

# Recycling Measurement

## Senate Bill 507 of 2016

In response to the Governors Recycling initiative, the MDEQ worked with the Michigan Waste and Recycling Association, the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, and a variety of materials recovery facilities (MRFs) to develop legislation to address recycling measurement. Prior to this legislation there wasn't a way for the state to collect data that would allow us to measure the statewide recycling rate.

**Senate Bill 507** Created Part 175 of 1994 Act 451, as amended.

Commonly known as Recycling Measurement, it:

- Defines “recycling”, “recycling establishment”, and “reportable recyclable material”.
- Requires recycling establishments to register annually with DEQ.
- Requires recycling establishments to report, in tons (or approved conversion rate), the amount of reportable recyclable materials that have been received and shipped from their facility.
  - Reports submitted quarterly or annually
- Reports are due 45 days after the end of the quarter or fiscal year.
- Reportable recyclable materials include the following that have been separated from household or commercial waste:
  - Glass
  - Paper and paper products
  - Plastic and plastic products
  - Metals, ferrous and nonferrous, including white goods
  - Textiles
  - Single stream recycling materials
- Exempted from being reported on:
  - Iron, steel or nonferrous metals that are directed to or received by a person subject to the Scrap Metal Regulatory Act
  - Materials from the shredding or dismantling of motor vehicles
  - Beneficial use by products under Part 115
  - E-waste under Part 173
- Reports may contain aggregated data from multiple entities as long as those entities are named.
- DEQ may establish reporting guidelines to minimize double counting.
- DEQ may aggregate the data submitted to establish statewide recycling numbers.
- Entities reporting are protected under the Freedom of Information Act and data is confidential.
- Entities not required to report may do so voluntarily.
- Establishments that recycle less than 100 tons per year or are drop-off locations are not required to report.
- DEQ must post online the aggregated quantities by categories annually as well as the total aggregated quantity.
- DEQ must submit an annual report to the legislature containing aggregated quantities recycled and any recommendations to Part 175.

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