

# State Solid Waste Management Plans

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Many States have adopted Statewide solid waste management plans that are intended to lay out an integrated approach to solid waste management. Those plans examine strategies to reduce waste generation and toxicity, foster reuse, increase recycling rates, implement composting and organics management systems and improve disposal methodologies for residues that remain.

Many of the plans were developed through stakeholder processes with the intent of building consensus and buy-in for all impacted sectors including: residents, local and State government, business and the environmental community. These plans set the policies and strategies for managing solid waste for the State and its own agencies and provide guidance for local government, usually tasked with actual responsibility of managing solid waste.

Recently, many of the States' activities have focused on waste reduction strategies like product stewardship, pay-as-you-throw and other such programs. They also continue to place appropriate emphasis on expanding and targeting waste management compliance and enforcement, leveraging of resources and building partnerships, building and maintaining cost-effective programs, and prioritizing materials and sectors where the greatest amount of waste reduction can be achieved.

Each State has its own focus and methodologies, programs and policies to achieve its mission and goals. A listing of some of the State plans or their solid waste program outlines that are posted on the internet are provided below.

If additional States would like to have links posted to their plans/programs please forward information to Kerry Callahan in the ASTSWMO office by e-mail at [kerryc@astswmo.org](mailto:kerryc@astswmo.org).

**Connecticut** -- State of Connecticut Solid Waste Management Plan Amended December 2006:  
[http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2718&q=325482&depNav\\_GID=1646](http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2718&q=325482&depNav_GID=1646)

**Georgia** -- Solid Waste Planning - Adopted May 2006:  
<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/development/EnvironmentalManagement/programs/swplanning.asp>

**Hawaii** -- Hawaii 1991 Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) Plan revised July 2000:  
<http://hawaii.gov/health/environmental/waste/sw/pdf/swmgmpln.pdf>

**Kansas** -- 2005 State Solid Waste Management Plan:  
<http://www.kdheks.gov/waste/reportspublications/stateswplan05index.pdf>

**Massachusetts** -- December 2008 & January 2009: Massachusetts Solid Waste Master Plan:  
<http://www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/priorities/dswmpu01.htm>

**Michigan** -- Michigan Solid Waste Policy 2007:  
[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3312\\_4123-172638--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3312_4123-172638--,00.html)

**Nevada** -- Nevada's 2007 Solid Waste Management Plan:  
<http://ndep.nv.gov/bwm/swmp/index.htm>

**New York State** -- 1999-2000 Update, New York State Solid Waste Management Plan:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8735.html>

**Rhode Island** -- Solid Waste Management Plan Working Group - 2006 Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/ombuds/outreach/integsw/index.htm>

**Vermont** -- Vermont's Readopted Solid Waste Management Plan:  
<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/solid/SWPlanning.htm>

**West Virginia** -- West Virginia FY 2007 Solid Waste Management Plan:  
[http://www.state.wv.us/swmb/07\\_Plan\\_PDF/07%20State%20Plan%20TOC.htm](http://www.state.wv.us/swmb/07_Plan_PDF/07%20State%20Plan%20TOC.htm)

**Washington** -- Summary of the Washington State Hazardous Waste Management Plan and Solid Waste Management Plan: Final Plan: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0407022.html>

Notes:

**Arizona** -- Arizona's DEQ is pursuing rulemaking to establish a systematic and comprehensive framework for regulating solid waste facilities and solid waste streams in Arizona.  
<http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/solid/integrated.html>

**South Carolina**—South Carolina's Solid Waste Management Annual Report can be found at:  
[http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/recycle/pubs/swm\\_report08.pdf](http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/recycle/pubs/swm_report08.pdf)