

Abstract

The topic of the thesis is the legal regulation of municipal waste management in the Czech Republic. It introduces the readers to the individual legal regulations at the national and European level, tracing the development of the legal regulation of waste management since its inception in the 1970's and its gradual completion. The work introduces the various instruments that have been developed to regulate individual practices and activities and which, at the same time, make it possible to achieve the stated objectives. It also presents the various principles that set the basic direction for the current legislation. Attention is paid to the elementary concepts on the basis of which the whole system of obligations and responsibilities for waste management is built – these are the concepts of 'waste', 'municipal waste', 'hazardous waste' and 'waste management', and the thesis also traces how their content has evolved over time. The thesis also introduces the basic subjects of waste law, which are the waste producer and the operator of a waste management facility. It pays most attention to the municipality, which it considers to be a specific entity, and further examines its obligations in relation to the collection of waste from individual entities. The law entrusts the municipality with a legal instrument to ensure waste management in its territory – the so-called municipal waste management system. It also points to shortcomings which the legislation has so far failed to address. In the context of a comprehensive approach, it presents the main public administration actors whose main task is to supervise compliance with the legislation in all waste management. The aim of the thesis is to analyse the set system in depth, including the individual obligations that the Law on waste and related legislation are interwoven with, with particular attention being paid to municipal waste in each of the chapters. On the basis of this knowledge, it also evaluates the legislation in its sub-aspects.