

Ordinance 110 Update: School Recycling Requirements

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Ordinance 110 Solid Waste Goals

Reduce

Decrease landfilling of waste

Improve

Quality of materials recycled

Progress

State goal to recycle 75% of waste
by 2030

Recycling Requirements

- ▶ School property owners and managers are responsible for complying with the recycling requirements
- ▶ Provide recycling service
 - ▶ Contract with a hauler or self-haul recyclables
 - ▶ Work with hauler to provide adequate capacity
 - ▶ Provide containers in buildings and on grounds for employees, students, and visitors

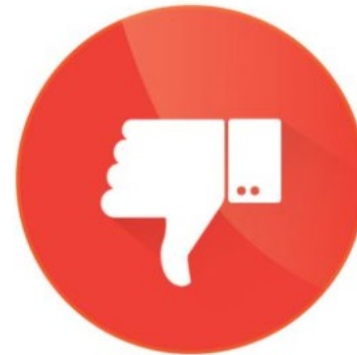
Recycling Requirements (cont.)

- ▶ Ensure collection of materials on the Designated List of Recyclables:
 - ▶ Paper
 - ▶ Cardboard
 - ▶ Cartons
 - ▶ Metal cans
 - ▶ Glass bottles and jars
 - ▶ Plastic bottles, containers, and jugs numbered 1, 2, & 5.



Recycling Requirements (cont.)

- ▶ Keep the Designated List of Contaminants out of recycling containers:
 - ▶ Batteries
 - ▶ Food and liquids
 - ▶ Plastic Bags
 - ▶ Shredded paper
 - ▶ Tanglers (chains, cords, hoses, string lights)
 - ▶ Trash, etc.



Pair Containers

- ▶ Locate recycling & trash containers together:
 - ▶ Wherever a trash container is placed, a recycling container must be co-located (placed within 10 feet)
 - ▶ Recycling containers must be large enough to prevent overflow or result in recyclables being placed on ground or in trash container



Container Labels

- ▶ All recycling, trash and organics containers on building grounds, both indoors and outdoors, must be labeled according to County Labeling Standards.
- ▶ Labels must be color coded:
 - ▶ Blue for recycling
 - ▶ Gray/Black for trash
 - ▶ Green for organics



Container Labels (cont.)

- ▶ Additional labels requirements:
 - ▶ Recycling and organics labels must include images and instructions (where applicable)
 - ▶ Replace labels if they become unreadable
 - ▶ Waste haulers are responsible for labeling all waste containers they provide

Education Requirements: Who?

- ▶ Schools must provide standardized recycling education
 - ▶ Follow County Education Requirements to deliver recycling education to:
 - ▶ Employees,
 - ▶ Students,
 - ▶ Food service staff/contractors,
 - ▶ Custodial and housekeeping staff/contractors

Education Requirements: What?

Recycling and Organics requirements

- ▶ Education: what to collect, how to properly recycle and sort organics
 - ▶ Match education requirements on the county's website
- ▶ Free educational resources from Dakota County that meet these requirements:
 - ▶ Container labels, posters, and activity guides.

Education Requirements: When?

- ▶ Provide education:
 - ▶ At least once per year
 - ▶ Within 30 days of new hire or new staff or student
 - ▶ Within 30 days of major change to recycling or waste program
- ▶ Report program effectiveness annually on county provided form

Education Requirements: Why?

- ▶ Educate to avoid this!



Organics Collection

- ▶ By January 1, 2023, schools that meet the criteria below will be required to collect organics (food scraps)
 - Schools, colleges, and universities with dining services
 - Generate at least 1 ton or contract for at least 8 cubic yards of trash per week
 - Generate foods scraps in back-of-house operations (e.g., food waste from kitchen prep area, dishwashing and storage areas)



Organics Requirements

Service	Label	Educate	Report
<p>Provide organics service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide collection service and containers to collect the designated list of organics from back-of-house areas• Adequate container capacity to prevent overflow or food scraps being placed in trash	<p>Label containers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow County Labeling Standards	<p>Provide standardized organics collection education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow County Education Standards	<p>Report program effectiveness on county provided form</p>

Hauler Regulatory Considerations

- ▶ Waste hauler invoice requirements
 - ▶ Five standardized items required to be covered by invoice.
 - ▶ Price for service;
 - ▶ Taxes and fee collected;
 - ▶ Container size for each container serviced;
 - ▶ Collection frequency for each container serviced; and
 - ▶ Service period covered in the invoice.

Hauler Regulatory Considerations (cont.)

- ▶ Hauler spills recyclables/trash during pick up
- ▶ Are recyclables getting recycled?
- ▶ Hauler containers space/pairing
- ▶ Addressing contamination & hauler discretion

Available Resources

- ▶ More information can be found on the [County's website](#) (www.dakotacounty.us, search “*school recycling requirements*”)
- ▶ View more detail on Label Standards [here](#).
- ▶ Visit this link for the [School Order Form](#) for free labels, posters, and activity guides.
- ▶ View the [Designated List of Recyclables and Contaminants](#)
- ▶ View the [Designated List of Organics and Contaminants](#)
- ▶ More education resources are being developed so check back or reach out to Ali Vandercook, School Recycling Program Coordinator for updates!
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Thank you!

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