

Overview of the FY2007-2008 DEP Approved Recycling Program

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What is DARP?

- ❑ Department Approved Recycling Program – voluntary
- ❑ Establishes minimum criteria for residential recycling, composting and public education
- ❑ Raising the minimum criteria increases diversion of materials which have established markets
- ❑ 283 cities and towns have current DARP. Status will expire on 6/30/2006.

DARP Is Related To Waste Bans

- ❑ DARP status exempts SW loads from enforcement action as a result of a comprehensive inspection if banned materials are found (paper, glass, metal and plastic containers, leaves/yard waste)

- ❑ DARP'ed loads of SW are still subject to ongoing monitoring for all banned materials

DARP Is Related To Waste Bans (con't)

DARP loads of SW with any “zero tolerance” items are still subject to enforcement action:

- white goods;
- automotive batteries;
- TVs and computer monitors; or
- whole tires.

How We Came Up With New Criteria

- ❑ DEP staff discussed current DARP and proposed changes.
- ❑ DEP solicited input of Municipal Assistance Coordinators (MAC's).
- ❑ DEP analyzed the number of municipal programs that would meet the proposed criteria based on information reported by the communities.
- ❑ Held four public meetings in Fall to solicit municipal officials' input

Walk Through Criteria Changes

DARP criteria are broken out into 3 categories:

- 1) Recycling Commitment and Access
- 2) Composting Commitment and Access
- 3) Public Education and Participation

IMPORTANT: Each category has BASIC criteria every municipality must meet and ELECTIVE criteria. Each municipality must choose one of the electives in each category

Recycling Access Changes



Basic Criteria for Curbside and Drop-off

New Requirement: Collection of **mixed paper** (magazines, catalogs, junk mail) and **corrugated cardboard**. (curbside programs must collect cardboard at curb)

Existing requirement: Newspaper, glass, metal and plastic containers.

Every municipality must meet basic

Recycling Access Changes - *Electives*



Curbside and Drop-off have 3 electives to choose:

New Requirement: Elective #2 requires inclusion of schools in municipal programs.

Existing Requirements:

- 1) Muni allows business or haulers to use recycling facility ; OR
- 2) Muni has recycling in offices not including schools (paper at a minimum); OR
- 3) Muni has ordinance covering recycling for majority of multi-family buildings at single price.

Composting Access Changes



Basic Criteria for Curbside and Drop-off

New requirement: expanded scope of the basic criteria. Now reads:

Municipality has enacted by-law, ordinance, regulation or SW/recycling contract requiring leaves/yard waste are collected separately and NOT disposed of with SW

Composting Access – Drop-off *Electives*



Electives Remain the Same

- 1) Muni has drop-off site open at least 4 weekends from April 1 to November 30
- 2) Muni operates a home composting bin distribution program and disseminates information

Must meet one of two electives.

Composting Access - Curbside – *Electives*



Electives Remain Largely Unchanged

- 1) Muni has collection of leaves/yard waste every other week**
- 2) Muni has collection of leaves/yard waste 12x / year AND has home compost bin program (old criteria specified 6 in spring, 6 in fall)**
- 3) Muni has drop-off site open at least 4 weekend hours per week**

Changes to Public Education

Basic Criteria for Curbside and Drop-off

- ❑ Municipality must mail information annually to all residents. DEP-granted mailing is OK.
- ❑ Alternative to producing a mailing is to update Earth-911 web site 2X year.
(www.earth911.org)

Changes to Public Education - *Electives*

Curbside and Drop-off Electives:

- 1) Muni has an annual per capita residential recycling rate for paper/bottles/cans of 100 pounds or greater.
- 2) Has existing PAYT program
- 3) Enforces a mandatory recycling by-law, ordinance, regulation or SW/recycling contract language.

Future DARP Participation

- ❑ MassDEP expects a majority of cities and towns to meet new DARP criteria
- ❑ Municipalities have until June 15, 2006 to apply for new DARP

More Questions About DARP?

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