Plastic Market Update

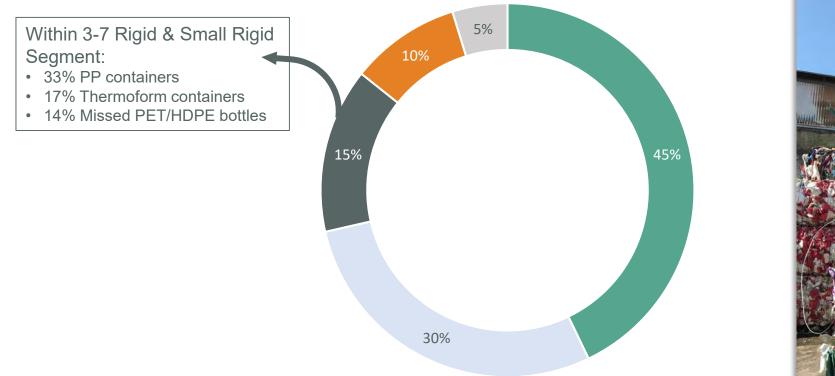
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What's in the Curbside Mix?



Estimated Breakout of Curbside Collected Plastic

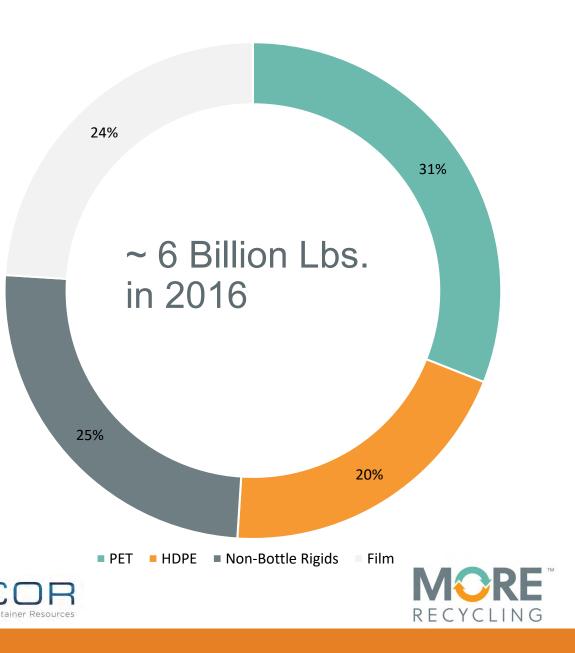






Annual Plastic Survey Data

- More Recycling collects data to see what plastics are being recycled in the US and Canada.
- Data includes post-consumer and post-commercial plastics.



Made possible by:



Current Market Conditions

- Oil Prices Steady
- Export Markets Weak (non-existent?)
- Domestic Market Prices are Down
- Economy is Holding Steady
- Growing Brand Commitments/Long-term
 Sustainability Goals

Equals: uncertainty in plastic recycling markets at the moment, but hopeful future outlook

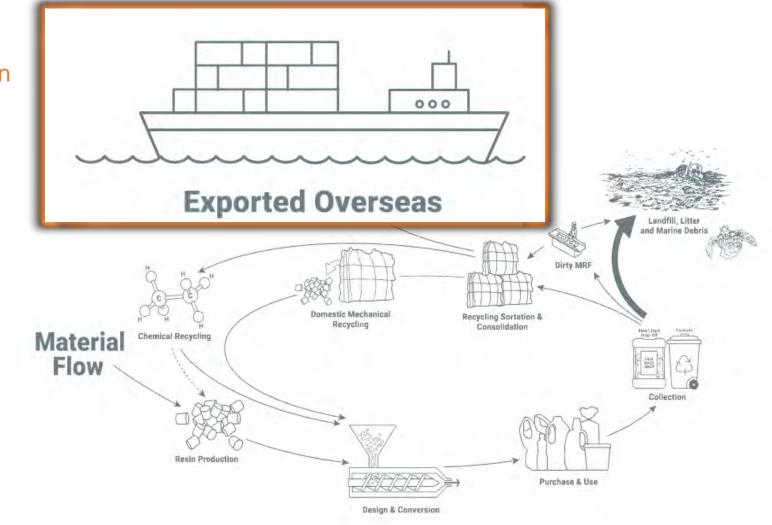






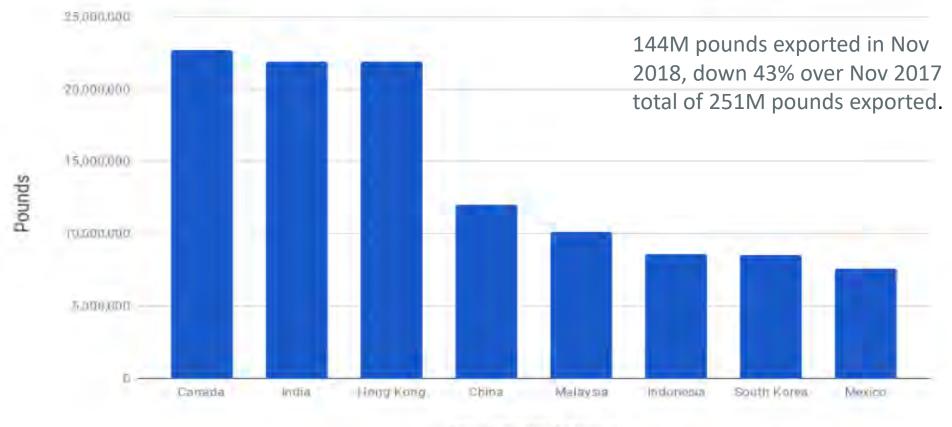
International Policies

Prior to 2018,scrap plastic recyclers depended heavily on foreign markets: Canada- 22% exported US- 28% exported Europe- 50% exported



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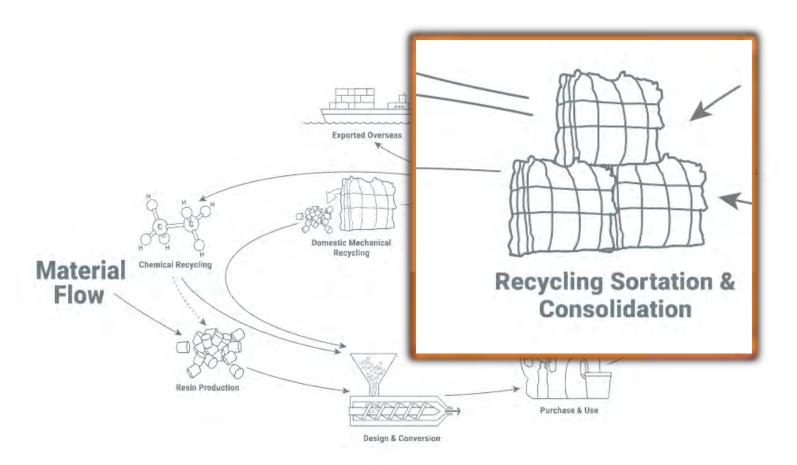
U.S. recovered plastic exports, top destinations, November 2018



Destination Country

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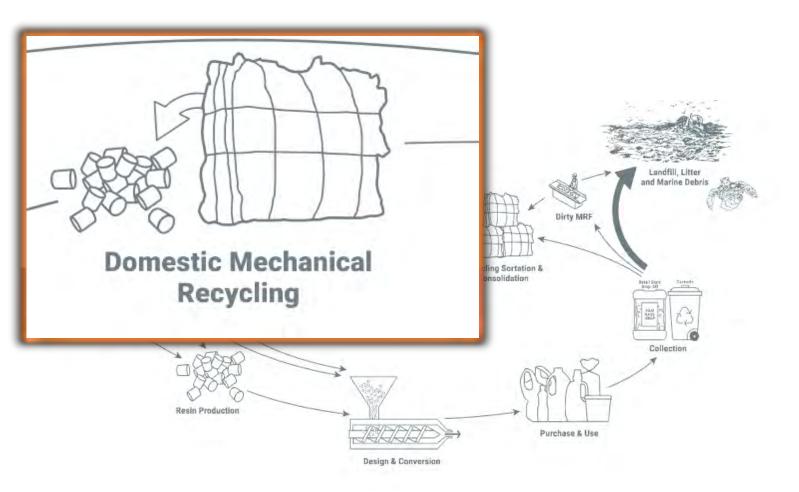


Now there is greater supply than domestic capacity to sort.

Easy exports stymied infrastructure investment to sort mixed plastic bales.



Material Quality



Domestic market standards are higher, and collection programs are faced with greater processing costs.



Material Quality



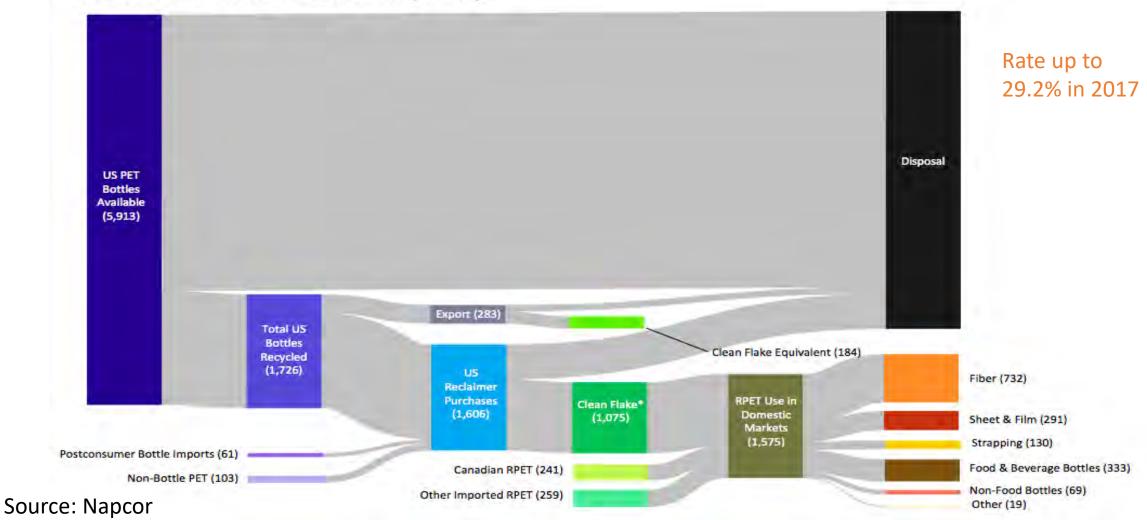






PET Container Recycling Rate = Room to Grow

FIGURE 1: PET Material Flows in the US (MMIbs)



Material Quality

Good education supports the entire system.

Enforcement for chronic bad recyclers may be required.

Programs like WRAP, Plastic Terms & Recycling Partnership toolkits provide free resources.

PLASTICS

ACCEPT

- All Plastic Bottles & Containers: • Soda, Water & Other Drink Bottles
- Food & Household Bottles, Jars and Jugs
- Dairy Containers & Lids
- Produce, Bakery & Deli Containers

DO NOT ACCEPT

- No Plastic Bags, Wrap or Film
- No Motor Oil Bottles

No Styrofoam

PAPER

ACCEPT

- Newspapers & Inserts
- Cardboard & Paperboard
- (cereal & cracker boxes) • Junk Mail & Office Paper
- Milk, Juice & Soup Cartons
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 Phonebooks, Magazines & Catalogs

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- DO NOT ACCEPT
- No Paper Contaminated by Food or Grease
 No Tissue

METAL & GLASS

ACCEPT

- Aluminum Bottles & Cans
- Steel, Tin & Bi-metal Cans
- Empty Aerosol Cans
 Eood & Reverses Class
- Food & Beverage Glass Bottles and Jars

DO NOT ACCEPT

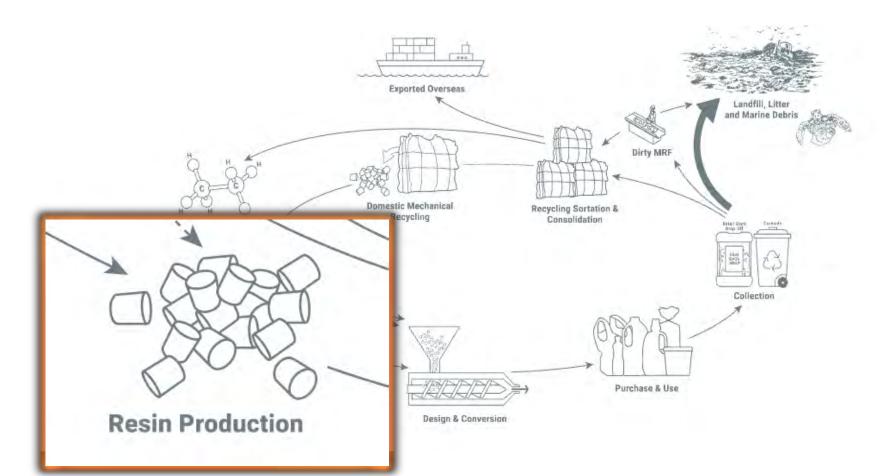
- No Aluminum Pans or Foil
- No Empty Paint Cans
 No Window Class
- No Window Glass, Ceramics or China



Posters, Tip Cards, Bill Inserts, and Flyers Available



Oil Prices

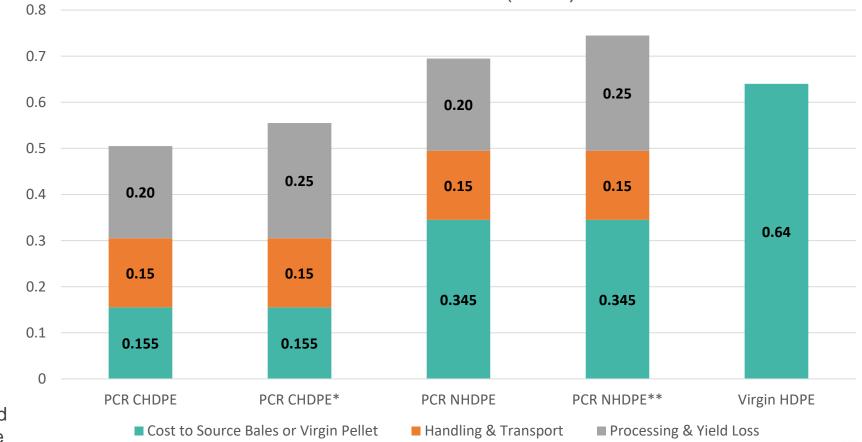


Not enough supply of PCR at the right price and quality levels to compete with virgin resin.

Growing supply of virgin resin has discouraged some infrastructure investments needed to sort and process scrap plastic to the quality needed by end users.

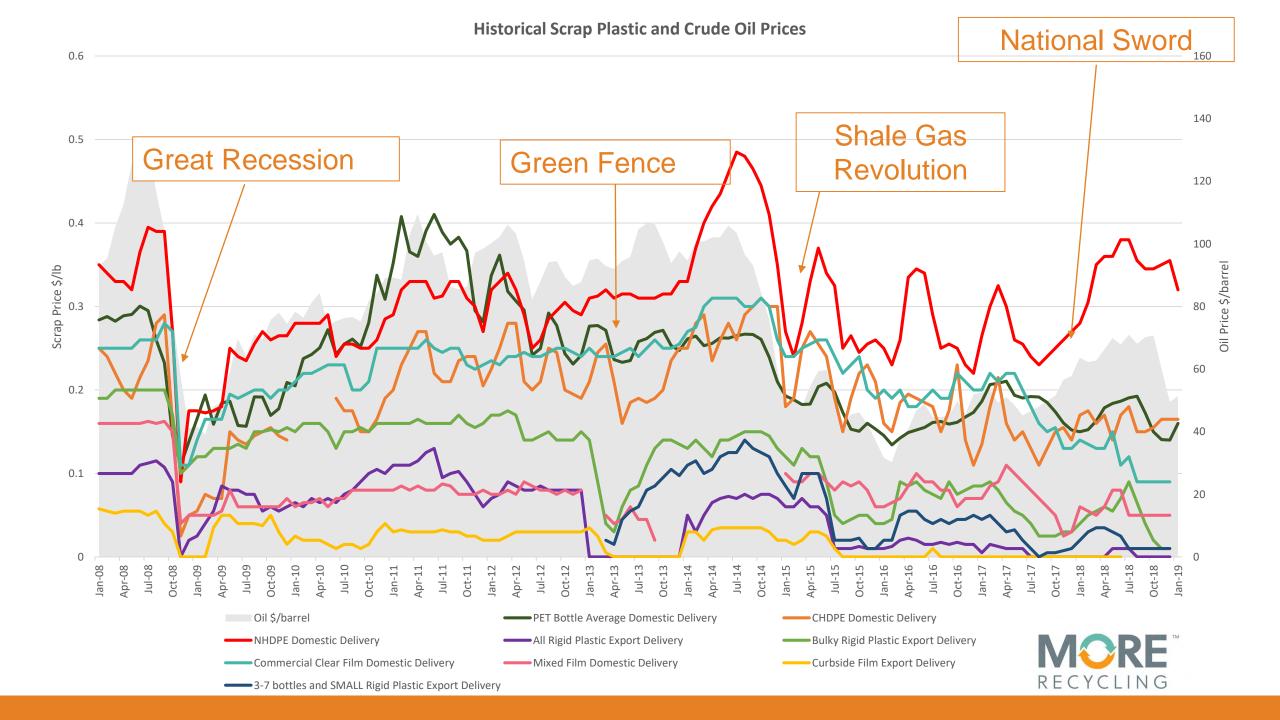


PCR vs Virgin Pellet Price & Cost Associated to Process Post-Consumer Resin (PCR)

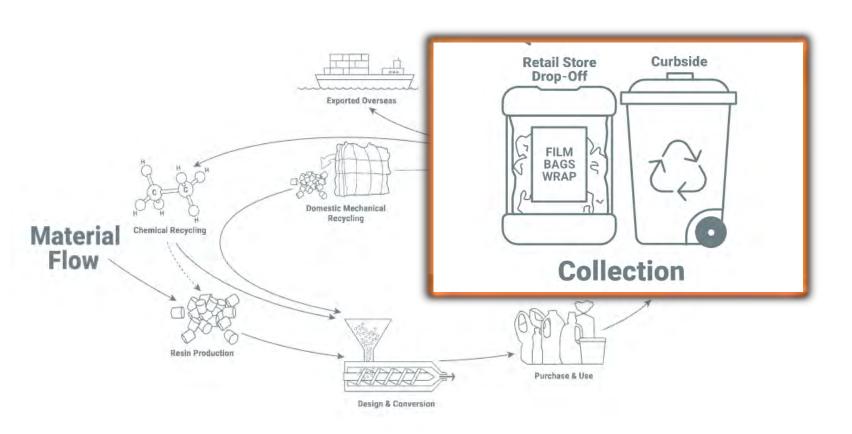




* Color Sorted** Food Grade



Consumer Demand



Without growth in demand for PCR, we will continue to see loss of recycling access for non-bottle materials.

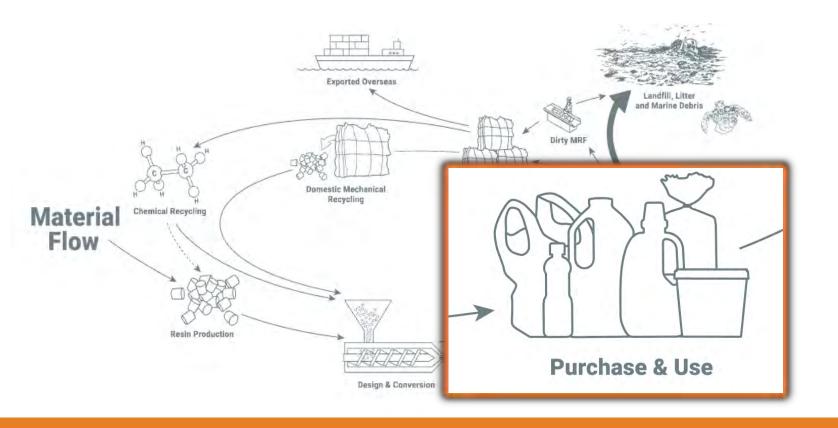
>130 million pounds of postconsumer containers and other rigids are being landfilled, just in CA.



Loss of Recycling Access



Consumer Demand



More companies will use PCR when more consumers ask for it.

Consider the purchases you make both at home and work, and not just for plastics.

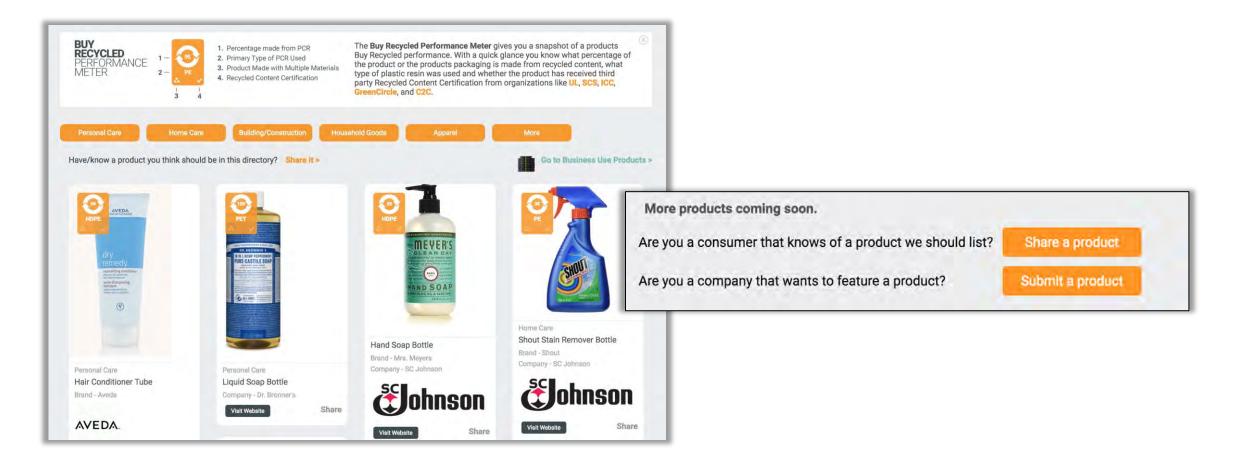


Buy Recycled Products Directory RecycleMorePlastic.org



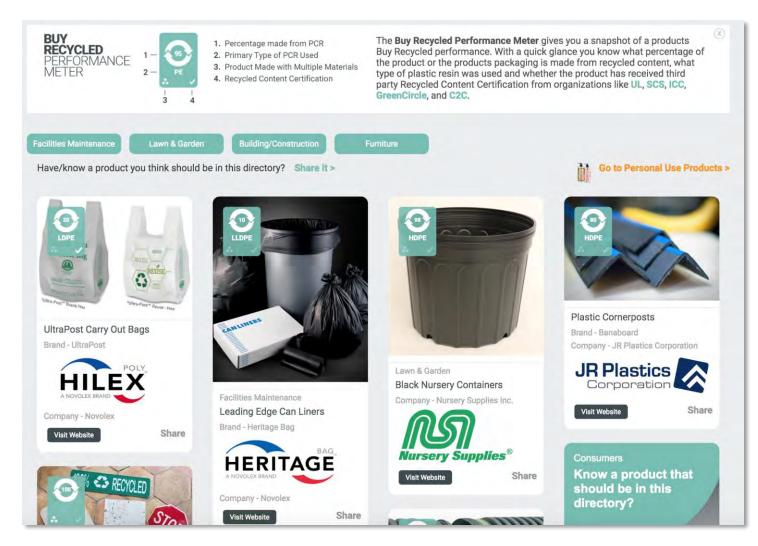


New Products Added Regularly





Businesses are Consumers, too









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Supplier	11906 Brittmoore Park Dr	281-582-0700 x222	
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ABS Acrylic	MEMBER OF CP	Q., Q.,	
HDPE HIPS	Blue Ridge Plastics	CONTACT	
L(L)DPE	11511 Hwy. 770 East	Dee Pyrtle 336-280-8850	
Mixed Nylon	Eden, NC 27288-1243	dpyrtle@blueridgeplastics.com	
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PET		Pakon Mak Nunthirapakorn (859) 745-3782	
Polyurethane + More Options	2600 Corporate Dr	pnunthirapakorn@infiltratorsystems.net	
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New Tools! Recycling Support Activity Info Exchange

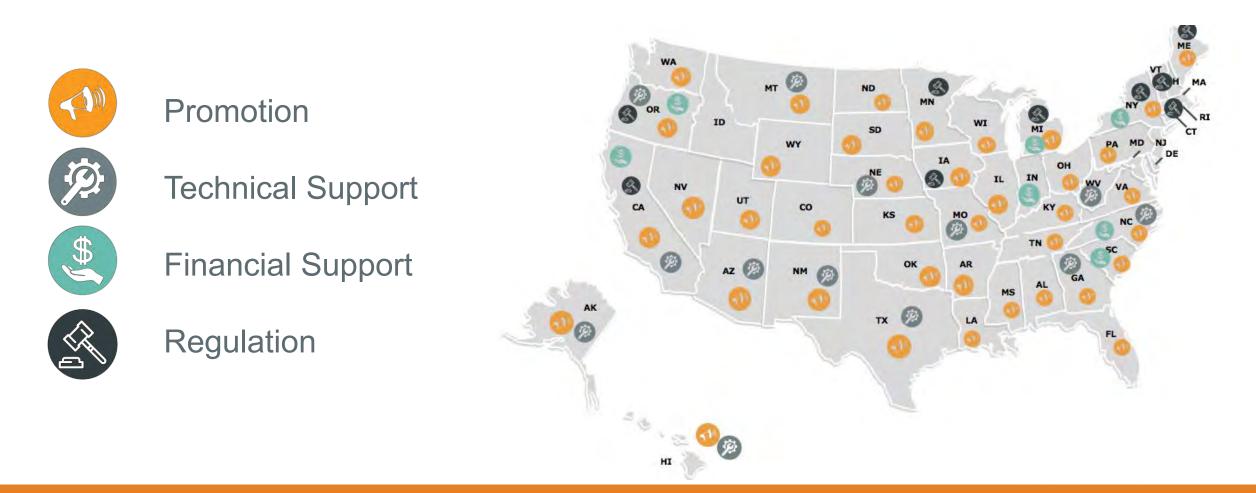
Information Compiled:

- History & Key Elements of Recycling Market Development
- Examples of Public & Private Programs & Tools (in map view with search filters)
- Effective Roles & Strategies Looking Forward



Recycling Support Activity Info. Exchange

The Info. Exchange will provide a roadmap to help stakeholders implement appropriate and effective recycling market development programs and projects.



New Tools! Impact Tracker

Creating Transparency, Recognizing Leaders, & Illustrating Impact



Dashboard Portal To:

- Buy Recycled Directory (Access to products for consumers and organizations)
- Directory of PCR Suppliers
- Markets for Baled Plastic
- Interactive Case Study Tool (Can be modified for materials beyond film)
- PCR Impact Tracker (C02 Savings Equivalent)





New Tools! **Generation Tracker Tool**

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Working with Cascadia and other partner orgs (RILA, NACS) to gather more audit data from commercial generators



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