More than 70% of our waste stream is readily recyclable.

WHAT ARE THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF RECYCLING IN MICHIGAN NOW?

In Michigan, there are an estimated 2,242 establishments in the recycling and reuse industry with receipts of $11.6 billion, a payroll of about $2.06 billion, and 61,700 jobs.

WHAT’S THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF RECYCLING IN MICHIGAN?

By meeting the Governor’s recycling goals and capturing material that’s otherwise discarded, Michigan would experience a positive economic impact of $400 million annually.

Potential Value of MI MSW Commodities

- Mixed Paper $31,556,184
- Newsprint $5,972,444
- Cardboard $57,511,714
- Plastic (#3,4,5,7) $18,803,449
- Plastic Bags $14,481,222
- Plastic Packaging $74,841,415
- PET Beverage (#1) $20,652,352
- Ferrous $54,600,663
- Aluminum $50,343,782
- Textiles $24,657,272

WHAT’S NEEDED TO CAPTURE ALL THE BENEFITS OF RECYCLING?

The recommendations of the Governor’s Recycling Council and Solid Waste & Sustainability Advisory Panel advise policy makers to prioritize sustainable materials management by amending current law, adopting new law, and providing $17-20 million annually to support community and industry investment in achieving recycling goals.

1 Improving Recycling performance in Michigan’s Best practices, Options and Potential Costs, 2013
2 2011 State of Recycling in Michigan, The Way Forward
3 Economic Impact Potential and Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in Michigan 2016

The Michigan Recycling Coalition fosters sustainability by leading, educating and mobilizing business, government, nonprofits, and individuals to advance their own and collective resource recovery initiatives in Michigan.

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