

ABSTRACT

THE IMPACT OF SOLID WASTE
ON THE COMMUNITY
AND THE TOURIST INDUSTRY OF
NEW PROVIDENCE, BAHAMAS

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There has been wide spread concern focused on solid waste and its impact on the health, aesthetics and tourist industry of the Bahamas and New Providence Island in particular.

The report examines the current solid waste functions and the effectiveness of the agency responsible for solid waste management, the legal framework in which it operates and the programmes offered. Additionally the report examines the attitudes of community members towards littering of the environment and the impact of solid waste on the tourist industry of New Providence Island.

Eighty randomly selected house holders from New Providence Island participated in a questionnaire survey. The results which have been tabulated reflect the concerns relating to the need for an efficient and effective solid waste management programme in the community.

A number of conclusions have been drawn from the study and these form the basis of the recommendations made.