

RECYCLING SURVEY

State Name: Nebraska

Agency Name:

Department of Administrative Services

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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.

There is no state mandate for recycling of any materials, that doesn't mean there might not be a municipality mandate.

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?

<http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/recycling/statutes/managementact.htm>

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?

http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/recycling/statutes/solid_waste.htm

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?).

The Nebraska State Recycling Association in cooperation with Department of Environmental Quality is in charge of those numbers.

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?

WasteCap of Lincoln <http://www.wastecaplnk.org/>

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.)

2001 15% but that does not reflect composting. For more detail information visit <http://www.deq.state.ne.us/>

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?

City recycling drop off locations are most commonly employed. No there is no standard. Most of our state is rural and those communities have a lot less access to recycling then people in Lincoln and Omaha

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?

Yes http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/recycling/hyperlinks_page.htm

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?

*<http://www.deq.state.ne.us/>
http://www.environmentaltrust.org/about_the_trust/contact.htm*

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?

YES, Department of Environmental Services. 1 employee, me.

I answered questions that relate to state agency recycling programs. For rural and municipality recycling programs contact Steve Andrews at sandrews@nsra.omhcoxmail.com or phone # 402-933-3059.