

Transporting recyclables

Washington's Recyclable Materials Transporter and Facility Requirements rule (WAC 173-345) creates minimum standards for transportation of recyclable materials from commercial or industrial generators. The rule:

- Establishes notice and reporting standards for recycling and material recovery facilities;
- Ensures recyclables are not delivered for disposal; and
- Establishes penalties for transporters and facilities not following the requirements of the rule.

Who does this rule affect?

- Businesses that transport recyclable materials as their primary business.
- Facilities that recycle solid waste.
- Material recovery facilities (MRFs).

Exemptions from the rule

- Facilities with current solid waste handling permits under RCW 70.95.170.
- Businesses transporting covered electronic products exclusively for recycling.
- Nonprofits, people, or businesses transporting recyclables they own or that are incidental to a primary business.

Transporter and facility requirements

Transporters are required to:

- Have a common carrier permit and register with Ecology.
- Transport recyclable materials only to locations where recycling occurs.
- Keep records of activities for two years (see back for requirements).

Recycling facilities and MRFs are required to:

- Notify Ecology and the local jurisdictional health department of their existence 30 days before operation commences with details of their operations.

MORE INFORMATION

Recyclable materials are solid wastes that are separated for recycling or reuse, including but not limited to papers, glass, and metals that are identified as recyclable material by a local solid waste management plan.

Transporter of recyclable material means any person or entity that transports source-separated recyclable materials from commercial or industrial generators over the public highways of Washington for compensation, and is required to have a common carrier permit.

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/transporter/>

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Penalties for not complying with requirements

Any transporter or handler of recyclables violating any of the above requirements that apply to them is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation.

How to get started

Registering and notifying Ecology can be done online. There are no fees.

To register as a Transporter, please see:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/ecy070268.html>

To submit notification as a new facility, please see:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070493.html>

Recordkeeping requirements

Transporters must keep records of each separate trip and the records must include:

- The generator's name, location, and address.
- Quantities and service date of each load.
- An invoice documenting where the recyclables were sold, delivered for processing, or marketing.

Records must be kept for two years and made available for inspection by the Department of Ecology and the local health department.

Common Carrier Permit

A *common carrier* is defined as any company or person who is transporting property other than household goods for compensation within the state of Washington.

- Permits are issued by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. Please see <http://www.utc.wa.gov/regulatedIndustries/transportation/commonCarriers/Pages/default.aspx>