

Recommendations to improve and modernize Pennsylvania's recycling system

PROPOSED MEASURE

Enforce Existing Act 101 Provisions

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The second set of recommendations includes new policy and program options, some of which may require new legislation. These new policies and programs seek to resolve many of the unintended negative impacts of Act 101, to address antiquities in the law, and to create a recycling framework which can meet the current challenges in the consumer and recycling marketplaces.

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4. Develop and publish success metrics on Pennsylvania's recycling program										
5. Streamline data reporting process for recycling collection to once per year										
6. Establish reporting requirements under material recovery facility to obtain both inbound and outbound materials										
7. Establish a standard set of materials to be collected by recycling programs to ensure uniformity of the materials collected										
8. Increase incentives for intergovernmental agreements to promote coordination between municipalities										
9. Create additional incentives for organic waste programs as organics makes up the largest share of the waste stream										
10. Increase grant categories to allow for more innovative programming										
11. Promote "reduce" and "reuse" for materials such as single use plastics and construction & demolition waste										
12. Enact a landfill ban for select materials or require disposal facilities to pre sort key materials										

The final set of recommendations provides a path towards new waste reduction policies.

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Future Vision for New Legislation

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13. Develop right to repair regulation so residents have access to the needed information, tools, and third party services for repairs										
14. Develop a deposit return system for beverages based on best in class principles										
15. Develop extended producer responsibility legislation for packaging and other materials										