

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.17501 Definitions.**

Sec. 17501.

As used in this part:

(a) "Commercial waste" means all types of solid waste generated by stores, offices, restaurants, warehouses, and other nonmanufacturing activities, but does not include household waste from single residences, hazardous waste, or industrial waste. Commercial waste includes solid waste from any of the following:

- (i) Multiple residences.
- (ii) Hotels and motels.
- (iii) Bunkhouses.
- (iv) Ranger stations.
- (v) Campgrounds.
- (vi) Picnic grounds.
- (vii) Day-use recreation areas.

(b) "Department" means the department of environmental quality.

(c) "Household waste" means any solid waste that is derived from single residences, but does not include any of the following:

- (i) Commercial waste.
- (ii) Industrial waste.
- (iii) Construction and demolition waste.

(d) "Recyclable materials" means that term as it is defined in section 11505.

(e) "Recycling" means an action or process, such as separation, sorting, baling, or shipping, applied to reportable recyclable materials for the purposes of reuse or conversion into raw materials or new products.

(f) "Recycling establishment" means an establishment engaged in recycling of, or brokering of, reportable recyclable materials. Recycling establishment does not include any of the following:

- (i) An establishment that recycles fewer than 100 tons per year.
- (ii) A retail establishment that bales cardboard packaging for off-site shipment.
- (iii) A retail establishment that collects returnable beverage containers under 1976 IL 1, MCL 445.571 to 445.576, for transfer to a recycling establishment.

(iv) An end user of reportable recyclable materials such as a paper mill, steel mill, foundry, or die caster that converts the reportable recyclable materials into new products or raw materials for conversion into new products.

(v) A drop-off recycling location that sends all reportable recyclable materials to a recycling establishment registered under section 17502.

(vi) An establishment that ships reportable recyclable material to recycling establishments registered under section 17502 but that does not engage in any other recycling.

(g) "Reportable recyclable materials", subject to subdivision (h), means any of the following categories of recyclable materials that are separated from household waste or commercial waste, or from a combination of household waste and commercial waste, and that are delivered to a recycling establishment for recycling:

- (i) Glass.
- (ii) Paper and paper products.
- (iii) Plastic and plastic products.
- (iv) Ferrous metal, including white goods.
- (v) Nonferrous metal.
- (vi) Textiles.

(vii) Single stream recyclable materials that include any combination of the materials listed in subparagraphs (i) to (vi).

(h) "Reportable recyclable materials" does not include any of the following:

(i) Materials or products that contain iron, steel, or nonferrous metals and that are directed to or received by a person subject to the scrap metal regulatory act, 2008 PA 429, MCL 445.421 to 445.443, or by a reuser of these metals.

(ii) Materials generated from the shredding or dismantling of motor vehicles or parts of motor vehicles.

(iii) A beneficial use by-product, as defined in section 11502.

(iv) A covered electronic device reported under part 173.

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