



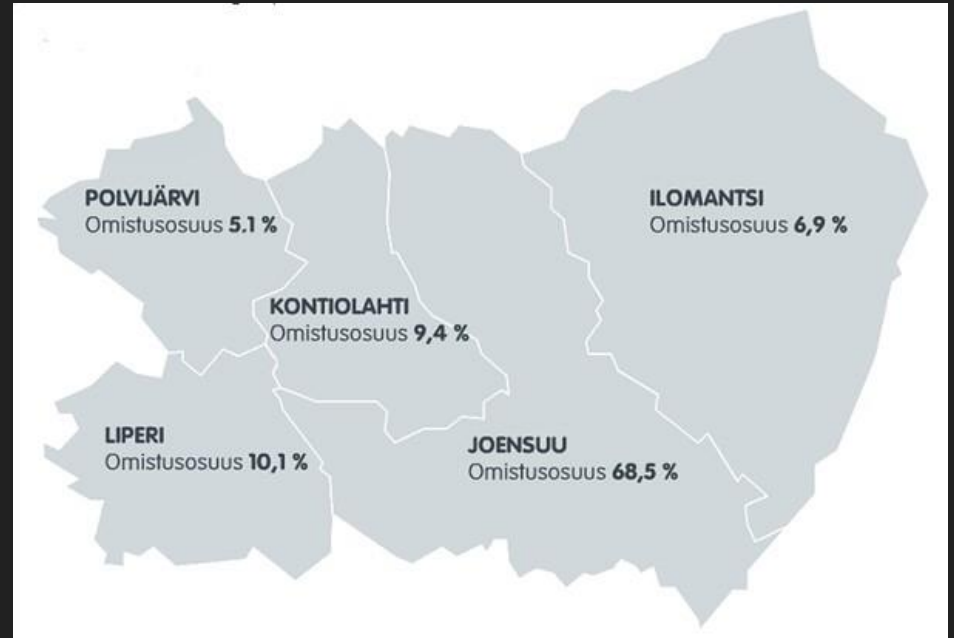
Puhas OY

Local recycling company



What is Puhas OY?

Puhas is a recycling company founded back in 1996 and owned 100% by five municipalities (Ilomantsi, Joensuu, Kontiolahti, Liperi and Polvijärvi).



Where is Puhas situated?

Puhas operates in the five aforementioned municipalities and has a landfill in Joensuu and a sorting station in each municipality.



What types of waste can be incinerated?



- The landfill in Kontiosuo, Joensuu receives somewhere between 40 to 50 tons incinerable waste each year.

- All the waste that can't be used as recycled material in industry is labeled as incinerable waste.
- Incinerable waste is brought to the waste management hall. (Seen in the picture)
- The waste is send off to Varkaus where they use the waste for electricity production.

What type of waste does the landfill accept?

They accept almost anything that can be recycled or sent elsewhere to be incinerated. But they don't accept garbage that can't be identified.

The journey of household waste from home to Puhas

Waste starts its journey from the household. If a product can be incinerated, it can be tossed in the dumpster and then a garbage truck takes it to the waste handling station.

If the waste cannot be incinerated, it's taken to drop-off sites and then another truck takes it elsewhere to be reused or recycled.

Hazardous waste must be taken to the the waste handling station or to smaller local drop-off sites.

Sources?

Puhas OY's web site <https://www.puhas.fi/etusivu>

The employer of puhas who showed us around