

# Garbage Interrogation Worksheet

**Material:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Weight/Amount uncovered in audit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated annual volume:**

For any “yes” answers below, answer the question to the right on a separate sheet, or explain why this is the case.

<b>1</b>	Is the disposal out of compliance with regulations or company policies for this type of material?	<b>Y / N</b>	If Yes, explain why.
<b>2A</b>	Is the material recyclable or compostable?	<b>Y / N</b>	If Yes, go on to 2B. Also compare the amount found in the garbage with the amount recycled.
<b>2B</b>	Is this recyclable material in the garbage because it has been contaminated?	<b>Y / N</b>	If Yes, explain the contaminating material.
<b>3</b>	Is the material expired but otherwise new and non-defective?	<b>Y / N</b>	If Yes, what inventory controls are in place to avoid this problem?
<b>4A</b>	Is the material a single-use disposable product?	<b>Y / N</b>	If Yes, what durable or reusable products could replace it?
<b>4B</b>	Is the disposable material packaging?	<b>Y / N</b>	If Yes, analyze the materials and different kinds of packaging involved.
<b>5A</b>	Could this material have been reused or reprocessed in your facility?	<b>Y / N</b>	If Yes, where and how?
<b>5B</b>	Could this material have been reused or reprocessed by a different industry to your knowledge?	<b>Y / N</b>	If Yes, where and how?
<b>6</b>	Did this material become garbage as a result of process defects rather than normal scrap and by-products?	<b>Y / N</b>	If Yes, what process step(s) produced this waste?
<b>7</b>	Is this material still serviceable as designed?	<b>Y / N</b>	If Yes, why was it discarded?
<b>8</b>	Is this material a durable good or tool?	<b>Y / N</b>	If Yes, explain why it became garbage, including the expected lifespan and maintenance practices for the item.