

**224.43-010 Policy and purpose -- Priorities for solid waste management practices --  
Municipal solid waste disposal reduction goal.**

- (1) It is hereby declared to be the policy of this Commonwealth and the purpose of this chapter to provide for the management of solid waste, including reduction, collection, transportation, and disposal in a manner that will protect the public health and welfare, prevent the spread of disease and creation of nuisances, conserve our natural resources, and enhance the beauty and quality of our environment.
- (2) It is the policy of the Commonwealth to limit and reduce the amount of solid waste disposed in municipal solid waste disposal facilities in the Commonwealth and to encourage a regional approach to solid waste management.
- (3) It is the policy of the Commonwealth that a comprehensive and integrated waste management system to handle solid waste is to be fostered. State policies and funding assistance shall reflect a preference for solid waste management practices according to the following priority:
  - (a) Reduction in the amount of waste generated;
  - (b) Reuse of solid waste;
  - (c) Waste recycling or yard waste composting;
  - (d) Resource recovery through mixed municipal solid waste composting or incineration;
  - (e) Land disposal in publicly-owned landfills or incineration of solid waste without energy recovery; and
  - (f) Land disposal in landfills other than publicly-owned landfills.
- (4) It is further the goal of this Commonwealth that the amount by weight of municipal solid waste disposed at municipal solid waste disposal facilities shall be reduced by a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) by July 1, 1997, as compared to fiscal year 1993 on a statewide per capita basis. However, credit shall be given for reductions achieved prior to 1993 when accurate measurements are available. The reduction goal shall not apply to special wastes as designated by KRS 224.50-760 or industrial solid waste.

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