

# WASTE PROFILE 2023

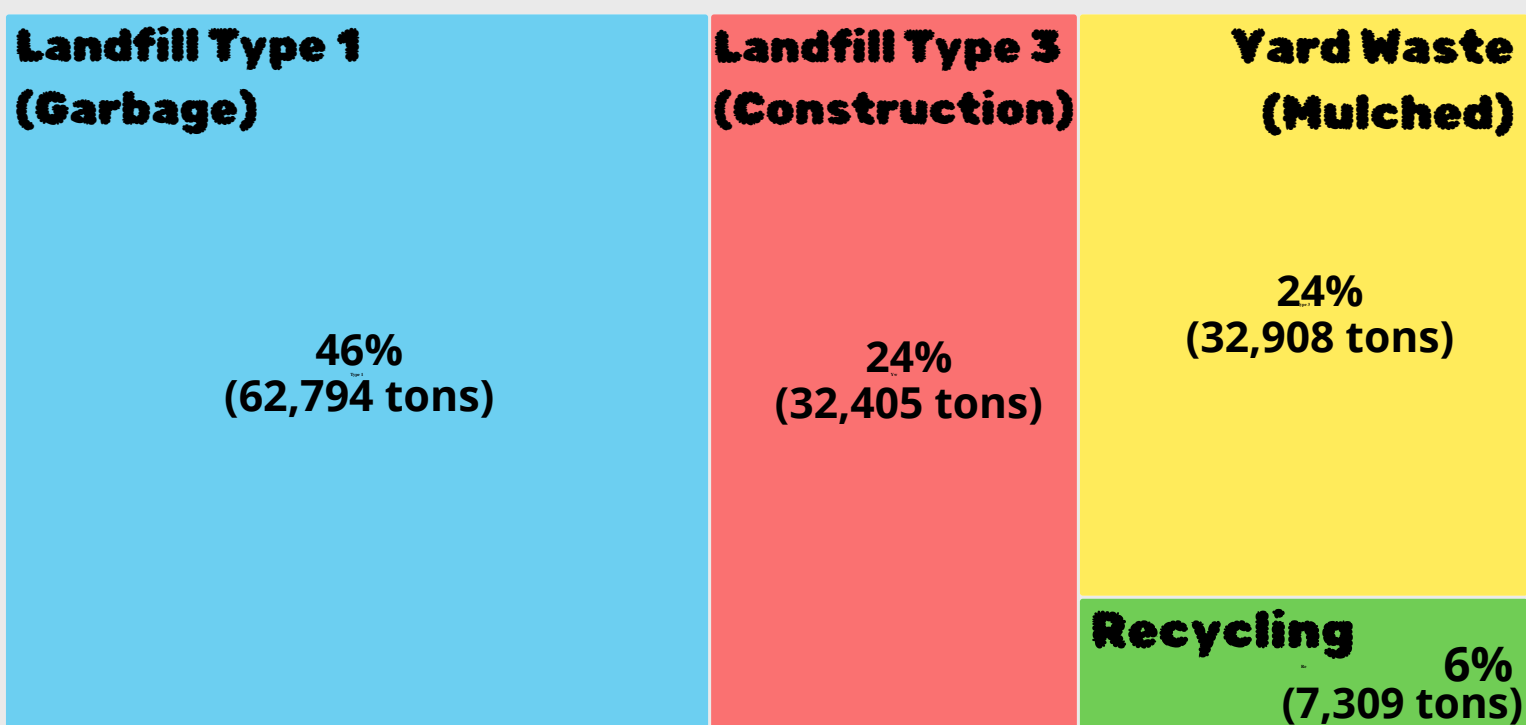
## WASTE AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT



# CITY OF KNOXVILLE

## ALL DISPOSED MATERIALS

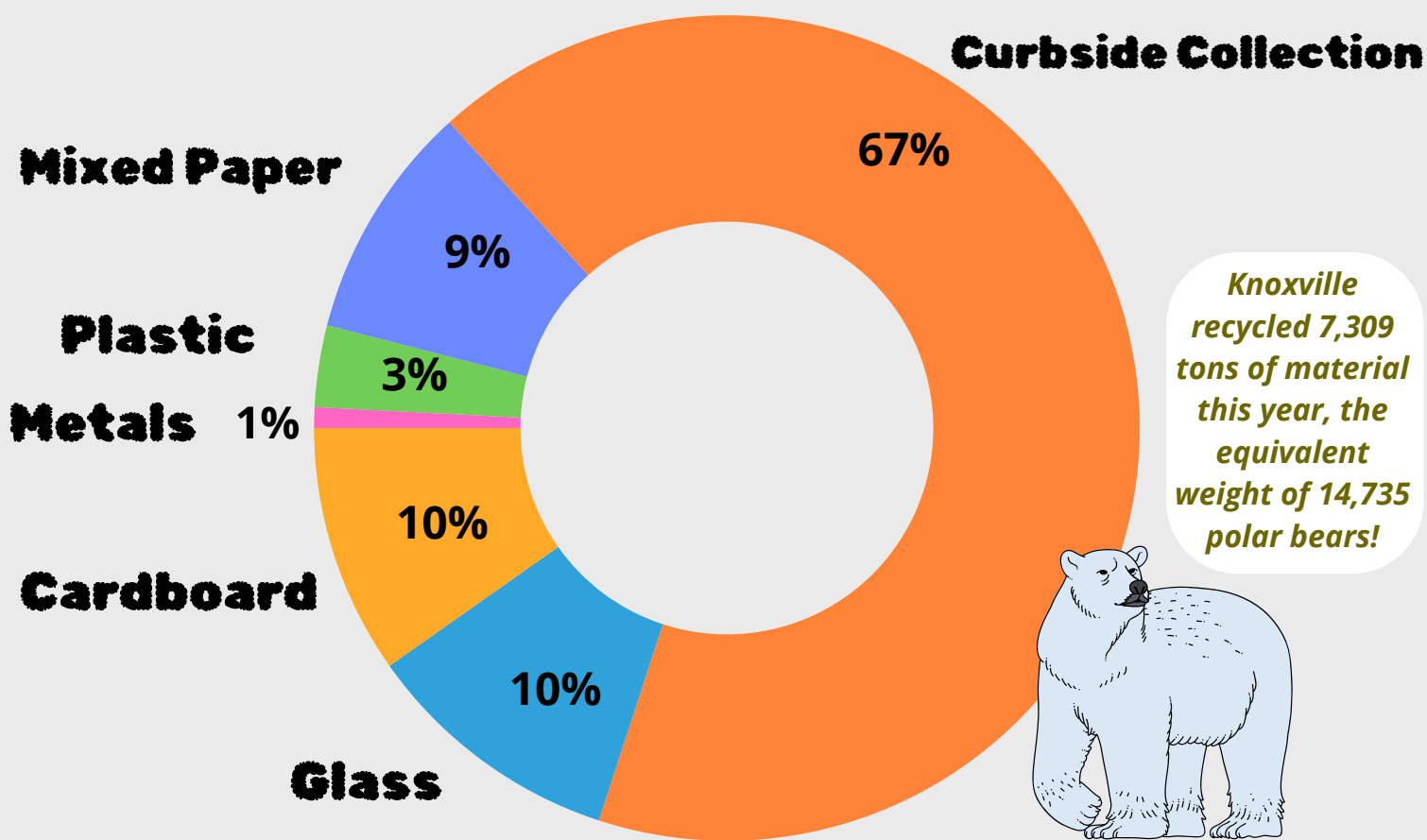
City residents produced **135,416 tons** of waste this past year. Here is the 2023 breakdown of disposal types by weight:



Knoxville remains well below the national average recycling rate, but we continue to make significant progress in the amount of yard waste that is kept out of the landfill and is instead repurposed into mulch.

## WHAT DID WE RECYCLE IN 2023?

This graph represents all material recycled from the City's curbside program as well as from the 5 City recycling drop-off centers.



## OUR RECYCLING IMPACT

We recycled enough material to save...



6,861,373 kWh



2.3 mil gal



7,505 trees



314,477 gal



145 jobs

## OUR COMPOSTING EFFORTS

The Knoxville Compost Project was established in 2022, providing an outlet to drop-off accepted food scraps at various locations to be composted instead of being landfilled.

**We composted 15,298 lbs. in 2023!**

We are expanding in 2024. Visit [knoxvilletn.gov/compost](http://knoxvilletn.gov/compost) to learn more!

