



## State Agency Recycling

**What?** To contribute to tripling the state's recycling rate, State of Michigan (State) agencies should lead by example by providing or increasing recycling services for the State's 47,000 employees and the general public.

**Why?** As the State works to reach a 45% goal of recycling and encourage communities and businesses' investment and participation, it is important to demonstrate that State agencies are also committed to providing recycling opportunities for Michiganders as they work, live, and play at state facilities. Only 40 percent of surveyed state facilities have some type of recycling available on site. Recyclable materials collected by State agencies will be used to manufacture products, conserving resources and supporting jobs.



**Who?** The Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will partner to lead this initiative. DTMB will assist all State agencies with obtaining recycling in State-owned and leased facilities, while the DEQ will assist all State agencies with recycling education and best practices.

**When?** Today, all State agencies will be called on to obtain recycling services based on a prioritized schedule. By 2019, all State-owned facilities will have recycling services that could include paper, plastic, metal and glass. All leased facilities will incorporate recycling services upon renewal of their lease agreement.

To help inform employees of the new materials they can recycle, a toolkit is being created to support agencies, including posters, tutorials, and contracting/lease guidance. In addition, the State's three waste vendors will assist this effort by performing building audits to assess individual facility needs. This is expected to be implemented by spring 2018.

Beginning spring 2018, the State will also track its progress by identifying and monitoring metrics, such as percentage of State facilities with recycling available and volume of recyclable materials collected.

The State Agency Recycling initiative is part of the statewide initiative to triple Michigan's recycling rate. This comprehensive initiative also includes developing an education and engagement campaign; developing markets for recycled materials; updating Michigan's solid waste law so that we no longer are encouraging the wasteful practices of the past, and securing stable, long-term public and private funding for the effort.

**For more information about this initiative, visit [www.michigan.gov/swra](http://www.michigan.gov/swra).**



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