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INTRODUCING

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



REDUCE | REUSE | RECYCLE | COMPOST

OVER

1 Million Tons
of Materials Sent to Landfills
Annually from Oakland County



20-45%
Could be recycled



30%
Could be diverted
or composted

RECYCLABLE VALUE =
\$10 million*

**Based on average commodity values
as sold into end markets*

Let's Work Together to Send Less Waste to Landfills

You can make a difference. Oakland County invites you to be a part of building a circular economy that sends less waste to landfills, saves money, and improves our quality of living.



**MAKE YOUR RECYCLE
BIN BIGGER THAN
YOUR GARBAGE CAN**

Oakland County is reaching out to residents, municipalities, businesses, schools, and organizations before preparing the new Materials Management Plan (MMP). Please participate where you can and share your impressions, perspectives, and ideas.

The long-term goal is to send less waste to landfills. Currently, we follow a "take-make-waste" model. The MMP will seek alternative methods to repurpose materials after their initial use through repair, reuse, recycling, or composting.

DID YOU KNOW?

- By weight, food is the largest waste item in American landfills.
- By volume, paper is the largest waste item in American landfills.
- Aluminum and glass can be recycled infinitely.
- Styrofoam does not biodegrade.
- It takes approximately 25 years for a head of lettuce to decompose in a landfill—alternatively, it can be composted in a matter of weeks.



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Materials Management Plan Development

The Materials Management Plan (MMP) is a requirement for all Michigan counties following changes made to Public Act 451, Part 115, which is administered by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). The State's goal is to reach a 45% recycling rate.

The MMP Committee has been formed to advise and assist the County with its responsibilities to prepare, develop, and implement the Oakland County Materials Management Plan.

PLAN COMPONENTS TO INCLUDE:

- Identification of the highest and best uses for discarded materials
- Strategies that improve the collection and processing of discarded materials
- Data to quantify the impact of new strategies on the recycling rate, organics recovery rate, greenhouse gas emissions, economic development, and other environmental benefits
- Ways to strengthen the local circular economy through reuse, repair, recovery, composting, and/or recycling
- Resources to build awareness for all stakeholders

PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

During the 18-month planning process, the County will engage with local communities and stakeholders to identify goals, objectives, and action items.



MAJOR MATERIALS MANAGEMENT CATEGORIES

- Organics (e.g. food scraps, yard waste)
- Mixed-paper and Carboard
- Plastic
- Metal
- Glass
- Electronic Waste
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Construction/Demolition
- Textiles
- Tires
- Furniture
- White Goods (e.g. appliances)
- General Waste and more

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