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**Recycling and Waste Amendments**  
2025 GENERAL SESSION  
STATE OF UTAH  
**Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper**  
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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses issues related to the disposal and recycling of electronic and solid waste.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines "community collection event";
- requires a manufacturer of a consumer electronic device to provide information to a consumer at the point of sale about a collection, reuse, or recycling program for a consumer electronic device;
- requires the Department of Environmental Quality (department) to develop a public education program related to electronic and other waste;
- requires the department to publish information related to recycling programs and recycling resources on the department's website;
- removes an exception for the department to charge more than one fee for the same solid waste; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**19-6-119**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 64

**19-6-1202**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 213

**19-6-1203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapters 13, 143

**19-6-1204**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 213

**19-6-1205**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 213

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31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

32 Section 1. Section **19-6-119** is amended to read:

33 **19-6-119 . Nonhazardous solid waste disposal fees.**

34 (1)(a) Through December 31, 2018, and except as provided in Subsection (4), the owner  
35 or operator of a commercial nonhazardous solid waste disposal facility or incinerator  
36 shall pay the following fees for waste received for treatment or disposal at the facility  
37 if the facility or incinerator is required to have operation plan approval under Section  
38 19-6-108 and primarily receives waste generated by off-site sources not owned,  
39 controlled, or operated by the facility or site owner or operator:

- 40 (i) 13 cents per ton on all municipal waste and municipal incinerator ash;  
41 (ii) 50 cents per ton on the following wastes if the facility disposes of one or more of  
42 the following wastes in a cell exclusively designated for the waste being disposed:  
43 (A) construction waste or demolition waste;  
44 (B) yard waste, including vegetative matter resulting from landscaping, land  
45 maintenance, and land clearing operations;  
46 (C) dead animals;  
47 (D) waste tires and materials derived from waste tires disposed of in accordance  
48 with Title 19, Chapter 6, Part 8, Waste Tire Recycling Act; and  
49 (E) petroleum contaminated soils that are approved by the director; and  
50 (iii) \$2.50 per ton on:  
51 (A) all nonhazardous solid waste not described in Subsections (1)(a)(i) and (ii);  
52 and  
53 (B)(I) fly ash waste;  
54 (II) bottom ash waste;  
55 (III) slag waste;  
56 (IV) flue gas emission control waste generated primarily from the combustion  
57 of coal or other fossil fuels;  
58 (V) waste from the extraction, beneficiation, and processing of ores and  
59 minerals; and  
60 (VI) cement kiln dust wastes.

61 (b) A commercial nonhazardous solid waste disposal facility or incinerator subject to the  
62 fees under Subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii) is not subject to the fee under Subsection  
63 (1)(a)(iii) for those wastes described in Subsections (1)(a)(i) and (ii).

64 (c) The owner or operator of a facility described in Subsection 19-6-102(3)(b)(iii) shall

- 65 pay a fee of 13 cents per ton on all municipal waste received for disposal at the  
66 facility.
- 67 (2)(a) Through December 31, 2018, and except as provided in Subsections (2)(c) and (4),  
68 a waste facility that is owned by a political subdivision shall pay the following annual  
69 facility fee to the department by January 15 of each year:
- 70 (i) \$800 if the facility receives 5,000 or more but fewer than 10,000 tons of municipal  
71 waste each year;
- 72 (ii) \$1,450 if the facility receives 10,000 or more but fewer than 20,000 tons of  
73 municipal waste each year;
- 74 (iii) \$3,850 if the facility receives 20,000 or more but fewer than 50,000 tons of  
75 municipal waste each year;
- 76 (iv) \$12,250 if the facility receives 50,000 or more but fewer than 100,000 tons of  
77 municipal waste each year;
- 78 (v) \$14,700 if the facility receives 100,000 or more but fewer than 200,000 tons of  
79 municipal waste each year;
- 80 (vi) \$33,000 if the facility receives 200,000 or more but fewer than 500,000 tons of  
81 municipal waste each year; and
- 82 (vii) \$66,000 if the facility receives 500,000 or more tons of municipal waste each  
83 year.
- 84 (b) The fee identified in Subsection (2)(a) for 2018 shall be paid by January 15, 2019.
- 85 (c) Through December 31, 2018, and except as provided in Subsection (4), a waste  
86 facility that is owned by a political subdivision shall pay \$2.50 per ton for:
- 87 (i) nonhazardous solid waste that is not a waste described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) or  
88 (ii) received for disposal if the waste is:
- 89 (A) generated outside the boundaries of the political subdivision; and  
90 (B) received from a single generator and exceeds 500 tons in a calendar year; and
- 91 (ii) waste described in Subsection (1)(a)(iii)(B) received for disposal if the waste is:
- 92 (A) generated outside the boundaries of the political subdivision; and  
93 (B) received from a single generator and exceeds 500 tons in a calendar year.
- 94 (d) Waste received at a facility owned by a political subdivision under Subsection (2)(c)  
95 may not be counted as part of the total tonnage received by the facility under  
96 Subsection (2)(a).
- 97 (3)(a) As used in this Subsection (3):
- 98 (i) "Recycling center" means a facility that extracts valuable materials from a waste

- 99 stream or transforms or remanufactures the material into a usable form that has  
100 demonstrated or potential market value.
- 101 (ii) "Transfer station" means a permanent, fixed, supplemental collection and  
102 transportation facility that is used to deposit collected solid waste from off-site  
103 into a transfer vehicle for transport to a solid waste handling or disposal facility.
- 104 (b) Through December 31, 2018, and except as provided in Subsection (4), the owner or  
105 operator of a transfer station or recycling center shall pay to the department the  
106 following fees on waste sent for disposal to a nonhazardous solid waste disposal or  
107 treatment facility that is not subject to a fee under this section:
- 108 (i) \$1.25 per ton on:
- 109 (A) all nonhazardous solid waste; and  
110 (B) waste described in Subsection (1)(a)(iii)(B);
- 111 (ii) 10 cents per ton on all construction and demolition waste; and  
112 (iii) 5 cents per ton on all municipal waste or municipal incinerator ash.
- 113 (c) Wastes subject to fees under Subsection (3)(b)(ii) or (iii) are not subject to the fee  
114 required under Subsection (3)(b)(i).
- 115 (4) The owner or operator of a waste disposal facility that receives nonhazardous solid  
116 waste described in Subsection (1)(a)(iii)(B) is not required to pay any fee on those  
117 nonhazardous solid wastes if received solely for the purpose of recycling, reuse, or  
118 reprocessing.
- 119 (5) Through December 31, 2018, and except as provided in Subsection (2)(a), a facility  
120 required to pay fees under this section shall:
- 121 (a) calculate the fees by multiplying the total tonnage of nonhazardous solid waste  
122 received during the calendar month, computed to the first decimal place, by the  
123 required fee rate;
- 124 (b) pay the fees imposed by this section to the department by the 15th day of the month  
125 following the month in which the fees accrued; and
- 126 (c) with the fees required under Subsection (6)(b), submit to the department, on a form  
127 prescribed by the department, information that verifies the amount of nonhazardous  
128 solid waste received and the fees that the owner or operator is required to pay.
- 129 (6)(a) In accordance with Section 63J-1-504[~~, on or before July 1, 2018, and each fiscal~~  
130 ~~year thereafter]~~ and on or before the start of each fiscal year, the department shall  
131 establish a fee schedule for the treatment, transfer, and disposal of all nonhazardous  
132 solid waste.

- 133 (b) The department shall, before establishing the annual fee schedule described in  
134 Subsection (6)(a), consult with industry and local government and complete a review  
135 of program costs and indirect costs of regulating nonhazardous solid waste in the  
136 state and use the findings of the review to create the fee schedule.
- 137 (c) The fee schedule described in Subsection (6)(a) shall:
- 138 (i) create an equitable and fair, though not necessarily equal or uniform, fee to be  
139 paid by all persons whose treatment, transfer, or disposal of nonhazardous solid  
140 waste creates a regulatory burden to the department, based on the actual cost, and  
141 taking into consideration whether the owner or operator of a facility elects to  
142 self-inspect under Section 19-6-109, except as provided in Subsection (6)(d);
- 143 (ii) cover the fully burdened costs of the program and provide for reasonable and  
144 timely oversight by the department;
- 145 (iii) adequately meet the needs of industry, local government, and the department,  
146 including enabling the department to employ the appropriate number of qualified  
147 personnel to appropriately oversee industry and local government regulation;
- 148 (iv) provide stable funding for the Environmental Quality Restricted Account created  
149 in Section 19-1-108; and
- 150 (v) for solid waste managed at a transfer facility, be no greater than the cost [~~of~~  
151 ~~regulatory services provided to-~~ to the division to inspect the transfer facility.
- 152 (d) Any person who treats, transfers, stores, or disposes of solid waste from the  
153 extraction, beneficiation, and processing of ores and minerals on a site owned,  
154 controlled, or operated by that person may not be charged a fee under this section for  
155 the treatment, transfer, storage, or disposal of solid waste from the extraction,  
156 beneficiation, and processing of ores and minerals that are generated:
- 157 (i) on-site by the person; or  
158 (ii) by off-site sources owned, controlled, or operated by the person.
- 159 (e) The fees in the fee schedule established by Subsection (6)(a) shall take effect on  
160 January 1 [~~, 2019~~] of each year.
- 161 (7) [~~On and after January 1, 2019, a~~] A facility required to pay fees under this section shall:
- 162 (a) pay the fees imposed by this section to the department by the 15th day of the month  
163 following the quarter in which the fees accrued; and
- 164 (b) with the fees required under Subsection (7)(a), submit to the department, on a form  
165 prescribed by the department, information that verifies the amount of nonhazardous  
166 solid waste received and the fees that the owner or operator is required to pay.

167 (8) In setting the fee schedule described in Subsection (6)(a), the department shall ensure  
 168 that a party is not charged multiple fees for the same solid waste[, except the department  
 169 may charge a separate fee for a transfer station].

170 (9) The department shall:

171 (a) deposit all fees received under this section into the Environmental Quality Restricted  
 172 Account created in Section 19-1-108; and

173 (b) in preparing its budget for the governor and the Legislature, separately indicate the  
 174 amount of the department's budget necessary to administer the solid and hazardous  
 175 waste program established by this part.

176 (10) The department may contract or agree with a county to assist in performing  
 177 nonhazardous solid waste management activities, including agreements for:

178 (a) the development of a solid waste management plan required under Section 17-15-23;  
 179 and

180 (b) pass-through of available funding.

181 (11) This section does not exempt any facility from applicable regulation under the Atomic  
 182 Energy Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 2014 and 2021 through 2114.

183 [~~(12) The department shall report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment  
 184 Interim Committee by November 30, 2017, on the fee schedule described in Subsection  
 185 (6)(a):]~~

186 Section 2. Section **19-6-1202** is amended to read:

187 **19-6-1202 . Definitions.**

188 As used in this part:

189 (1) "Collection":

190 (a) means the aggregation of consumer electronic devices from consumers; and

191 (b) includes all the activities up to the time a consumer electronic device is delivered to a  
 192 recycler.

193 (2) "Community collection event" means a scheduled event for a member of the public to  
 194 dispose of or recycle:

195 (a) a consumer electronic device or other electronic waste;

196 (b) green or organic waste;

197 (c) hazardous waste as that term is defined in Section 19-6-102; or

198 (d) an item not considered household waste that is difficult to dispose of or recycle.

199 [~~(2)~~] (3)(a) "Computer" means an electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other  
 200 high-speed data processing device performing a logical, arithmetic, or storage

- 201 function, including:
- 202 (i) a laptop computer;
- 203 (ii) a desktop computer; or
- 204 (iii) a tablet computer.
- 205 (b) "Computer" includes the following permanently affixed to or incorporated into a
- 206 device described in Subsection [~~(2)~~(a)] (3)(a):
- 207 (i) a cable cord;
- 208 (ii) permanent wiring;
- 209 (iii) a central processing unit; or
- 210 (iv) a monitor.
- 211 (c) "Computer" does not include an automated typewriter or typesetter, a portable
- 212 hand-held calculator, a portable digital assistant, a server, or similar device.
- 213 [~~(3)~~] (4) "Consumer" means a person who owns or uses a covered electronic device that is
- 214 purchased primarily for personal or home business use.
- 215 [~~(4)~~] (5) "Consumer electronic device" means the following products sold to a consumer:
- 216 (a) a computer;
- 217 (b) a computer peripheral;
- 218 (c) a television; or
- 219 (d) a television peripheral.
- 220 [~~(5)~~] (6) "Eligible program" means a collection, reuse, or recycling system for a consumer
- 221 electronic device, including:
- 222 (a) a system by which a manufacturer, manufacturer's designee, or other private entity
- 223 offers a consumer an option to return a consumer electronic device by mail;
- 224 (b) a system using a physical collection site that a manufacturer, manufacturer's
- 225 designee, or other private or public entity provides for a consumer to return a covered
- 226 consumer electronic device; or
- 227 (c) a system that uses a collection event held by a manufacturer, manufacturer's
- 228 designee, or other private or public entity at which a consumer may return a
- 229 consumer electronic device.
- 230 [~~(6)~~] (7) "Manufacturer" means a person who:
- 231 (a) manufactures a consumer electronic device under a brand the person owns or is
- 232 licensed to use; or
- 233 (b) assumes the responsibilities and obligations of a person described in Subsection [
- 234 ~~(6)~~(a)] (7)(a).

- 235 [(7)] (8) "Peripheral" means a keyboard, printer, or other device that:
- 236 (a) is sold exclusively for external use with a television or computer; and
- 237 (b) provides input into or output from a television or computer.
- 238 [(8)] (9)(a) "Recycling" means the process of collecting and preparing electronic
- 239 products for:
- 240 (i) use in a manufacturing process; or
- 241 (ii) recovery of reusable materials followed by delivery of reusable materials for use.
- 242 (b) "Recycling" does not include destruction by incineration, waste-to-energy
- 243 incineration, or other similar processes or land disposal.
- 244 [(9)] (10) "Reuse" means electronic waste:
- 245 (a) that is tested and determined to be in good working order; and
- 246 (b) that is removed from the waste stream to use for the same purpose for which it was
- 247 manufactured, including the continued use of the whole system or components.
- 248 [(10)] (11)(a) "Sell" or "sale" means any transfer for consideration of title or of the right
- 249 to use by lease or sales contract of a consumer electronic device to a consumer.
- 250 (b) "Sell" or "sale" does not include:
- 251 (i) the sale, resale, lease, or transfer of used consumer electronic devices; or
- 252 (ii) a manufacturer's or a distributor's wholesale transaction with a distributor or
- 253 retailer involving a consumer electronic device.
- 254 [(11)] (12) "Television" means a display system primarily intended to receive video
- 255 programming via broadcast, cable, or satellite transmission.
- 256 Section 3. Section **19-6-1203** is amended to read:
- 257 **19-6-1203 . Reporting requirements.**
- 258 (1) [~~On or after July 1, 2011, a~~] A manufacturer may not offer a consumer electronic device
- 259 for sale in the state unless the manufacturer, either individually, through a group
- 260 manufacturer organization, or through the manufacturer's industry trade group, prepares
- 261 and submits, subject to Subsection (2), a report on or before August 1 of each year to the
- 262 department.
- 263 (2) The report required under Subsection (1):
- 264 (a) shall include a list of eligible programs, subject to Subsection (3); and
- 265 (b) may include:
- 266 (i) an existing collection, transportation, or recycling system for a consumer
- 267 electronic device; and
- 268 (ii) an eligible program offered by:



- 269 (A) a consumer electronic device recycler;
- 270 (B) a consumer electronic device repair shop;
- 271 (C) a recycler of other commodities;
- 272 (D) a reuse organization;
- 273 (E) a not-for-profit corporation;
- 274 (F) a retailer; or
- 275 (G) another similar operation, including a local government collection event.

276 (3) The list required in Subsection (2)(a) may be in the form of a geographic map  
277 identifying the type and location of an eligible program.

278 Section 4. Section **19-6-1204** is amended to read:

279 **19-6-1204 . Public education programs -- Publication on department website.**

280 (1) ~~[Effective January 1, 2012, a]~~ A manufacturer may not offer a consumer electronic  
281 device for sale in the state unless the manufacturer individually, through a group  
282 manufacturer organization, or through the manufacturer's industry trade group  
283 establishes and implements~~[, in accordance with Subsection (2), a public education~~  
284 program regarding the eligible programs] a public education program in accordance with  
285 Subsection (2).

286 (2)(a) The public education program required under Subsection (1) shall:

- 287 (i) inform a consumer about eligible programs at the point of sale of the consumer  
288 electronic device; and
- 289 (ii) use manufacturer-developed customer outreach materials, such as packaging  
290 inserts, company websites, and other communication methods, to inform a  
291 consumer about eligible programs.

292 (b) A manufacturer described in Subsection (1) shall work with the department and other  
293 interested parties to develop educational materials that inform consumers about an  
294 eligible program.

295 (3) The department shall develop a public education program to:

- 296 (a) promote eligible programs;
- 297 (b) promote existing recycling resources in this state;
- 298 (c) assist a manufacturer's public outreach program in accordance with Subsection (2)(b);  
299 and
- 300 (d) support a local government or other entity interested in creating a community  
301 collection event.

302 (4) The department shall publish on the department's website:

- 303 (a) the public education program developed by the department under Subsection (3);  
304 (b) a community collection event submitted to the department under Subsection  
305 19-6-1205(2); and  
306 (c) a report received by the department under Section 19-6-1203.

307 Section 5. Section **19-6-1205** is amended to read:

308 **19-6-1205 . Local government arrangement -- Community collection event**  
309 **publication.**

310 (1) If a local government enters into an arrangement with a manufacturer to facilitate  
311 consumer electronics recycling in accordance with this part, the local government may  
312 enter into the arrangement without requiring a request for proposal or similar  
313 competitive procurement process required by law.

314 (2)(a) A local government may submit a community collection event to the department  
315 for publication on the department's website as described in Subsection 19-6-1204(3).

316 (b) To publish a community collection event on the department's website, a local  
317 government or person shall provide the following information to the department:

318 (i) the location of the community collection event;

319 (ii) a description of a consumer electronic device accepted for recycling;

320 (iii) hours of operation for the community collection event; and

321 (iv) other relevant information as requested by the department.

322 Section 6. **Effective Date.**

323 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.