


<b>Subject:</b> Participation in City-Wide Recycling Programs	<b>Number:</b> 8-10
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## Purpose

To establish a uniform policy governing the implementation of City-wide recycling programs. As the City promotes recycling to residents and local businesses, City staff shall "lead by example" to ensure the success of our programs and to maximize recycling in the office and workplace.

Recycling is an integral part of the City's comprehensive solid waste management strategy and specific recycling tactics. Implementation of this policy will provide recycling opportunities to all City staff, as well as citizens visiting our facilities. Implementation of this recycling policy will assist in reaching and exceeding the state mandated 50% diversion requirement. It is estimated that 85% of all waste generated from City offices is recyclable.

## Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

"Recyclable Material" shall mean residential, commercial or industrial source separated by-products of some potential economic value, set aside, handled, packaged, or offered for collection in any manner different from refuse.

"Green Material" shall mean any plant materials including, but is not limited to, yard trimmings, plant products and natural fiber products. Green material does not include treated wood waste, mixed demolition or mixed construction debris.

"Construction and Demolition" shall mean mixed solid waste containing less than 10% of organic materials generated as a by-product of construction and/or demolition activities and which may include a mixture of concrete, asphalt, wood, metals, bricks, dirt, rocks and other inert solid waste material as also defined by CalGreen Building Code Standards.

“Specialized Waste Streams” shall include tires, electronic waste, wood, metal and plastic material exceeding 2 feet in dimension, sludge, paint waste, automotive fluids, filters, fluorescent tubing, white goods and reuse of office equipment.

## **Policy**

All City Departments shall actively participate in the City’s comprehensive recycling programs. A significant portion of material currently disposed of in landfills is actually a recoverable resource. The City’s impact on the recycling of solid waste is dependent on staff involvement in recycling efforts. The recovery and reuse of City generated recyclable material will assist the City in reaching and exceeding the AB939 50% state mandated diversion goal.

Recycling Goal It is the policy of the City that all staff shall participate in recycling programs with the goal of recycling a minimum of 75% of the solid waste generated during the course of the City of Fresno business, exclusive of Toxic and an/or Hazardous materials. Toxic and/or Hazardous Materials shall be disposed of based on federal, state and local guidelines.