



NOTICE OF JOINT SENATE AND ASSEMBLY PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Recycling

PURPOSE: To examine recycling-related issues

New York City

Senate Hearing Room
250 Broadway, 19th Floor
Manhattan
Monday
October 21, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Recycling is a fundamental component of New York State's vision of a vibrant, innovative, and sustainable economy. According to the most-recent information available from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, recycling rates have increased from less than 10 percent in 1960 to 34.7 percent in 2015¹, with approximately 40 percent of those recyclables shipped to China². However, China has significantly restricted the recyclables it will accept, impacting post-consumer plastic and mixed paper recycling markets. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the status of the State's recycling markets, the effectiveness of municipal recycling planning and contracting including the role of State funding, and any potential alternatives that could help reinvigorate New York's recycling efforts.

Oral testimony will be limited to **TEN (10)** minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten (10) copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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¹ Advanced Sustainable Material Management: 2015 Fact Sheet, United States Environmental Protection Agency, July 2018

² National Waste & Recycling Association website

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