

Survey of Each State's Largest Municipality Residential Plastic Collection Programs - 2017 Overview

This survey is conducted via the internet by evaluating each state's largest municipality's recycling website information. Conducted to get a "sense" of how and what plastics are currently being collected, it is by no means a definitive source of information. Below is a brief overview of survey results. This information also includes Washington DC data, hence the data for 51 programs.

Number of Programs by Type of Municipal Recycling Collection

	2009	2012	2017
Single Stream	31	39	48
Dual Stream	8	4	2
Source Separated	1	3	1
Pilot Recycling Program	2	0	0
Drop Off Recycling Only	1	1	0
Subscription Recycling Only*	5	4	(3)
Total Cities Surveyed**	48	51	51

*Type of Subscription Programs included in figures above

Municipalities which collect only #1 and #2 plastics

	2009	2012	2017
All Containers	8	2	2
Only Bottles	10	4	4
Totals	18	6	6

Municipalities which collect #1 – #7 plastics

	2009	2012	2017
All Containers	16	32	37
Only Bottles	8	6	3
All Containers w/exceptions(i.e. no #3, #6, #7)	6	6	8
Totals	30	44	45

Municipalities with Bulky Rigids Curbside Collection

Municipalities with Residential Bulky Rigids Curbside Collection	2009	2012	2017
	2	3	15