Extended Producer Responsibility – Florida

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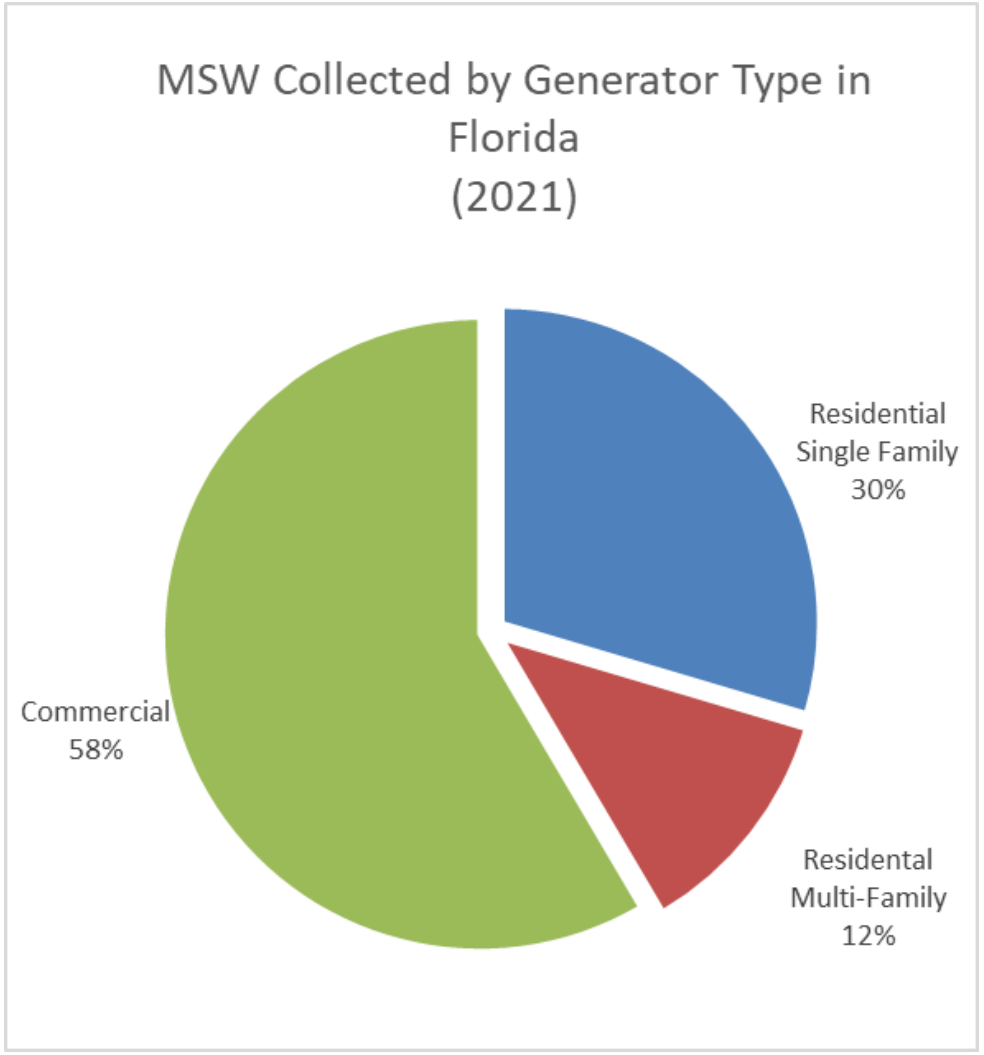
STATE OF FLORIDA – POP. 21,898,945

Local Government

- 67 Counties
- 267 Cities
- 123 Towns
- 21 Villages

Recycling Opportunities

- 35 MRFs
- 316 RMPFs
- >90% pop. access to curbside
- >75% pop. are single stream



FLORIDA'S RECYCLING GOALS

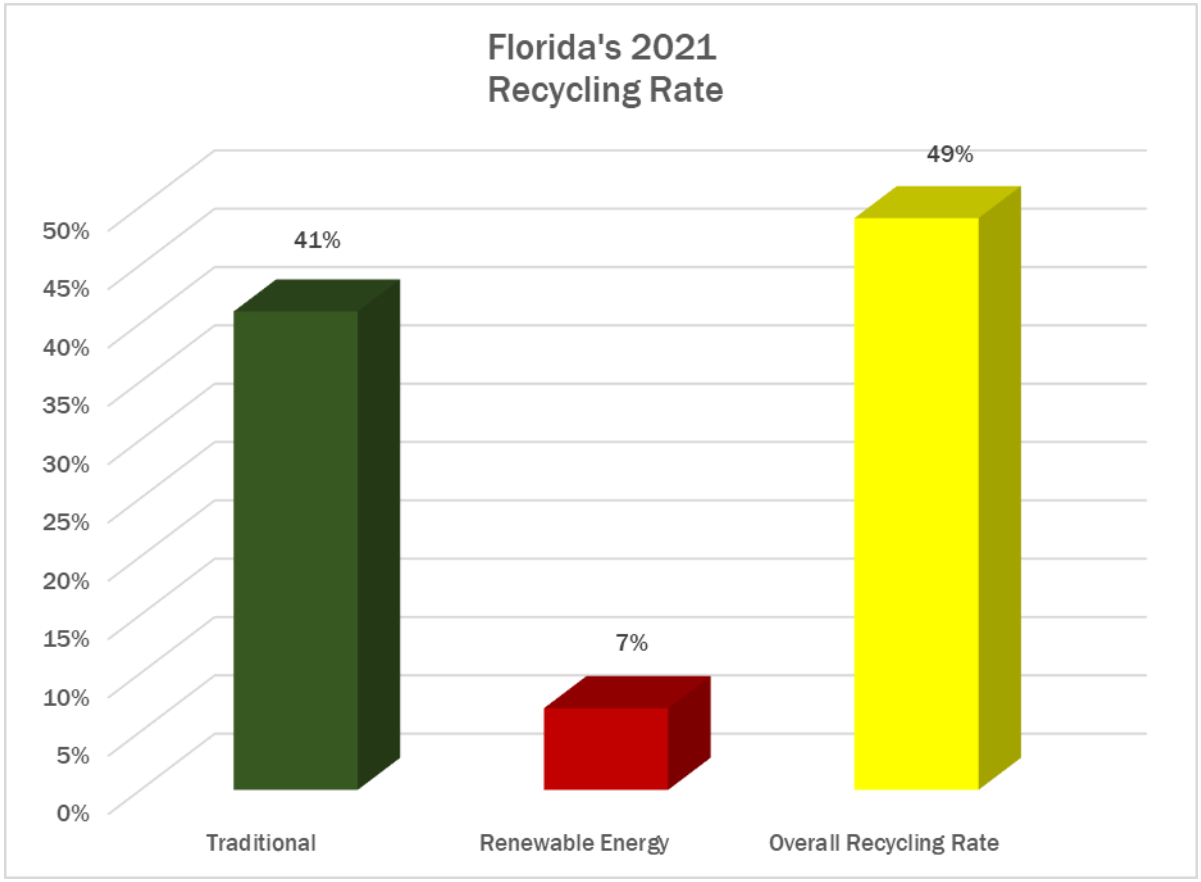
SECTION 403.706, FLORIDA STATUTES

- Established the 75% recycling goal for municipal solid waste by 2020.
- Directed all counties to report their recycling progress annually.
- Established interim recycling goals: 40% by 2012, 50% by 2014, 60% by 2016 and 70% by 2018.
- Directed counties, over 100,000 population, to develop a plan if the county does not achieve the interim recycling goal.
- Directed the state to identify additional programs or statutory changes if the interim recycling goals are not met, e.g., Florida and 2020's 75% recycling report.

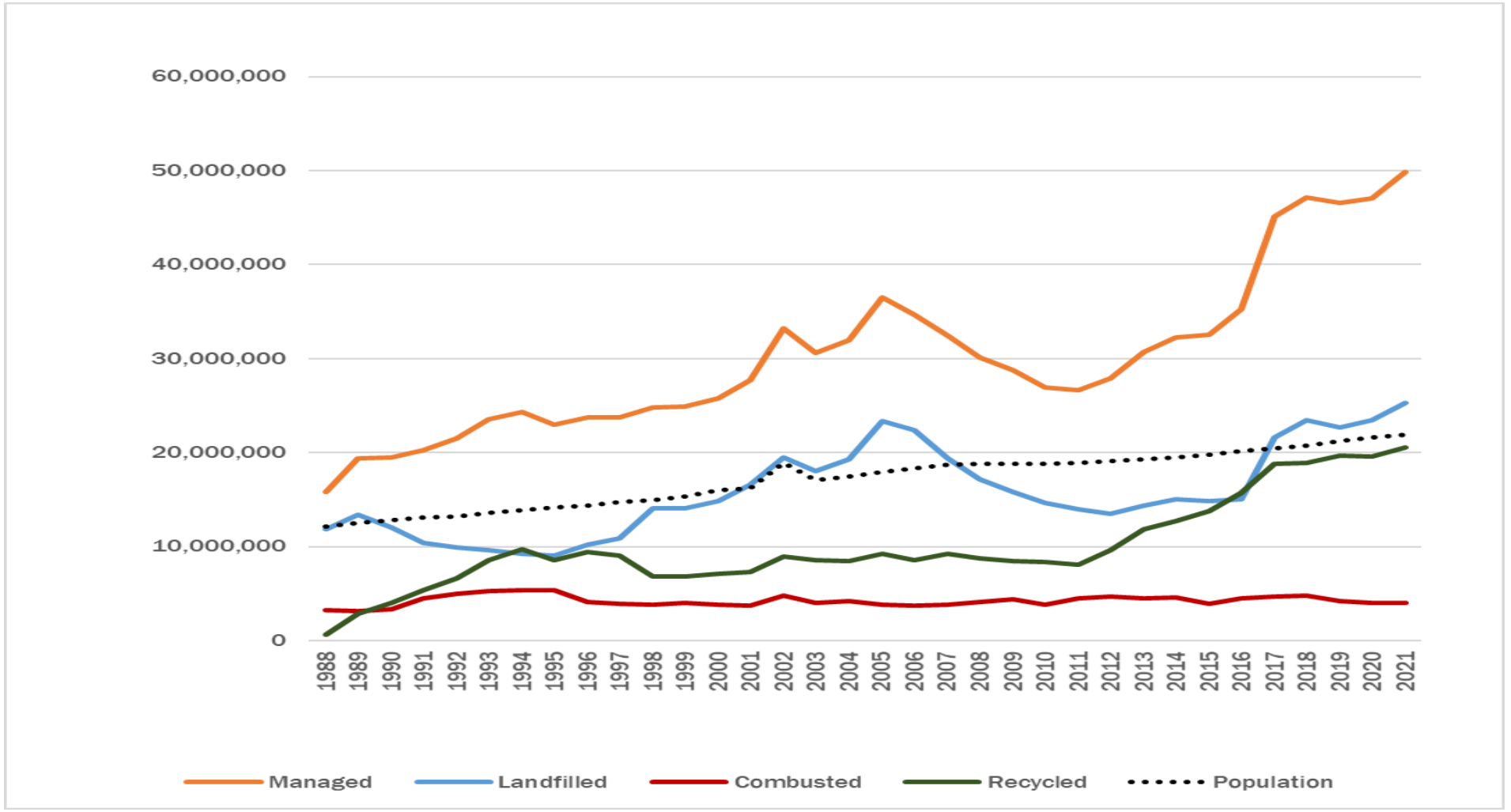
FLORIDA'S RECYCLING RATE

The statewide overall recycling rate, including renewable energy recycling credits, decreased from 50% (2020) to 49% (2021).

The statewide traditional recycling rate, excluding renewable energy recycling credits, decreased from 42% (2020) to 41% (2021).



SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN FLORIDA 1988-2021



EXTENDED PRODUCER REPONSIBLITY (EPR) IN THE SOUTHEAST

SOUTH CAROLINA

HB 4775 for EPR on electronics recycling… Manufacturers responsible for collection coverage instead of focusing on pounds collected.

TENNESSEE

A TN bill proposed an EPR law similar to Maine's EPR law; but it did not pass in this year's legislative session. It is anticipated that the bill will be reintroduced next year.

EPR IN FLORIDA

EPR FOR RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

It is illegal to dispose nickel-cadmium or small sealed lead acid rechargeable batteries or products containing those batteries in the trash.

Rechargeable batteries must be recycled or sent to permitted disposal facility.

Florida Statute (403.7192), requires manufacturers and marketers of rechargeable battery and rechargeable battery powered products sold in Florida implement a permanent collection and management program for discarded batteries.

WASTE TIRE FEES

$1 PER MOTOR VEHICLE TIRE FEE FOR EACH NEW TIRE SOLD

Up to 40%	Solid waste activities of the DEP and other state agencies.
Up to 4.5%	Research and training programs related to solid waste management.
Up to 14%	Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services for mosquito control.
A minimum of 37%	Waste tire abatement and solid waste management grant program.
Up to 4.5%	Department of Transportation litter control programs coordinated by Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc.

Florida does not use its fees to subsidize private industry, nor does it pay for the collection or use of waste tires.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

PARTNERSHIPS

1. Private Sector
   - Consumers
   - SMM Goals
2. NGOs

FORCE
FLORIDA ORGANICS RECYCLING CENTER for EXCELLENCE

FloridaForce.org

THANK YOU

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FloridaDEP.gov/waste/waste-reduction/content/recycling