

RECYCLING SURVEY

State Name: Alabama

Agency Name: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

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1. Please indicate whether recycling of household or residential recyclables is mandatory, voluntary or perhaps both (mandatory for some materials and voluntary for others) in your state.

Recycling is mandatory only for public schools, colleges/university and state agencies any other recycling activities are voluntary.

2. Is there a State Law(s) that mandates, encourages, or otherwise facilitates the recycling system or programs in your state and what is the reference for that section of your state code?

There is a State Law Act No. 90-564

3. Does your state law (or other directive) mandate, encourage or otherwise specify a state goal for the rate of recycling or diversion (e.g. percentage of overall waste stream, etc.) If so, what is the statutory reference?

In Alabama we have recycling diversion goal of 25%

4. Please indicate how your state measures recycling rates? (Are there reporting requirements? who reports and how frequently?) What wastes are captured in the measurement of your recycling/diversion rate? (e.g. residential garbage? yard waste? commercial and industrial wastes? Waste tires? white goods? automobiles? etc?).

To date, Alabama has not mandated any reporting requirement for recycling other than requiring public schools, universities and state agencies to report volume recycled annually.

5. What association does commercial, institutional, and industrial recycling have with the household or residential recycling in your state? Are recycling activities from these sectors factored into your overall state recycling rate?

We have an organization called the Alabama Recycling Coalition

6. What is your most recently measured rate of recycling or diversion for your state? (Please indicate the time frame for this measurement. e.g. calendar year, fiscal year, etc.)

N/A

7. What are the most commonly employed systems in your state for collecting residential recyclables. Are different sized communities required or encouraged to meet a certain standard of recycling services?

Curbside

8. Do you have rural communities in your state that have developed and are maintaining successful residential recycling programs? What type of "system" are these successful communities employing?

None that I'm aware of

9. What incentives (grants, loans, tax incentives, etc.) are offered in your state for recycling and to whom are these incentives available? (state government, local governments, private companies, universities and institutions, etc.)

Here in Alabama we offer grants to counties and cities to start or expand existing programs

How are these grants or loans funded?

Alabama received federal funds through a program called State Energy Program. The funds come from the U.S. Department of Energy.

10. Does your agency or state have a "recycling program," In what agency is the program housed and how many full time employees are dedicated to recycling program activities?

The Alabama does have a small recycling program. The program is housed in Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). There is only one person assigned to work with recycling activities in Alabama.