CHAPTER 1
TABLES
MARYLAND LAWS AFFECTING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

**Maryland State Implementation Plan (SIP):** Limits emissions from specific pollutant sources to prevent air quality from falling below National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

**Non-tidal Wetland Regulations:** Prevents net loss of non-tidal wetlands by establishing a stringent permitting process.

**Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Protection Program (1984):** Controls human intervention in the Bay area.

**Maryland Recycling Act (1988):** Establishes a requirement for Maryland counties to plan and implement a recycling system by 1994 to reduce a county’s waste stream by 15%, or 20%, based upon that county’s population.

**Asbestos Control - Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (1990):** Deals with asbestos controls and requires completion of a teeming program by those who do asbestos related work within schools.

**Land Clearing Debris Landfills - Amount of Security (1990):** Addresses the amount of security required for each acre of land clearing debris landfills.

**Newsprint Recycled Content Act (1991):** Regulates newsprint recycling by imposing specified recycling content percentage requirements on the Maryland newspaper industry.

**Telephone Directory Recycling Act (1991):** Regulates telephone directory publishers to meet specified recycling content percentage requirements for telephone directories.

**Plastic Material Code (1991):** Rigid plastic containers or bottles may not be distributed for sale in the state unless appropriately labeled indicating the plastic resin used to produce them.

**Composting Act (1992):** Includes composting in the definition of recycling. Requires that county recycling plans address composting issues, and bans yard waste from landfills effective in 1994.

**Mercury Oxide Battery Act (1992):** Makes battery manufacturers responsible for collection, transportation, and recycling or disposal of batteries sold or offered for promotional purposes in the state.

**Public School Plans (2009):** An Act requiring a county recycling plan to address the strategy for the collection, processing, marketing, and disposition of recyclable materials from county public schools.

**Fluorescent and Compact Fluorescent Light Recycling (2010):** An Act requiring a county recycling plan to address the strategy for the collection and recycling of fluorescent and compact fluorescent lights that contain mercury.

**Recycling – Apartment Buildings and Condominiums (2012):** An Act requiring a county recycling plan to address the collection and recycling of recyclable materials from residents of apartments and condominiums that contain 10 or more dwelling units by property owners or managers of apartment buildings and councils of unit owners of condominiums. Also, if applicable, a method for implementing a reporting requirement for recyclable materials generated at apartment buildings and condominiums that contain 10 or more dwelling units.

**Recycling Rate and Waste Diversion-Statewide Goals Act (2012):** Requires counties to reduce its solid waste stream through recycling by at least 35% (populations over 150,000) or 20% (population under 150,000), by December 31, 2015.

**Environment – Recycling – Special Events (2014):** An Act requiring a county recycling plan to address the collection and recycling of recyclable materials from special events by October 1, 2015.

**Sewage Sludge Application:** Land application procedures are strictly regulated to maintain the public health.

**Medical Waste Legislation:** Regulates identification, record-keeping, treatment, transport, and disposal of special medical wastes; infectious wastes are prohibited in solid waste landfills in the state.
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SUMMARY OF ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TITLES AFFECTING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND

Title 2 - Ambient Air Quality Controls

Title 5 - Water Management

Title 6 - Toxic, Carcinogenic, and Flammable Substances

Title 7 - Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Substances

Under Title 9 - Water, Ice and Sanitary Facilities; MDE regulates the location, design, and operation of sanitary landfills through refuse disposal permits issued and enforced under authority of the following subtitles and sections of the Environment Article:

Subtitle 5 County Water and Sewerage Plans

Subtitle 17 Office of Recycling

Section 204 Installing, Altering, or Extending Water Supply Systems, Sewerage Systems, or Refuse Disposal Systems

Section 204.1 Installing, Altering, or Extending Incinerators

Section 204.2 Installing, Altering, or Extending Landfill Systems

Section 209 Landfill System Hearings

Section 210 Prerequisites for Issuance of Permit

Section 211 Landfills, Incinerators, and Transfer Stations; Requirements for Security

Section 212 Landfill Systems - Options to Purchase

Section 212.1 Denial of Permit to Non-government Person

Section 213 Term of Permit (5 years)

Section 214 Revoking or Refusal to Renew a Permit

Section 215 Closure and Cover when Operation Ends

Section 225 Landfills near Hospital Prohibited (1/2 mile radius)

Section 226 Certification of Public Necessity Required for Hazardous Waste Landfill System

Section 227 Infectious Waste in Landfill System Prohibited
COMAR REGULATIONS

Under Title 08 (Department of Natural Resources), the following sections must be considered in the siting of solid waste management facilities:

Subtitle 3, Chapter 8, Threatened and Endangered Species
Subtitle 9, Chapters 1-6, Forest Conservation

Title 26, Subtitle 3, Water Supply, Sewerage, Solid Waste, and Pollution Control Planning and Funding, Chapter 3, Development of County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plans:
Requires that each county maintain a current solid waste management plan and establishes the format for these plans.

Title 26, Subtitle 3, Chapter 10, Financial Assistance for the Constructing of Solid Waste Processing and Disposal Facilities:
Stipulates the requirements, priority listing criteria, and ranking system for counties to receive financial assistance from the state.

Title 26, Subtitle 4, Regulation of Water Supply, Sewage Disposal and, Solid Waste, Chapter 7 Solid Waste Management:
Regulations for permitting, designing, construction, operating and closing municipal, land clearing debris, rubble, and industrial waste landfills, processing facilities, transfer stations, and incinerators.

Other regulations under Title 26 that are important to solid waste management include:

Subtitle 4, Chapter 6, Sewage Sludge Management
Subtitle 4, Chapter 8, Scrap Tire Regulations
Subtitle 4, Chapter 9, Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facilities
Subtitle 8, Water Pollution
Subtitle 9, Chapter 1, Erosion and Sediment Control
Subtitle 9, Chapter 2, Stormwater Management
Subtitle 11, Air Quality
Subtitle 13, Disposal of Controlled Hazardous Substances

Title 26, Subtitle 5
Chapter 3, Construction on Non-tidal Waters and Floodplains
Chapter 4, Non-tidal Wetlands
Chapter 7, Wetlands Regulations
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