

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.11507 Recycling and reuse of materials; optimizing recycling opportunities; policies, practices, and benchmark recycling standards; development of methods for disposal of solid waste; construction and administration of Part 115; disposal, storage, or transportation of solid waste; compliance with Part 115.**

Sec. 11507. (1) Optimizing recycling opportunities, including electronics recycling opportunities, and the reuse of materials are a principal objective of this state's solid waste management plan. Recycling and reuse of materials, including the reuse of materials from electronic devices, are in the best interest of the environment, natural resources, and the public health, safety, and welfare. This state should develop policies, practices, and goals that promote recycling and reuse of materials, waste reduction, and pollution prevention and that, to the extent practical, minimize the use of landfilling and municipal solid waste incineration as methods for disposal of waste. Policies and practices that promote recycling and reuse of materials, including materials from electronic devices, result in conservation of raw materials and landfill space and avoid the contamination of soil and groundwater from heavy metals and other pollutants.

(2) It is the goal of this state to achieve through the benchmark recycling standards a 45% municipal solid waste recycling rate and, as an interim step, by 2029, a 30% municipal solid waste recycling rate.

(3) The department and a local health officer shall assist in developing and encouraging methods for the disposal of solid waste that are environmentally sound, that maximize the utilization of valuable resources, and that encourage resource conservation including source reduction and source separation.

(4) Part 115 shall be construed and administered to encourage and facilitate all persons to engage in source separation of material from solid waste, and other environmentally sound measures to prevent materials from entering the waste stream or to remove materials from the waste stream.

(5) A person shall not dispose, store, or transport solid waste in this state unless the person complies with part 115.

(6) Part 115 is intended to encourage the continuation of the private sector in materials management, disposal, and transportation in compliance with part 115. Part 115 is not intended to prohibit salvaging.

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