



## Recycling Market Development

### What You Need to Know

In the 2021 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 164, the Department of the Environment – Office of Recycling – Recycling Market Development, Chapter 289 (“recycling marketing law”). The law requires the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to coordinate and promote the development of markets for recycled materials and recycled products in the state.

### Actions

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Some of the key activities that MDE will undertake to implement the law include:

- Evaluate the availability of local, national, and international markets for recyclable materials and products
- Make recommendations to improve the market for recycled materials and products in the state
- Identify recyclable materials that need recycling assistance in the state and the methods that can be developed to assist in collecting, processing, and marketing these materials
- Identify businesses in the state that use recycled materials and opportunities for businesses to increase their use of recycled material
- Provide resources to match sources of recycled materials with potential users
- Examine opportunities for the co-location of businesses that use, reuse, repair, and remanufacture recycled materials and products
- Examine existing funding mechanisms for recycling market development, and determine whether additional funding mechanisms are needed
- Provide advisory and technical services to support the development of markets in the state

### Partners

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MDE will be coordinating with the Department of Commerce, the Department of General Services, the Department of Transportation, the Maryland Environmental Service, the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, local governments, and private organizations in developing and promoting recycling markets in the state, as well as increasing the state’s use of recycled materials and products.

### Outreach

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MDE’s Office of Recycling will be seeking input from all interested parties to develop a comprehensive understanding of the programs, tools, training guides, and technologies available to promote the development of markets for recycled materials and products in the State. MDE will be establishing and promoting the “Maryland is Open for Recycling Business” campaign to attract new businesses to the state.

### Contacts

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