

## RECYCLING SURVEY

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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.**

*Idaho does not have mandatory recycling except for lead-acid batteries. Waste tires must be reduced in volume by 65% prior to landfilling in a MSWLF. While this does not mandate recycling, the cost to process makes recycling an option. The majority of tires in Idaho are recycled. Lead-acid batteries are prohibited from landfilling/incineration. Pb-acid batteries are required to be sent to a battery recycler, battery manufacturer or permitted secondary smelter.*

**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?**

*Waste Tire Disposal Act*  
<http://www3.state.id.us/idstat/TOC/39065KTOC.html>

*Sale and Disposal of Batteries Act*  
<http://www3.state.id.us/cgi-bin/newidst?sctid=390700002.K>

*Exemptions from Taxation- Property Exempt from Taxation--Qualified Equipment Utilizing Postconsumer waste or Post industrial Waste*  
<http://www3.state.id.us/cgi-bin/newidst?sctid=630060002CC.K>

**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's the statutory reference?**

**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?).**

*Idaho law does not require facilities to track their recycling rates, therefore we do not maintain state recycling rates.*

**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?**

*See response to #5.*

**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.)**

*See response to #5.*

**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?**

*Communities in Idaho determine the collection system best suited for their needs. Larger towns incorporate curbside pickup. Other communities use a variety of options including roll-off recycling containers at convenient locations or bins at the landfill or transfer station. Below is a link to a profile of community recycling programs:*

*[http://www.deq.state.id.us/assistance/recycle\\_0903study.pdf](http://www.deq.state.id.us/assistance/recycle_0903study.pdf)*

**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?**

*See link in #7 response.*

*[http://www.deq.state.id.us/assistance/recycle\\_0903study.pdf](http://www.deq.state.id.us/assistance/recycle_0903study.pdf)*

**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.) How are these grants or loans funded?**

*Idaho does not provide grants or loans for recycling. We do have a tax incentive for equipment used to manufacture products with postconsumer/industrial waste. State agencies also receive a 5% purchase preference for recycled paper.*

*<http://www3.state.id.us/cgi-bin/newidst?sctid=630060002CC.K>*

*<http://www3.state.id.us/cgi-bin/newidst?sctid=670230049.K>*

**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?**

*Idaho DEQ has a recycling program. Materials recycled include office paper, mixed paper, magazines, newspaper, glue-bound books and aluminum cans.*