



NABERS Waste Rating Technical Rulings

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This document forms part of the Rules for a NABERS Waste Rating. It is a compilation of all Rulings that have been made about the NABERS Waste Rating.

This document is a living document and functions as a quick update to the Rules. When a new version of the rules is released all rulings will be incorporated. The document is organised by rules section for quick cross-reference.

This document takes precedence over the Rules. The current version of the Rules is: *Version 1.2; published September 2019.*

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Version Control

Version & Date Released	Change notes
v1.0 13 July 2018	Original document.
v1.0.1 10 December 2018	Removed all rulings that were incorporated into Rules v1.1
v1.1 12 March 2020	Added Rulings made since Rules version 1.2 was released.

1 Introduction

No updates have been issued.

2 Waste rating types and buildings

No updates have been issued.

3 Waste types

No updates have been issued.

4 Calculating the recycling rate

4.6 Method 1: Actual weight measurements

Additional dot point on how to record weights:

- On-site equipment with built in scales. Readings can be taken from a visual display, once per operational day, at the same time every day.

4.9 Non-standard measurement methods

4.9.2 Pulpmaster™ machines (additional section)

NABERS has determined that additional water added to this machine is negligible and so it does not need to be accounted for. If the measurement method complies with methods described in section 4.5-4.8 inclusive, then it is acceptable for the rating.

Where Method 2 is used to determine weight values (refer section 4.7) a bin count is used as the measurement method, then a minimum of four density measurements must be made during the rating period in order for the service to achieve a data quality rating of “good” (refer section 6.1).

5 Waste audit methods

5.9.1 Variations to the method

Additional paragraph:

Where a site does not have a daily collection, and pickups for different waste streams occur on different days of the week, so that a single “presented for collection” day cannot be achieved, then Step 3 is amended to state that a contamination audit can be completed on a partially filled bin prior to it being ready for collection by a waste contractor. The bin must be over a third filled (estimated volume based on a visual assessment of the size of the bin). This allowance DOES NOT apply to a density audit, which must still be completed when bins are presented for collection.

6 Data quality

6.2.4 GECA Waste Collection Services Standard (additional section)

Where a bin service is covered by a GECA Waste Collection Services Standard, then this bin service will meet the requirements for:

1. Section 6.2.1, Test 3: "Observe weighing procedure.
2. Section 6.2.3 "Testing an independent data source".

The assessor must note any service that meets this requirement in the provided text boxes on the ratings page for the relevant rating.

This ruling does not exempt an assessor from observing on-site procedures to be confident in the reasonableness of waste data, under section 3.5 "Confirm on-site waste practices"

7 Material Recovery Score

7.2.5 Mixed composition bin evidence outcomes (additional section)

Where a bin has mixed contents with different MRS values, and the available evidence for these values is of different quality, then overall evidence quality of the bin is determined by establishing which evidence quality applies to the greatest percentage weight of the contents of the bin.

8 Applying for a rating

No updates have been issued.

9 Evidence for a rating

No updates have been issued.

10 Appendices

Appendix: Material Recovery Pathway

Under Food waste table, the Possible Outcome Pre-treatment to sewer has been updated to:

Pre-treatment to sewer/trade Waste – plant has anaerobic digestion

Pre-treatment to sewer/trade Waste – plant does not have anaerobic digestion