

(A) EACH COUNTY SHALL SUBMIT A RECYCLING PLAN TO THE SECRETARY FOR APPROVAL WHEN THE COUNTY SUBMITS ITS COUNTY PLAN TO THE SECRETARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 9-505 OF THIS TITLE.

(B) IN PREPARING THE RECYCLING PLAN AS REQUIRED IN § 9-505 OF THIS TITLE, THE COUNTY SHALL ADDRESS:

(1) METHODS TO MEET THE SOLID WASTE STREAM REDUCTION;

(2) THE FEASIBILITY OF SOURCE SEPARATION OF THE SOLID WASTE STREAM GENERATED WITHIN THE COUNTY;

(3) THE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TO BE SEPARATED;

(4) THE STRATEGY FOR THE COLLECTION, PROCESSING, MARKETING, AND DISPOSITION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, INCLUDING THE COST-EFFECTIVE USE OF RECYCLING CENTERS;

(5) METHODS OF FINANCING THE RECYCLING EFFORTS PROPOSED BY THE COUNTY;

(6) THE FEASIBILITY OF A SYSTEM FOR THE SEPARATE COLLECTION AND MULCHING OF LEAVES;

(7) THE FEASIBILITY OF A SYSTEM FOR THE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING OF WHITE GOODS;

(8) THE SEPARATE COLLECTION OF OTHER RECYCLABLE MATERIALS; AND

(9) ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF RECYCLING THAT WILL ATTAIN OR EXCEED THE SOLID WASTE STREAM REDUCTION GOALS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY.

(C) A COUNTY THAT ACHIEVES A REDUCTION OF AT LEAST 5 PERCENT IN THE VOLUME OF ITS WASTE THROUGH THE UTILIZATION OF 1 OR MORE RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES IN OPERATION AS OF JANUARY 1, 1988 SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE ACHIEVED A REDUCTION BY RECYCLING OF 5 PERCENT OF ITS SOLID WASTE STREAM.

(D) IN PREPARING A RECYCLING PLAN, A COUNTY MAY NOT CALCULATE A TAX OR MANDATORY DEPOSIT ON ANY BEVERAGE CONTAINER THAT IS ENACTED BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO ACHIEVE THE RECYCLING GOALS REQUIRED UNDER § 9-505 OF THIS TITLE.

(E) FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING WEIGHT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT PRECLUDE THE USE OF PORTABLE WEIGH SCALES.

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