

Baler or Compactor – Which Is Right For You?

As the government makes substantial efforts to limit the quantity of garbage disposed in landfills, demand for compactors and baler are on the rise. Deciding between the two is a question that many face, especially since they seem so similar in function – both turn large volumes of trash into compact and regular-shaped portions for recycling, reuse or disposal.

Waste Management in Commercial Industry

In a commercial setting, proper garbage handling becomes even more important, since large quantities of waste like hazardous waste are normally generated every day. The cost and effort expended in collecting and transporting garbage to a recycling company or waste disposal center makes the use of a baler or compactor necessary.

The choice of which equipment to use depends solely on the requirement of the business setup, big or small. Let's look at how they work, so you can decide which is right for you.

What is a Baler?

Balers are machines that can compress large volumes of paper, cardboard, plastic, metal and other recyclable material into dense bundles or "bales", which take up less space for the same weight. They are available in different varieties and sizes, ranging from small single-operator vertical balers, to automatically-operated horizontal balers.

For businesses and industries that generate a lot of recyclable waste material, balers offer



some significant financial benefits. Here's how companies can cut recycling costs by using a baler:

- You require less space for waste processing and storage, which brings down the cost of waste disposal.
- The amount of manpower needed for handling waste is lower, so labor costs are lowered too.
- Packing and moving baled materials lowers transportation costs, since they take up less space in vehicles.
- Selling back materials to a recycling company will allow you to generate an additional stream of revenue, and reduce waste.
- Increase your customer base by reaching out to audiences that are more willing to work with eco-friendly and "green" companies.

A vertical baler that compacts small volumes (10-500 lb. bales) is better for companies that produce small to medium quantities of waste, while horizontal ones that can produce half-ton or larger bales are best for handling large volumes.

What is a Compactor?



Compactors are machines that are used to compress large quantities of general mixed (unsorted) or sorted recyclable waste into tightly packed blocks, which are then sent to a recycling company or landfill. With an industrial commercial compactor, your company's recycling process becomes easier and more profitable.

Here's How Compaction Can Help Your Company Reduce Waste Management Costs:

- Less space is required for garbage collection, storage and processing, which allows

you to use available space more profitably.

- Labor costs are reduced, since you do not need a large amount of manpower to collect, handle and transport garbage.
- The frequency of collection cycles will be reduced, which brings down the associated costs charged by garbage collection companies.
- If you find a recycling center that accepts compacted waste, you will be able to generate an additional revenue stream.
- Increase your business appeal for customers who are happier working with waste recycler companies.

Many recycling and disposal centers will only accept waste of a specific size or weight, so a baler or compactor definitely helps your waste management plan. Balers are better if you generate a lot of recyclable waste, reducing the amount of garbage sent to landfills, but both kinds of machinery help you reduce recycling costs and increase your “green” efforts.