

RECYCLING SURVEY

State Name: Oklahoma

Agency Name: Oklahoma Dept. of Environment

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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.

Voluntary for citizens and mandatory for agencies and entities under the law

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?

“Oklahoma State Recycling and Recycled Procurement Act 74 § 85.50”

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?

YES! Under § 85.52

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?).

State wide for residential and commercial it is just an estimated count. Agencies under this act rates are measured through amount(s) reported from state entities of the there recycling collections to Dept. of Central Services. As well the procurement report of the recycled content materials.

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

Yes, they are included.

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.)

14 % of the Residents recycle in our state. While up to 40 % of the business recycle and these or estimate from informal phone canvass conducted last summer 2003.

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?

Voluntary! And it seems drop off centers are the most popular. Communities that engage in waste diversions are rewarded through a fee redemption from the solid waste collection fees.

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

Small-scale rural collections are going on in Canadian County and some in N. W. Oklahoma under the basis of the pony express. This is where a bin is in place for a specific weekend and then moves on to the next the following weekend.

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?

See # 7

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?

(1) Officer with Office of Central Services and (1) officer at the Dept. Of Environmental Quality