## Universal Recycling Law

### TIMELINE

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| **JULY 1 2014** | - Transfer stations/Drop-off Facilities must accept residential recyclables at no separate charge  
                 - Food scrap generators of 104 tons/year (2 tons/week) must divert material to any certified facility within 20 miles |
| **JULY 1 2015** | - Statewide unit based pricing takes effect, requiring residential trash charges be based on volume or weight  
                 - Recyclables are banned from the landfill  
                 - Transfer stations/Drop-off Facilities must accept leaf and yard debris  
                 - Haulers must offer residential recycling collection at no separate charge  
                 - Public buildings must provide recycling containers alongside all trash containers in public spaces (exception for restrooms)  
                 - Food scrap generators of 52 tons/year (1 ton/week) must divert material to any certified facility within 20 miles |
| **JULY 1 2016** | - Leaf, yard, and clean wood debris are banned from the landfill  
                 - Haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection  
                 - Food scrap generators of 26 tons/year (1/2 ton/week) must divert material to any certified facility within 20 miles |
| **JULY 1 2017** | - Transfer stations/Drop-off Facilities must accept food scraps  
                 - Food scrap generators of 18 tons/year (1/3 ton/week) must divert material to any certified facility within 20 miles |
| **JULY 1 2018** | - Haulers must offer food scrap collection |
| **JULY 1 2020** | - Food scraps are banned from the landfill |

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