

Zero-Waste and Waste-Minimization Services Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Service Type (Waste Auditing & Consulting, Recycling & Resource Recovery Services, Composting & Organics Management, Industrial Symbiosis & By-product Exchange, Digital Waste Tracking & Analytics and Zero-Waste Certification & Compliance Services), Delivery Model, End User and By Geography

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Abstracts

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Zero-Waste and Waste-Minimization Services Market is accounted for \$115.6 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach \$198.6 billion by 2034 growing at a CAGR of 7.0% during the forecast period. Zero waste and waste minimization services aim to curb resource consumption, avoid waste creation, and enhance reuse and recycling throughout business activities. Offerings span assessments, workflow reengineering, circular planning, organics diversion, and workforce education to institutionalize greener behaviors. Companies implement these solutions to reduce expenses, comply with rules, and decrease ecological footprints. Vendors use analytics and digital tracking to refine material movement and uncover losses. Emphasizing source reduction and closed loop models, firms can keep large quantities out of landfills, boost efficiency, and elevate brand image while advancing durable sustainability objectives and more resilient supply networks worldwide across global markets.

According to the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA), global municipal solid waste generation is projected to rise from 2.1 billion tonnes in 2023 to 3.8 billion tonnes by 2050, underscoring the need for zero-waste and waste-minimization frameworks.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Rising corporate sustainability commitments

Growing emphasis on corporate sustainability is boosting the zero-waste and waste-minimization services market as firms embed environmental objectives into business operations. Many organizations are pursuing goals like eliminating landfill waste and achieving carbon balance, which demand structured waste management approaches. Stakeholders and investors now assess companies based on ESG criteria, motivating adoption of eco-friendly waste solutions. In addition, sustainability efforts strengthen brand perception and consumer confidence, promoting ongoing enhancements. As market competition increases, businesses use zero-waste strategies to stand out and showcase commitment to responsible environmental practices worldwide effectively.

Restraint:

High initial implementation costs

Significant upfront expenses pose a major challenge for the zero-waste and waste-minimization services market, especially for smaller businesses. Implementing effective waste systems demands spending on advanced tools, infrastructure, advisory services and workforce training. Many firms struggle to allocate funds for process modifications or equipment upgrades needed to achieve zero-waste objectives. Moreover, financial returns may not be immediate, reducing motivation for quick adoption. Limited budgets and other operational priorities often slow investment decisions. Consequently, even with long-term savings potential, the initial cost barrier continues to hinder widespread implementation of waste minimization solutions across industries worldwide.

Opportunity:

Increasing adoption of smart waste technologies

The rising use of advanced waste technologies presents promising opportunities for the zero-waste and waste-minimization services market. Tools like connected sensors, artificial intelligence, and automated sorting systems improve tracking and processing efficiency. These solutions provide real-time insights into waste patterns, enabling better

decision-making and reduced losses. Companies are investing in digital platforms to strengthen sustainability performance and meet regulatory needs. This evolution enhances scalability, boosts efficiency, and creates new business opportunities while supporting more effective waste reduction strategies across various sectors globally.

Threat:

Regulatory uncertainty and policy changes

Changing and unclear regulations present a significant challenge to the zero-waste and waste-minimization services market. Differences in rules across regions make it difficult for organizations to maintain consistent waste management approaches. Unexpected updates in environmental policies or recycling standards can interrupt projects and raise operational costs. Businesses may delay investments in waste solutions due to uncertainty about future requirements. This lack of stability hinders innovation and slows market expansion. Without clear and predictable regulatory support, the adoption of advanced waste minimization services remains limited, affecting the overall growth and effectiveness of sustainable waste practices globally.

Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 outbreak influenced the zero-waste and waste-minimization services market in both negative and positive ways. Early stages saw disruptions caused by restrictions, workforce limitations, and supply chain issues, affecting waste handling and recycling processes. The surge in disposable products and healthcare waste posed additional environmental challenges. Despite these setbacks, awareness regarding efficient waste management and sustainability grew significantly. As recovery progressed, interest in waste reduction solutions strengthened, with organizations adopting more structured and sustainable approaches to meet regulations, improve efficiency, and address future risks in global operations.

The waste auditing & consulting segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The waste auditing & consulting segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period as it serves as the starting point for effective waste management strategies. Businesses depend on these services to evaluate waste streams, identify improvement areas, and develop customized plans for reducing waste. Through expert analysis and practical guidance, consultants help organizations adopt

efficient and sustainable practices. This segment is widely used across sectors because it enables informed decision-making and supports regulatory compliance. Its importance in enhancing operational performance and sustainability outcomes contributes to its strong presence and widespread adoption in the market.

The food & beverage segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the food & beverage segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate, driven by the need to manage high levels of food and packaging waste. Companies are increasingly adopting solutions such as composting, recycling, and digital tracking to enhance efficiency. Growing consumer demand for sustainability, along with strict regulatory requirements, is encouraging businesses to reduce waste generation. Improved supply chain management and loss prevention strategies also support this trend. As a result, the adoption of waste minimization services is expanding rapidly within this industry across global markets.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share, supported by well-developed regulations, strong sustainability awareness, and modern waste management systems. Authorities encourage waste reduction through policies, recycling programs, and environmental initiatives. Companies in the region actively implement zero-waste strategies to achieve ESG targets and improve their public image. The availability of experienced service providers and advanced technologies enhances operational efficiency. Furthermore, increasing consumer preference for eco-friendly products motivates businesses to adopt waste minimization practices. These factors collectively strengthen North America's position as the leading region in the global market.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia-Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, driven by increasing urban development, industrial growth, and environmental awareness. Rising waste volumes are encouraging governments to implement stronger regulations and sustainability programs. Investments in advanced waste management infrastructure and digital solutions are also increasing. Companies across the region are focusing on efficient resource use and meeting compliance requirements, boosting service adoption. Furthermore, the growth of manufacturing and consumer sectors fuels

the need for sustainable waste practices, contributing to the rapid expansion of this market across Asia-Pacific countries.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Zero-Waste and Waste-Minimization Services Market include Veolia Environment S.A., SUEZ S.A., Waste Management, Inc., Republic Services, Inc., Clean Harbors, Inc., Remondis SE & Co. KG, TerraCycle, Recyclebank, RTS, Saahas Zero Waste Inc, WASTELINQ, Green Worms, Attero Recycling Pvt. Ltd., A2Z Group, Vermigold Ecotech, Eco-Wise Waste Management Pvt. Ltd., Synergy Waste Management Pvt. Ltd. and Let's Recycle.

Key Developments:

In February 2026, Veolia has secured two 15-year operations and maintenance (O&M) contracts for Mumbai's upcoming Bhandup and Panjrapur Water Treatment Plants (WTPs), strengthening its presence in India's municipal water sector. The contracts mark the largest municipal water sector agreements signed by a French company in India. The combined treatment capacity of the two plants will be 2,910 million litres per day (MLD), equivalent to 2.91 million cubic metres per day.

In April 2025, SUEZ and the CNRS have signed a five-year framework agreement to combine their R&D efforts and develop innovative solutions to promote sustainable resource management and new decarbonisation technologies. This framework agreement aims to pool together SUEZ's innovation capabilities and the CNRS' scientific excellence.

In July 2024, TerraCycle has released its Zero Waste Bags, which are designed to make recycling more accessible for Americans. In partnership with more than 20 collection service providers across 12 states, TerraCycle's Zero Waste Bags are said to offer a doorstep recycling solution for hard-to-recycle waste.

Service Types Covered:

Waste Auditing & Consulting

Recycling & Resource Recovery Services

Composting & Organics Management

Industrial Symbiosis & By-product Exchange

Digital Waste Tracking & Analytics

Zero-Waste Certification & Compliance Services

Delivery Models Covered:

On-site Services

Outsourced & Third-party Services

Digital & Platform-based Services

End Users Covered:

Manufacturing & Industrial

Retail & Consumer Goods

Food & Beverage

Healthcare

Construction & Real Estate

Municipal & Government

Regions Covered:

North America

United States

Canada

Mexico

Europe

United Kingdom

Germany

France

Italy

Spain

Netherlands

Belgium

Sweden

Switzerland

Poland

Rest of Europe

Asia Pacific

China

Japan

India

South Korea

Australia

Indonesia

Thailand

Malaysia

Singapore

Vietnam

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Chile

Peru

Rest of South America

Rest of the World (RoW)

Middle East

Saudi Arabia

United Arab Emirates

Qatar

Israel

Rest of Middle East

Africa

South Africa

Egypt

Morocco

Rest of Africa

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