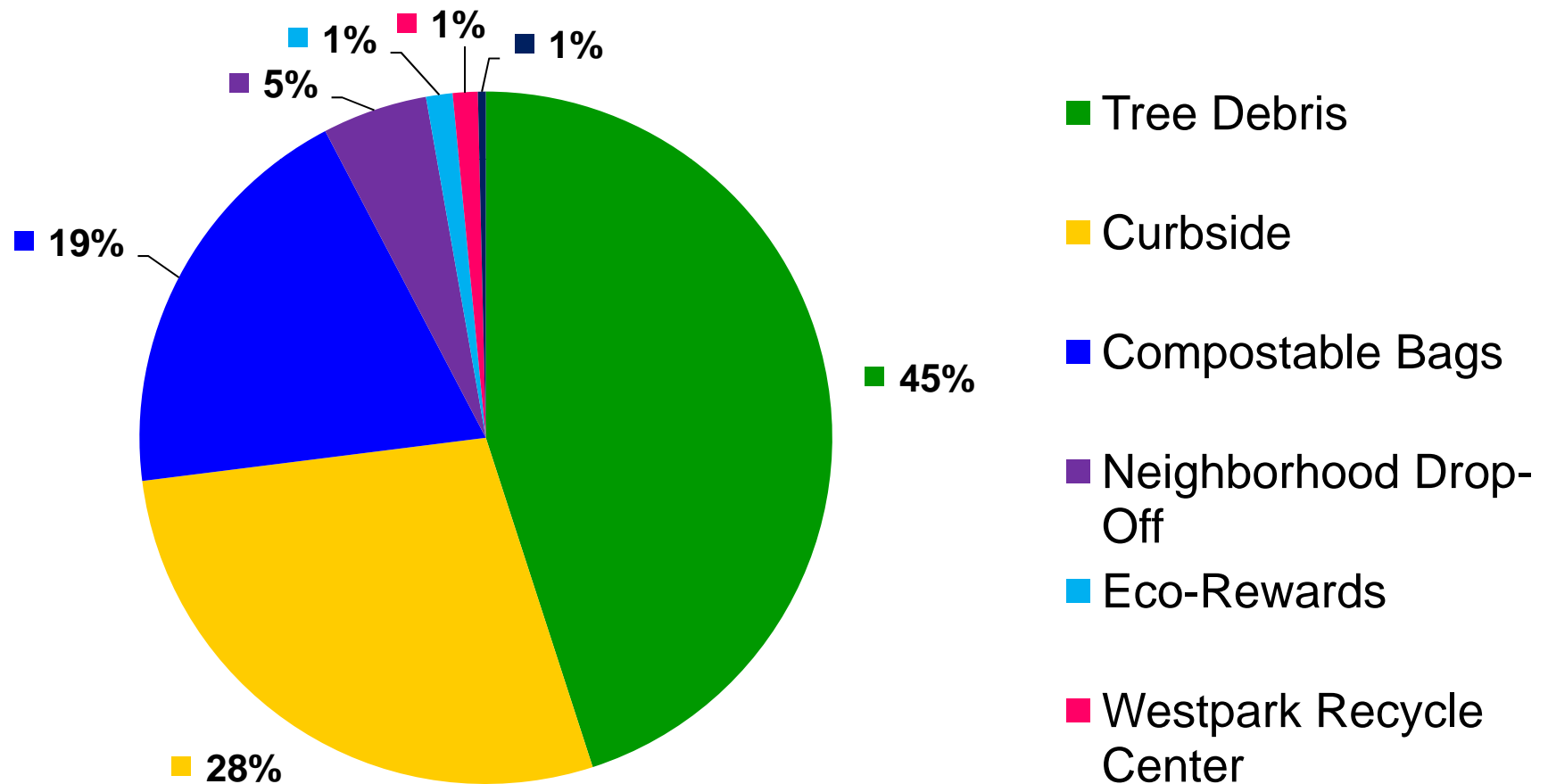
Current Distribution of Curbside Recycling





Diversion by Category 2011

Tons Diverted from Landfill Disposal 2011





Recycling: Is it worth it?

YES IT IS!

Recycling + Trash < Trash alone



How can we help expand the Single Stream Program?

- Utilize your curbside bin if you have one.
- Take material to one of the 13 drop-offs.
- Divert as much recycling from your trash stream as you can.
- Every time you recycle the City saves money on landfill costs and gains revenue from the sale of commodities.
- The more money we save the more infrastructure we can purchase to expand the program.



Thank you!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

