

## Maryland Legislature Revises State Agency Recycling Law

During Maryland's 2012 Legislative Session, the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 929: Environment – Recycling Rates and Waste Diversion – Statewide Goals, Chapter 692 Acts of 2012, which increases the amount of waste required to be recycled by State agencies to 30 percent in 2014.

As part of the implementation process, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is asking that all State agencies revise their recycling plans to include a recycling goal and steps towards reaching the goal. MDE would like to have all revised plans on file by December 2012. It is hoped that your recycling goal will be at least 40 percent in 2015. If your 2011 recycling rate is currently greater than 40 percent, then a goal that provides a reasonable increase is desired.

MDE's Recycling Unit is available to assist State agencies in developing

recycling programs. Contact Christy Bujnovszky for help with your All StAR program.

### Department of General Services' Recycling Competition

April through May 2012, the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) held a recycling competition among DGS-managed buildings to improve recycling rates.

During the competition, the waste and recycling rates for DGS-managed buildings in central Maryland was monitored and reported on the DGS website.

Currently, State agencies are required to recycle at least 20 percent of the waste generated. However, DGS encouraged its facilities to exceed the current requirement.

For a list of participating buildings and their recycling weight totals and rates, see:

[www.dgs.maryland.gov/Recycling/](http://www.dgs.maryland.gov/Recycling/).

The winner of the competition was the Attman-Glazer building which is mainly occupied by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). This location recycled 14.76 tons of waste and had a recycling rate of 39.0%!

John Pirro, DBM's Recycling

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Coordinator, explained their success. The most important thing he could stress was to get your Agency's Secretary involved! The Secretary provided the impetus for cleaning out the files. He instructed that employees look through their files and recycle what was not needed anymore. This simple exercise proved to be a winner. Congratulations to John Pirro and DBM for a job well done! For additional information on the competition, contact Anne Jackson of DGS at

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### 21 State Agencies Reach 20% Goal

The 1988 Maryland Recycling Act (MRA) requires the development of a recycling plan that reduces the amount of solid waste disposed by State government by at least 20 percent or to an amount that is practical and economically feasible. In no case may the amount to be recycled be less than 10 percent. In 2011, twenty one State Agencies reached the 20% recycling goal and Maryland State Government, as a whole, exceeded the minimum rate and recycled 32.91 percent of the waste generated, this is an increase of 8.57 percentage points from 2010! Details are available on the Maryland State Agencies' 2011 Recycling Rates Table. (over)

The next All StAR News is scheduled for the Winter of 2012.

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# Maryland State Agencies' 2011 Recycling Rates

Compiled by the Maryland Department of the Environment from Reports Submitted for Calendar Year 2011

Agency Name	No. of Sites	No. of Sites Reporting	No. of People*	Total MRA Recycling 2011 (tons)	2011 MRA Recycling Rate (%)^
<b>Department of General Services</b>	22	22	9,836	837.88	<b>30.88</b>
Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation	12	12	1,291	152.15	19.41
Department of Agriculture	3	0	NR	NR	NR
<b>Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission</b>	1	1	175	45	<b>29.68</b>
<b>Comptroller of the Treasury</b>	1	1	825	203.24	<b>79.63</b>
<b>Maryland School for the Deaf</b>	2	2	991	113.72	<b>35.35</b>
<b>Department of Natural Resources</b>	2	2	625	30.46	<b>39.42</b>
Department of Juvenile Services	15	15	2,340	140.32	10.11
<b>Maryland State Archives</b>	1	1	93	7.94	<b>23.71</b>
<b>Department of the Environment</b>	1	1	880	43.29	<b>38.31</b>
<b>Department of Transportation</b>	78	78	25,832	12,686.00	<b>53.27</b>
<b>Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</b>	12	11	5,953	1,571.48	<b>22.43</b>
Maryland General Assembly	1	1	992	47.45	13.29
Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services	27	27	35,569	2,998.95	18.71
<b>Department of Human Resources</b>	14	14	4,936	473.37	<b>24.15</b>
<b>Department of Assessments and Taxation</b>	1	1	11	0.84	<b>21.14</b>
<b>University of Maryland System</b>	17	17	141,185	8,751.34	<b>36.80</b>
<b>St. Mary's College of Maryland</b>	1	1	2,491	984.30	<b>46.27</b>
Morgan State University	1	1	9,241	167.87	17.83
<b>Department of Education</b>	4	4	1,206	98.18	<b>20.90</b>
<b>Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund</b>	1	1	375	55.07	<b>46.88</b>
Maryland Stadium Authority	1	1	1,100	388.77	19.72
Baltimore City Community College	1	1	8,796	9.99	3.17
<b>Maryland Environmental Service</b>	1	1	230	21.07	<b>70.09</b>
Maryland Food Center Authority	1	1	1,327	343.40	4.77
Judiciary of Maryland	1	0	NR	NR	NR
<b>Subsequent Injury Fund</b>	1	1	18	1.62	<b>25.00</b>
Department of Veterans Affairs	1	0	NR	NR	NR
<b>Department of Budget and Management</b>	1	1	185	8.86	<b>29.87</b>
<b>Maryland State Police</b>	27	27	1,659	347.95	<b>29.85</b>
<b>Dept. of Housing and Community Development</b>	3	3	427	195.92	<b>80.67</b>
<b>Maryland Insurance Administration</b>	1	1	780	28.30	<b>50.28</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>260,435</b>	<b>30,754.74</b>	<b>32.91</b>

\* State employees comprise approximately 77,777 of the total number of people working at State Agency Locations.

^ The 1988 Maryland Recycling Act mandates a State Government recycling rate of at least 20%.

**Bold Type** – Satisfied the 20% recycling rate

NR – Did not report

  Not all offices reported

  Recycling rate greater than previous year

  Agencies with top 3 recycling rates



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