
RECYCLING PLAN ELEMENT

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The New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, adopted in 1987, requires that municipal master plans include a Recycling Plan Element which incorporates State recycling goals for solid waste. Moreover, it requires that municipal development regulations controlling site plan and subdivision approval include provisions which will ensure conformity with a municipal recycling ordinance.

The Harding Township recycling program predates the Recycling Act of 1987. Prior to adoption of the Act, the township promoted a voluntary program established through the Recycling Association of Harding Township, a civic association. In compliance with the state law, the township has conducted an on-going mandatory recycling plan since June 1987 in accordance with Ordinance No. 5-87 and its subsequent amendments. The township has required that all occupants of both residential and non-residential properties source-separate designated materials from all other solid waste for recycling purposes.

The ordinance implementing the township's recycling program regulates the types of solid waste to be separated by all occupants of residential properties, as well as institutional and commercial establishments. The ordinance also provides for the collection and disposition of recycling materials and requires composting of yard waste (either on-site or at other designated facilities). By definition, the mandatory recycling program applies to residents occupying any residential dwelling within the township, including all single and multifamily dwellings regardless of the total size of the development. Similarly, the program requires compliance by the occupants of all commercial and institutional establishments regardless of size. Therefore, all future, as well as existing residential and commercial developments built within the township will comply with the recycling goals and objectives of the township.

The Planning Board encourages the strict enforcement of the recycling program and continued monitoring of state, county and local recycling efforts so as to promote appropriate program modifications as solid waste technology changes or collection and disposition logistics warrant.

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