RECYCLING RULE REVISION UPDATE

Council on Recycling

Sept. 6, 2023

Schedule/Next Steps

- Rule drafting period effectively over
- Economic Impact Analysis drafted, meet with Economist
- Prepared language in Board Order format, meet with Rules
 Coordinator
- Solicit comments on Economic Impact Analysis

- To correct, clarify, and update effective recycling program criteria and update code related to waste reduction, recovery, and recycling efforts
 - Updates much of NR 542 recycling grant award code language
 - Specifies RU education and collection system requirements
 - Education reviewed, distributed annually
 - Food waste education
 - Access to a drop-off if curbside is only monthly
 - Use of individual subscription service allowable
 - Updates RU variance request dollar threshold based on inflation

- Eliminates collection standard
- Specifies "adequate" recycling at multi-family properties have equal or greater number of recycling containers to trash containers and one of following:
 - Min recycling of 20 gallons/week/dwelling unit
 - Trash to recycling is at most 2:1
 - Alternative which prevents overflow
- Allows probation (for RUs) to exceed one year

MRF Requirements

- Send more than 12 percent, by weight, of the facility's total incoming non-commercial recyclables for glass recycling or reuse each calendar year
- Total residual rate of less than 20%
- Obtain proof of financial responsibility for the cost of closure if MRF expects to accept more than 5,000 tons in the coming calendar year or have accepted more than 5,000 tons in two of the last three calendar years

MRFs

- Submit one-time application on operations, annual certification for tonnage data
- Outdoor storage of unbaled materials contained to prevent liter
- Contingency plans for less than 48 hours and 48 hours or greater
- Codification of guidance related to beneficial reuse of glass and for residual fee exemptions

- Haulers must notify RUs of any MRF changes, and provide recycling tonnage data by 2/1 annually
- Containers used for recycling clearly labeled
- Transfer stations must keep recycling separate from waste and maintain cleanliness

QUESTIONS?

Jennifer Semrau
Waste Reduction & Diversion Coordinator
Jennifer.Semrau@wisconsin.gov
608-381-0960