
Wisconsin DNR Publishes Guidance on Processed CRT Glass Disposal Requirements

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) published a four-page guidance last month on how to "*gain approval for landfill disposal of processed cathode ray tube (CRT) glass in Wisconsin.*"

Among the accepted uses of processed CRT glass in Wisconsin are as road bed aggregate, as pipe bedding or drainage media as well as alternative daily cover in landfills.

The guidance states that processors must demonstrate that their glass does not exceed the toxic characteristic leaching procedure threshold (for lead) and meets land disposal restriction requirements. Processors must also have a DNR solid waste processing license. The landfill agreeing to accept the processed glass must request DNR approval before using it as alternative daily cover.

Download the Wisconsin DNR CRT glass guidance at <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/wa/WA1681.pdf>.

California DOJ Arrests Two Men on Container Deposit Redemption Fraud Charges

Two men have been arrested for their alleged participation in "*a recycling fraud scheme involving the transport of used beverage containers from Phoenix, Ariz., to a recycling company in Bakersfield and illegal claims for California Refund Value.*" The arrests are the latest action in an effort by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and California Department of Justice to reduce beverage container recycling fraud in the state.

California requires a 5-cent to 10-cent per container deposit on covered beverage containers. Arizona does not have a container deposit scheme.

According to the CalRecycle announcement, the illegal deposit redemptions totaled approximately \$1 million in value. A preliminary hearing in the case is scheduled for July 23.

The CalRecycle announcement is posted at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/NewsRoom/2014/07July/19.htm>.

Statistics & Trends

France Battery Recycling Rate Increased to 38.5% in 2013

Late Last month, the French battery recycling compliance scheme Corepile released its 2013 annual report. According to the report, France collected 8,330 tons of end-of-life batteries in 2013 for a 38.5% recycling rate.

The per capita waste battery collection level rose to 130 grams per year in 2013, compared to 126 grams in 2012, and the amount of waste batteries collected nationally has increased in each of the last three years.

The report also stated the 467 companies and organizations are Corepile members, accounting for 73.3% of the French battery market. The compliance scheme included 28, 653 collection points across the country.

Download the 20-page 2013 Corepile annual report at <http://www.corepile.fr/assets/uploads/Rapport-activit%C3%A9-Corepile-2013.pdf>.

Zero Waste Scotland Announces Three New Litter Prevention Funds

On July 5, Zero Waste Scotland, a largely government-funded organization, announced three new litter prevention funds and invited organizations and businesses with relevant ideas to submit proposals. The three funds are called the Infrastructure and Enforcement Fund, the Innovation Fund and the Product and Service Development Fund.

The Infrastructure and Enforcement Fund will fund projects such recycling on the go, new ways to prevent accidental and wind-blown litter and better litter law enforcement. The Innovation Fund will support ideas to tackle specific types of litter, improve litter clean up efforts and finance pilot projects. The Product and Service Development Fund will target packaging reduction efforts, encourage anti-litter messaging onto product labeling and related activities.

Funding levels were not disclosed in the announcement.

Get more information at <http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/content/zero-waste-scotland-launches-new-litter-prevention-funds>.

DEQ Report Estimates Virginia Has 21.9 Years of Available MSW Landfill Capacity

Late last month, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) released a report on solid waste management in the state in 2013. According to the report, the state sent 12,324,874 tons of solid waste to landfills in 2013, a decrease of a 1.1% from a year earlier. The levels of solid waste imported from other states also declined. (The total amount of all types of solid waste received was about 20.2 million tons.)

Household and commercial municipal solid waste accounted for 60.8 percent of the solid waste disposed. Another 19.2 tons was construction and demolition waste.

The report states that "*at the current disposal rate, there would be approximately 21.9 years of available MSW landfill capacity in the Commonwealth.*"

Download the complete 2013 Virginia DEQ report at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Portals/0/DEQ/Land/SolidWaste/swreport2014.pdf>.

Delaware Offers \$500,000 in Grants to Support Universal Recycling

Last week, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control announced it has \$500,000 available for businesses, schools and other institutions to support universal recycling activities. The funding will be provided as grants and low interest loans.

The announcement states that "*priority will be given to schools, food waste or construction waste projects, and outreach/educational projects. However, other projects are eligible and creativity is welcome.*"

The deadline to apply is August 14.

Get more information at <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/dwhs/Pages/RecyclingGrants.aspx>.

Austin, Texas Begins Trash Can-to-Recycling Container Conversion Pilot

The City of Austin, Texas announced late last month that it has launched a pilot project to convert public trash cans in outdoor public space into recycling containers. The conversion involves putting new blue lids on existing trash cans and affixing recycling ("chasing arrows") symbols on them. Targeted materials are glass, paper and cardboard, aluminum and most plastics.

According to an Austin Resource Recovery spokesperson, "*Recycling doesn't have to end at home. Adding recycling cans in high pedestrian traffic areas will help keep recyclables out of landfills and help Austin meet its Zero Waste goal.*"

After one-month, Austin Resource Recovery will review the types of materials being placed in both public trash cans and recycling containers.

The City of Austin announcement is posted at <http://www.austintexas.gov/news/city-adds-downtown-street-level-recycling>.

Business Initiatives

Australian Packaging Covenant Provides \$1.5 Million for Glass Bottle Recycling Plant

The Australian Packaging Covenant said on July 2 that it will provide \$1.5 million in funding to "*establish a state-of-the-art recycled glass sorting plant which will recover large volumes of glass for use in new bottles.*" The recycled glass will be used at an Owens-Illinois bottle making plant in Brisbane.

The bottle recycling plant will also be in Brisbane and is expected to be operational in March 2015. It will use optical technology to sort glass types.

The Australian Packaging Covenant is an agreement originally made in 1999 between governments, the packaging industry and community organizations to improve packaging recycling and sustainability.

Get more information at

<http://www.packagingcovenant.org.au/news.php/12/apc-funds-new-state-of-the-art-glass-facility>.

Bank of Brazil to Provide R\$ 120,000 to Support Street Scavenger Recycling

According to a July 7 announcement by the Brazilian Ministry of Environment, the Bank of Brazil Foundation will provide R\$ 120,000 in funding for four projects to integrate catadores, street scavengers that previously formed the backbone of the country's limited recycling effort, into modern municipal recycling programs required by the National Policy on Solid Waste.

Candidate projects should "*encourage, value and give visibility to practices that contribute to implementation of policies for social and economic inclusion of collectors of recyclable materials*" and "*publicly acknowledge the efforts for improving the living conditions and work of collectors of recyclable material along with implementation of the National Policy on Solid Waste*". Candidate projects should also support the development of a database of appropriate tools and best practices.

Municipalities have until September 5 to submit project proposals.

For more information, go to

<http://www.mma.gov.br/informma/item/10231-funda%C3%A7%C3%A3o-bb-vai-financiar-projetos-de-coleta-seletiva-de-lixo>.

Research Planned on Effects of UK Budget Cuts on Waste Services

Yesterday, the United Kingdom's Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) announced that in cooperation with Ricardo-AEA, an environmental consulting firm, it is launching a research project "*to assess the impact of austerity measures on local authority waste and local environmental quality services*." Among the subjects to be researched are "*efficiency saving and improvement measures being implemented by authorities in areas such as collection scheme design, HWRC and bring bank provision, and partnership working*."

"*Cuts in funding continue to impact upon local government and this study will investigate how local authorities across the UK and Ireland are responding, both now and in the future*," said Tracy Moffatt, CIWM Technical Manager.

A report on the findings should be available by the end of this year.

Get more information at

http://www.ciwm.co.uk/CIWM/MediaCentre/Current_pressreleases/PressReleases2014/press_release_080714.aspx.

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