

Universal recycling grants, loans available for Delaware's commercial sector, including businesses and institutions

DOVER – Applications are being accepted through March 28 for Universal Recycling grants and low interest loans for Delaware's commercial sector to assist them in collecting, transporting, processing and marketing recyclables. All for profit, not-for profit retail or wholesale stores, offices, food service establishments, warehouses and other manufacturing, industrial or processing entities and institutions, such as social, charitable, educational, health care, professional and government services, are encouraged to apply.

Grant and loan guidance, the application, frequently asked questions, and recycling toolkits can be found by visiting DNREC's website, [grant guidance and application](#) or www.recycling.delaware.gov. For more information, contact James Short at James.Short@delaware.gov or 302-739-9403.

Established by the Delaware Solid Waste Recycling Law, the Universal Recycling Grants and Low Interest Loan Program is designed to help implement:

- Source separated recyclables collection and processing with emphasis on start-up costs for residential single-stream recyclables collection; and
- Start-up costs for initiatives which result in recycling solid waste materials which would otherwise be landfilled, with emphasis on commercial waste.

This competitive grant and loan program has no maximum fund limit that can be requested per applicant; however, there is a

limit on the total amount of funding that will be awarded.

The types of materials that must be recycled by commercial entities are not specified in the Universal Recycling Law; however, businesses need to divert as much material as possible from their waste stream. Commercial sector recyclables include, but are not limited to: corrugated cardboard; scrap metals; scrap lumber; office paper; aluminum; and rigid plastics. For a more complete list of acceptable recyclables, as well as a variety of toolkits to assist with recycling program implementation, please visit: www.recycling.delaware.gov.

Delaware's Universal Recycling Law establishes a comprehensive statewide system of recycling that, with full implementation, will provide efficient and convenient recycling programs for every Delaware residence, business, and institution. Universal Recycling is structured to maximize recycling rates and diversion of waste, and to support and stimulate job growth and new businesses in Delaware. All businesses and commercial institutions are required to implement comprehensive recycling programs no later than January 1, 2014.

In February, DNREC held seven workshops tailored to business owners and Institution managers that provided information on the grant and loan funding available, legislative requirements, commercial recycling toolkits and local recycling success stories.

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