## THE 50 STATES OF RECYCLING

A State-by-State Assessment of Containers and Packaging Recycling Rates

ESTABLISHING A COMPARABLE STATE-BY-STATE RECYCLING RATE FOR CONTAINERS AND PACKAGING

This study, for the first time, presents a state-by-state comparable assessment of recycling rates for common containers and packaging materials (CCPM). Using tonnage data and waste characterization reports sourced from the EPA, states, counties, municipalities, sorting facilities and material processors, a modeling approach has been developed and deployed to enable comparable recycling rates to be calculated. This calculation sets a baseline in each state that can be used to inform policy, design programs, and assess infrastructure needs.


PLASTICS

- PET Bottles
- PET other rigid plastics (thermoforms, trays)
- HDPE bottles
- PP
- Rigids \#3-7


CARDBOARD BOXBOARD


GLASS,
BOTTLES
AND JARS


ALUMINUM
CANS


STEEL CANS

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

Recycling policies, such as DRS, and investment in infrastructure, such as curbside collection, and recycling technologies, are crucial to advancing packaging circularity.

Policymakers at the state and federal level must prioritize enacting recycling policy and legislation but also supporting it with investment in local infrastructure.

Not all recycling is created equal when it comes to reducing GHG emissions and the economic costs of recycling.


Collection and recycling are not synonymous.


Comprehensive and accurate data and measurement is a crucial step in moving the US towards a more circular economy.


We must prioritize the recycling of materials that have the greatest reduction potential in GHG emissions and the highest value for creating new products.

We must measure real recycling and prioritize the recycling of high value materials instead of collecting non-recyclable contaminants that make the entire system less effective.

Overall, those states that have more comprehensive and current data along with a state-driven reporting system achieve higher recycling rates. We cannot continue to set targets to improve diversion rates and recycling rates without good data quality, availability, and reporting systems at the state and federal level.

## TOTAL CCPM RECYCLING RATES FOR PER STATE (EXCLUDES CARDBOARD)



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## TOP AND BOTTOM STATES ON RECYCLING RATES FOR CONTAINERS AND PACKAGING EXCLUDING CARDBOARD

|  | $\%$ <br> Recycling Rate | Bottle Bill |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maine | 72\% | $\checkmark$ Yes |
| Vermont | 62\% | $\checkmark$ Yes |
| Massachusetts | $55 \%$ | $\checkmark$ Yes |
| Oregon | $55 \%$ | $\checkmark$ Yes |
| Connecticut | 52\% | $\checkmark$ Yes |
| New York | 51\% | $\checkmark$ Yes |
| Minnesota | 49\% | X No |
| Michigan | 48\% | $\checkmark$ Yes |
| New Jersey | $46 \%$ | X No |
| Iowa | 44\% | $\checkmark$ Yes |


|  | Recycling <br> Rate | Bottle <br> Bill |  |
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|  |  | $13 \%$ | $\times$ |

## ASSESSING RECYCLING PERFORMANCE THROUGH DIFFERENT METRICS

## WEIGHT PERSPECTIVE

Tons of CCPM recycled


By weight, cardboard and boxboard account for $73 \%$ of the total tons of CCPM recycled in 2018, much of this driven from the commercial sector.

GHG MITIGATION PERSPECTIVE
Tons of GHG emissions avoided


Assess system performance using other metrics like GHG emissions avoided to provide a holistic picture of true environmental impact.

VALUE RECOVERED PERSPECTIVE
Revenue from the materials recovered


An increased understanding of the existing markets for recycled materials is essential for public decision-making processes concerning the implementation and evaluation of different categories of recycling policies.

## HOW WASTE MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL GHG EMISSION REDUCTION

- Waste management is responsible for $3 \%$ of global GHG emissions
- But can play a vital role in reducing $5 \%$ of global CO2

- Between 4.4 and 5.7 billion tons of CO2e is the GHG emissions from the production of materials that were disposed of in municipal waste
- By 2030 it will increase between 5.6 and 7.3 billion tons with the continued growth of packaging materials


## EFFECT OF INCREASING RECYCLED CONTENT ON CARBON FOOTPRINT ON BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

RET bottle

| Glass bottle |
| :--- |
| 16.0 oz |

(CARBONATED)
BEVERAGE
CARTONS
16.9OZ

## TO ACHIEVE FULL CIRCULARITY WE NEED HOLISTIC PACKAGING, WASTE \& DESIGN POLICIES COVERING THE FULL CIRCLE

## 1 collection

## SORTING <br> 2

- Extended Produced Responsibility
- Deposit Return Systems
- Extended Collection beyond Curbside
- Higher Tipping Fees \& Material landfill bans


## 4 RECYCLED 4 CONTENT

- Global Standard for Recycled Content Accounting
- Incentives to keep Product to Product Close Loops

- Product Design Guidelines \& Recyclability Audits
- Modular Fees
- Remove Barriers for Investments in MRFs and Novel Sorting Technologies


## recycling 3

- New Recycling Technologies with Maximum Yields and Quality
- Local Recycling Instead of Importing Raw Materials
- Tax Advantages for Recycled Materials VS virgin


## BOTTLE BILL STATES REPRESENT....



## SORTING AND PROCESSING LOSSES FOR EACH CONTAINER



## DATA DRIVES RESULTS

- 7 of the top 10 performing states have good data quality, availability, and state reporting systems.
- Reliable and verifiable data is critical to making effective policy and programming decisions.
- Opportunity: the EPA "to begin a comprehensive data collection effort to strengthen residential recycling and accelerate the move towards a circular economy," including data on community recycling availability, contamination and amount of material collected through curbside and deposit programs for recycling.
- In 2020, the US House of Representatives Appropriations Committee issued House Report 116-448 that included a nationwide Recycling Needs Survey and Assessment in its report language.
- Takeaway: At a minimum, states need to:
- Carry out regular detailed waste characterization studies for both residential and commercial waste streams.
- Set up a system to enable municipalities and waste and recycling facilities to annually report on the amount of material collected, recycled, and disposed of in a consistent way.


## CONSUMER SURVEY:

## Key Attitudes About Recycling

National 4,000 adults survey, March 2021

## AMERICANS SUPPORT INVESTING IN PACKAGING RECYCLING


agree that "investing in expanding and
improving our nation's
recycling
infrastructure should be a higher priority."

agree that "companies that manufacture food and beverage containers should be responsible for the cost of collecting and recycling their products after people discard them."

## AMERICANS SUPPORT STRONGER PACKAGING RECYCLING POLICIES


agree that "difficult or impossible to recycle packaging materials should be phased out of use in the US to reduce pollution."

## CONVIENCE AND CONFIDENCE IN THE SYSTEM ENCOURAGE RECYCLING


would recycle more if it was
more convenient

would recycle more if they had more confidence in the system actually working

## TAKING ACTION



- Prioritize policies and practices of states that achieve relatively high levels of recycling, to achieve better performance.
- Link increased recycling to environmental and economic impact at the state and federal level.
- Standardize data collection and reporting to show true progress towards circularity.

- Design products with circularity in mind aka products that are easily collected, sorted and have high economic value in the recycling stream.
- Maximize performance of products in the recycling system.
- Advocate for improvements in policies and infrastructure to ensure products are being recycled and end up back in the material stream for reuse.


## Public and Private Waste Service Providers

- Identify service changes that may need to be adopted at the state or local level to ensure maximum efficiency of recycling system.
- Advocate for policies that support waste management in their efforts to move towards a circular economy.

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## APPENDIX



- Across its lifecycle, the greatest GHG emissions associated with a packaging material come from the use of virgin material in the production process and the emissions associated with material extraction.
- Under a circular economy, the more secondary recycled material that can be fed into the supply chain to replace virgin material and the more times that same material can circulate within the system, the greater the GHG benefits.
- Increasing recycling and minimizing losses across the full collection, sorting, processing and recycling will have the greatest GHG reduction benefits. Good packaging design can increase recyclability and minimize total material losses.
- Prioritize effective recycling of materials that reduce GHG impact. Recycling one ton of aluminum has three times the GHG reduction benefit as compared to recycling one ton of cardboard. Additionally, an aluminum can may be recycled infinitely, therefore keeping this material in the circular economy can significantly reduce GHG emissions over the long term.


## DRS ALONGSIDE CURBSIDE SYSTEMS ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE AT COLLECTING BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

## RECYCLING RATE



## TOTAL PLASTIC RECYCLING RATES PER STATE



## ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING RATES FOR CANS PER STATE



## PET BOTTLE RECYCLING RATES PER STATE

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## GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS RECYCLING RATES PER STATE



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To achieve an ambitious global goal of $90 \%$ recycling by 2030, we need to dramatically boost US recycling rates. Good data is the foundation of smart policies that will grow our economy and protect the environment. That's why Ball Corporation, the world's leading producer of aluminum beverage containers, supported Eunomia in producing the first state-by-state comparable assessment of recycing rates for common containers and packaging materials (OCPM) in the US.


## TODAY ONLY 25\% OF US WASTE IS ACTUALLY RECYCLED.



50\% OF REVENUE from recycled materials at MRFs comes from aluminum-more chan all oth substrates combined
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AMERICANS SUPPORT ACTION TO IMPROVE RECYCLING:


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