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Commonly Used Definitions for the All StAR Report Form

<u>Aluminum road signs:</u> Aluminum road signs do NOT count towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Scrap Metal" section of the non-MRA table.

<u>Animal Carcasses</u>: The recycling/composting of animal carcasses counts towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Other" section of the "Compostables" category in the MRA table.

<u>Ballasts</u>: Light ballasts do NOT count towards the MRA rate. If the ballasts are recycled (not simply being diverted from the waste stream) they should be included in the "Other" section of the Non-MRA table.

Batteries: Lead-acid (auto) batteries count towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Lead Acid (Auto) Batteries" section of the "Metals" category in the MRA table. Other types of batteries count towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Other" section of the "Metals" category of the MRA table.

<u>Carpet Remnants</u>: Carpet remnants returned to the manufacturer to be used in the manufacturing process count towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Other" section of the "Other Materials" category in the MRA table. Carpet remnants given to other organizations for reuse do NOT count towards the MRA rate.

<u>Commingled Containers</u>: Containers of different materials collected together (*i.e.*, plastic/glass/metal or plastic/metal or glass/metal or plastic/glass). Commingled containers count towards the MRA rate. It should be included under "Commingled Containers" in the MRA table.

<u>Cooking/Vegetable Oil (liguid):</u> Cooking oil does NOT count towards the MRA rate. It should be included in the "Other" section of the non-MRA table.

<u>Electronics and Computer Equipment</u>: Electronic equipment (such as cell phones, stereos, televisions) and computer equipment (such as CPUs, keyboards, monitors) that is recycled or donated for reuse counts towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Electronics" section of the "Other Materials" category of the MRA table. Electronics that are sold on sites such as GovDeals do NOT count towards the MRA rate. It should be included in the "Other" section of the non-MRA table.

Food Waste: Food waste that is composted counts towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Food Waste" section of the "Compostables" category in the MRA table.

<u>Furniture</u>: Furniture that is processed into other materials counts towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Other" section of the "Other Materials" category in the MRA table. Furniture that is donated or sold for reuse does NOT count towards the MRA rate.

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<u>Grasscycling</u>: The act of allowing grass clippings to remain on the lawn after mowing to return nutrients back to the soil. Grasscycling does NOT count towards the MRA rate.

<u>Landclearing Debris</u>: "Earthen material such as clays, sands, gravels, and silts, topsoil, tree stumps, root mats, brush and branches, logs, vegetation, and rock" from land clearing operations that, if not recycled, are discarded in landclearing debris, rubble, or C&D landfills.

Landclearing debris does NOT count toward the MRA rate and should be included in the "Landclearing Debris" section of the non-MRA table.

<u>Landscaping Debris</u>: Grass, leaves, brush and branches, and mixed yard waste generated from landscaping. Landscaping debris counts towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Compostables" category of the MRA table.

Example: Storm debris cleanup is landscaping debris and counts towards the MRA rate.

<u>License plates</u>: Metal license plates do NOT count towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "scrap metal" category of the non-MRA table.

<u>Mattresses</u>: Mattresses that are processed and remanufactured count towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Other" section of the "Other Materials" category in the MRA table.

Motor Oil Filters: Used motor oil filters count towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Other" section of the "Metals" category in the MRA table.

<u>Paint</u>: Recycled paint counts towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Other" section of the "Other Materials" category in the MRA table.

<u>Pallets</u>: Wood pallets that are composted count towards the MRA rate should be included in the "Other" section of the "Compostables" category in the MRA table. Wood pallets that are refurbished count towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Other" section of the "Other Materials" category in the MRA table.

Paper (shredded): Shredded paper counts towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Mixed Paper" section of the "Paper" category.

<u>Scrap Metal</u>: Scrap metal does NOT count towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Scrap Metal" section in the non-MRA table.

<u>Textiles</u>: Textile material processed into other materials (not reused as clothing without processing) counts towards the MRA rate and should be included in the "Other" section of the "Other Materials" category in the MRA table.

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