

## **Recyclable Materials—Transporter and Facility Requirements, chapter 173-345 WAC**

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing a new rule, Recyclable Materials—Transporter and Facility Requirements, chapter 173-345 WAC. The proposal notice will be published in the Washington State Register on November 19, 2008.

The purpose of this chapter is to:

- Establish minimum standards for the transportation of recyclable materials.
- Establish notice and reporting standards for solid waste recycling facilities and material recovery facilities (MRFs)
- Ensure that recyclable materials are not delivered to transfer stations, solid waste incinerators or landfills for disposal.
- Establish penalties for transporters of recyclable materials, solid waste recycling facilities, and MRFs that do not meet the requirements of this chapter.

Ecology has determined this rule making is exempt from State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

### **Public hearing schedule**

There will be one public hearing for this rule.

December 15, 2008, beginning at 1:00 p.m.  
Ecology Headquarters Building  
300 Desmond Drive SE  
Lacey, Washington

*NOTE: Car pool or bus use is encouraged. Additional off-site parking is available behind Sawyer Hall if visitor parking is full. Please contact (360) 407-6000 for directions.*

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Chapter 173-345 applies to businesses that transport recyclable material, facilities that recycle solid waste and material recovery facilities (MRF); except for those facilities with current solid waste handling permits issued under RCW 70.95.170.

This rule will implement SB 5788, which was passed by the 2005 legislature.

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If you need this publication in an alternate format, call the Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Program at 360-407-6900. Persons with hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability, call 877-833-6341.

## How to submit your comments

Comment period ends December 23, 2008. Comments must be received by 5:00 pm.

You can give us your official comments in the following ways:

1. Testify at public hearings.
2. Visit our website and submit comments electronically at:  
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/rules/ruleTrans.html>.
3. Email your comments to [rama461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:rama461@ecy.wa.gov).
4. Mail comments to:  
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## Ecology's response to your comments

All of the comments we receive will become part of the official record (Concise Explanatory Statement). The Concise Explanatory Statement is required by the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05) and is published after the rule is adopted. If you provided comments during the formal comment period, you will find your name listed in the document with a reference to where, in the document, Ecology responded your comments. Ecology will provide notice that the Concise Explanatory Statement is available electronically. You may also request a paper copy of the document and Ecology will mail you a copy.

## Expected adoption date

Ecology expects to adopt this rule no earlier than January 15, 2009.

## More information

The Department of Ecology has developed information and ways to inform the public about this rule. Ecology regularly updates rule development web pages, including information about:

- Rule Development <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/rules/ruleTrans.html>
- Rule Documents <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/activity/SB5788.html>
- Email Notices <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/rules/ruleTrans.html>