

Pennsylvania

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State Policy Snapshot

Pennsylvania’s solid waste and recycling policy framework includes waste tire recycling requirements, household hazardous waste collection programming, municipal recycling obligations under Act 101, disposal bans for certain materials, and statewide recycled-content procurement requirements for state agencies.

Product Bans

Overview: No materials and products that are prohibited from sale, distribution, or use under Pennsylvania law were identified in the survey response.

Product Stewardship

Overview: Pennsylvania has a manufacturer-funded covered device recycling program for electronics, a waste tire recycling program under Act 190 that prohibits whole tire disposal and funded tire pile cleanups, and an HHW management program under the same act establishing statewide collection requirements and an associated grant program.

<i>Material Category</i>	Producer-Funded	Consumer / Eco Fee	Both	Other	None
<i>Beverage Containers</i>					✓

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<i>Boat Wrap</i>					✓
<i>Carpet</i>					✓
<i>Cell Phones</i>					✓
<i>Electric Vehicle Batteries</i>					✓
<i>Electronics</i>	✓				
<i>Fluorescent Lighting</i>					✓
<i>Gas Cylinders</i>					✓
<i>Household Hazardous Waste</i>				✓	
<i>Mattresses</i>					✓
<i>Mercury Switches</i>					✓
<i>Mercury Thermostats</i>					✓
<i>Packaging</i>					✓
<i>Paint</i>					✓
<i>Pesticide Containers</i>					✓
<i>Pharma</i>					✓
<i>Rechargeable Batteries (including alkaline)</i>					✓
<i>Sharps</i>					✓
<i>Solar Panels</i>					✓
<i>Textiles</i>					✓
<i>Tires</i>				✓	

Producer-Funded: Program in which manufacturers or producers are responsible for financing and/or operating collection, recycling, or disposal of the product or material. Consumer / Eco Fee: Program funded in whole or in part through fees paid by consumers at the point of sale or disposal, such as advance recycling fees, eco-fees, or deposits. Both: Program that includes a combination of producer funding and consumer or eco-fees. Other: Any other active program or regulatory approach not captured in the categories above (e.g., take-back requirements, labeling, disclosure, recyclability standards). None: No statewide producer responsibility, consumer fee, or comparable program in place for the product or material.

Program Details:

Product / Material	Description	Program	Statute / Program Link
<i>Electronics</i>	Imposes several requirements on manufacturers of covered devices that offer their covered devices for sale in Pennsylvania.	Producer-Funded	https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dep/programs-and-services/waste-programs/recycling-in-pennsylvania/electronics-recycling/electronics-collection-programs Act of Nov. 23, 2010, P.L. 1083, No. 108 Cl. 27 - COVERED DEVICE RECYCLING ACT - ENACTMENT
<i>Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)</i>	Small Business and Household Pollution Prevention Program established by Act 190 Chapter 2. Includes statewide requirements for the management of organized collection of HHW and associated grant program.	Other	https://www.palegis.us/statutes/unconsolidated/law-information/view-statute?txtType=HTM&yr=1996&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=190&chpt=2
<i>Tires</i>	Waste Tire Recycling was established by Act 190 Chapter 1. Includes statewide requirements banning the disposal of whole waste tires, transportation requirements, and temporary funding for tire pile cleanups.	Other	https://www.palegis.us/statutes/unconsolidated/law-information/view-statute?txtType=HTM&yr=1996&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=190&chpt=1

Minimum Post-Consumer Recycled Content

Overview: The survey response did not provide information describing any minimum post-consumer recycled content material.

Mandatory Recycling Requirements

Overview: Municipal recycling obligations established under Pennsylvania law.

<i>Requirement / Material</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Statute / Program Link</i>
<i>Municipal recycling requirements</i>	Certain municipalities must manage source-separated recyclables defined as “clear glass, colored glass, aluminum, steel and bimetallic cans, high-grade office paper, newsprint, corrugated paper and plastics,” along with the management of leaf waste. Requirements are based on the population or population density of the municipality. Full requirements are under Act 101 Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act.	Act 101 https://www.palegis.us/statutes/unconsolidated/law-information/view-statute?SESSYR=1988&SESSIND=0&ACTNUM=101&SMTHLWIND=&CHPT=15&SCTN=1&SUBSCTN=

Disposal Bans

Overview: Pennsylvania prohibits disposal of covered electronic devices, lead-acid batteries, and whole waste tires.

<i>Material</i>	<i>Disposal Restriction</i>	<i>Statute / Program Link</i>
<i>Covered devices (consumer e-waste, TVs, computers, monitors,</i>	Disposal ban applies to covered electronic devices.	https://www.palegis.us/statutes/unconsolidated/law-information/view-statute?txtType=HTM&yr=2010&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=108&chpt=5&sctn=6&subsctn=0

Material	Disposal Restriction	Statute / Program Link
<i>tablets, computer peripherals)</i>		
<i>Lead-acid batteries</i>	Disposal restriction applies to lead-acid batteries.	https://www.palegis.us/statutes/unconsolidated/law-information/view-statute?SESSYR=1988&SESSIND=0&ACTNUM=101&SMTHLWIND=&CHPT=15&SCTN=10&SUBSCTN=
<i>Whole waste tires</i>	Disposal ban on whole waste tires.	https://www.palegis.us/statutes/unconsolidated/law-information/view-statute?txtType=HTM&yr=1996&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=190&chpt=1&sctn=6&subsctn=0

Other Relevant Policies

Overview: Pennsylvania requires all state agencies to recycle and mandates that procurement procedures encourage the purchase of goods, supplies, equipment, and printed materials with recycled content.

Policy / Program	Description	Statute or Program Link
<i>State agency recycled-content purchasing provisions</i>	Additional procurement-related recycled-content provisions.	https://www.palegis.us/statutes/unconsolidated/law-information/view-statute?SESSYR=1988&SESSIND=0&ACTNUM=101&SMTHLWIND=&CHPT=15&SCTN=4&SUBSCTN=
<i>State agency recycling and recycled-content procurement</i>	All state agencies are required to recycle, and procurement procedures must encourage the use of goods, supplies,	https://www.palegis.us/statutes/unconsolidated/law-information/view-statute?SESSYR=1988&SESSIND=0&ACTNUM=101&SMTHLWIND=&CHPT=15&SCTN=3&SUBSCTN=

equipment, materials, and printing with recycled content.	
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