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**MAY 12 2025**

The Honorable Brett F. Geymann  
Chairman  
House Natural Resources and Environment Committee  
Post Office Box 44486  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

**RE: Annual Recycling Report – Calendar Year 2023**

Dear Representative Geymann:

La. R.S. 30:2413.A.9.b requires that the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality report to the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee its findings and conclusions on the status of Resource Recovery and Recycling Programs in Louisiana parishes and municipalities.

Please find attached the Department's Annual Recycling Report for 2023. Should you have any questions, please contact Jodie Kimball at (225) 219-3045 or [Jodie.Kimball@LA.GOV](mailto:Jodie.Kimball@LA.GOV).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Vincent".

Amanda Vincent, PhD, PMP  
Assistant Secretary  
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Attachment: 2023 Recycling Report

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The Honorable Eddie Lambert  
Chairman  
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Post Office Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

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**Report to the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee**  
**and**  
**the Senate Environmental Quality Committee**  
**Summary of 2023 Annual Recycling Reports**  
**As Presented by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality**

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On or about July 19, 2024, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, requested of all parish solid waste planners their annual recycling reports for the year 2023. As a result of that request and other contacts, the following summary has been developed.

Solid waste typically generated by households, businesses, government facilities, and schools is managed by parish and municipal governments, and in many cases by private entities. The parish and municipal governments are requested to submit Annual Recycling Reports.

The following is a summary of the 2023 Annual Recycling Reports submitted:

- 15 entities<sup>1</sup> have tendered reports of their waste reduction activities.
- Approximately 1,686,327 residents are represented by the reports, or approximately 37% of the state's population.
- Five entities offered curbside recycling collection services.
- 12 entities provided drop-off recycling collection sites.
- Eight entities had household hazardous waste collection events.
- The recycling rate for parishes that submitted recycling reports for the year 2023 was 6.5%<sup>2</sup>.
- The state's overall recycling rate for the year 2023 was 0.7%<sup>3</sup>.

To view the detailed reports submitted by parishes and municipalities, you may access the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's Electronic Document Management System at the following link: <https://edms.deq.louisiana.gov/app/doc/view?doc=14708858>

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<sup>1</sup> Approximately 22% of parishes submitted reports during the reporting period.

<sup>2</sup> Overall recycling rate for reported parishes is calculated using tonnages of waste recycled and disposed from the 15 reported entities.

<sup>3</sup> State recycle rate is calculated from recycling data submitted from the 15 entities that tendered reports and the total tons of waste landfilled in the state from the 2023 capacity report. This assumes that no recycling was conducted in the non-reporting parishes.

## 2023 LOUISIANA RECYCLING SUMMARY

RECYCLING ACTIVITY <sup>1</sup>	NUMBER OF ENTITIES REPORTING ACTIVITY	TONS RECYCLED
ALUMINUM	6	1,296
APPLIANCES (WHITE GOODS)	10	6,701
BATTERIES (LEAD ACID)	7	437
BATTERIES (OTHER)	1	206
CARDBOARD	5	8,034
COMPOSTING from FOOD SCRAPS, WOODWASTE & YARD WASTE <sup>2</sup>	4	24,781
COOKING OIL / GREASE	4	10.27
ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-WASTE)	6	56.25
FERROUS METAL (IRON, STEEL)	8	14,287
GLASS	2	2,166
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE	4	147,368
MAGAZINES & CATALOGS	2	300
MIXED PAPER	0	0
NEWSPRINT	3	299
NON-FERROUS METALS <sup>3</sup>	4	1,051
PLASTIC		
#1 PET	3	660
#2 HDPE	3	752
MIXED #1 AND #2 PLASTIC	1	217
TIRES	12	2,317
USED OIL	7	989
WASTE-TO-ENERGY <sup>4</sup>	0	0
WHITE PAPER	3	23
OTHER	3	51
COMMINGLED RECYCLABLES	5	9,678
TOTAL RECYCLING + COMPOSTING + WASTE-TO-ENERGY REPORTED	15	221,679.5
TOTAL LANDFILLING REPORTED	15	3,209,398
<b>OVERALL RECYCLING RATE FOR REPORTING PARISHES<sup>5</sup></b>		<b>6.5%</b>
TOTAL LANDFILLING IN STATE <sup>6</sup>		31,489,345
<b>OVERALL RECYCLING RATE IN STATE<sup>7</sup></b>		<b>0.7%</b>

<sup>1</sup>May include all public & privately operated drop-off centers.

<sup>2</sup>Woody waste turned into mulch does not include C&D waste or combustion.

<sup>3</sup>Includes mixed metals, mercury from fluorescent bulbs.

<sup>4</sup>Includes combustion of wood chips and tire chips with recovery of useful energy.

<sup>5</sup>Overall recycling rate for reported parishes is calculated using tonnages of waste recycled and disposed from the 15 parishes that submitted reports.

<sup>6</sup>2023 Solid Waste Capacity Report

<sup>7</sup>State recycle rate is calculated from the Solid Waste Recycling Data submitted from the 15 parishes that tendered reports and the total tons of waste landfilled in the state from the 2023 capacity report. This assumes that no recycling was conducted in the non-reporting parishes.