

CURRENT LANDSCAPE AND GROWTH POTENTIAL OF RECYCLING IN KANSAS



OVERVIEW

To succeed in developing effective and efficient recycling markets, processes, and strategies, communities require an understanding of process capacity, market availability, and community outreach and education.

While this analysis of the recycling opportunities in Kansas provides a solid overview, further research and evaluations are needed to understand the nuanced challenges that Kansas, and its bordering states, face.

NEXT STEPS

More in-depth analyses of recycling gaps and community participation in recycling programs can continue to enhance knowledge and innovative solutions for expanding recycling in Kansas.

Community outreach, engagement, and education can help with increasing proper recycling practices and improve understanding of the positive impacts of recycling.

KEY TAKEAWAYS



Current Landscape of Recycling in KS

Recycling in Kansas is primarily driven at the local level through private, public, and non-profit organizations. State laws or regulations do not exist.



Rural Recycling Gaps

Rural areas have little to no access to recycling opportunities and the distance to larger facilities prohibits growth of recycling programs.



New & Emerging Technology

Efficient use of resources, enhanced tracking, sorting, & cleaning, and collaborative approaches to expanding recycling opportunities are seeing positive results in proprietary and pilot programs.

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