



SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
OF BROWARD COUNTY

DRAFT – Commercial Recycling Ordinance Development

Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting

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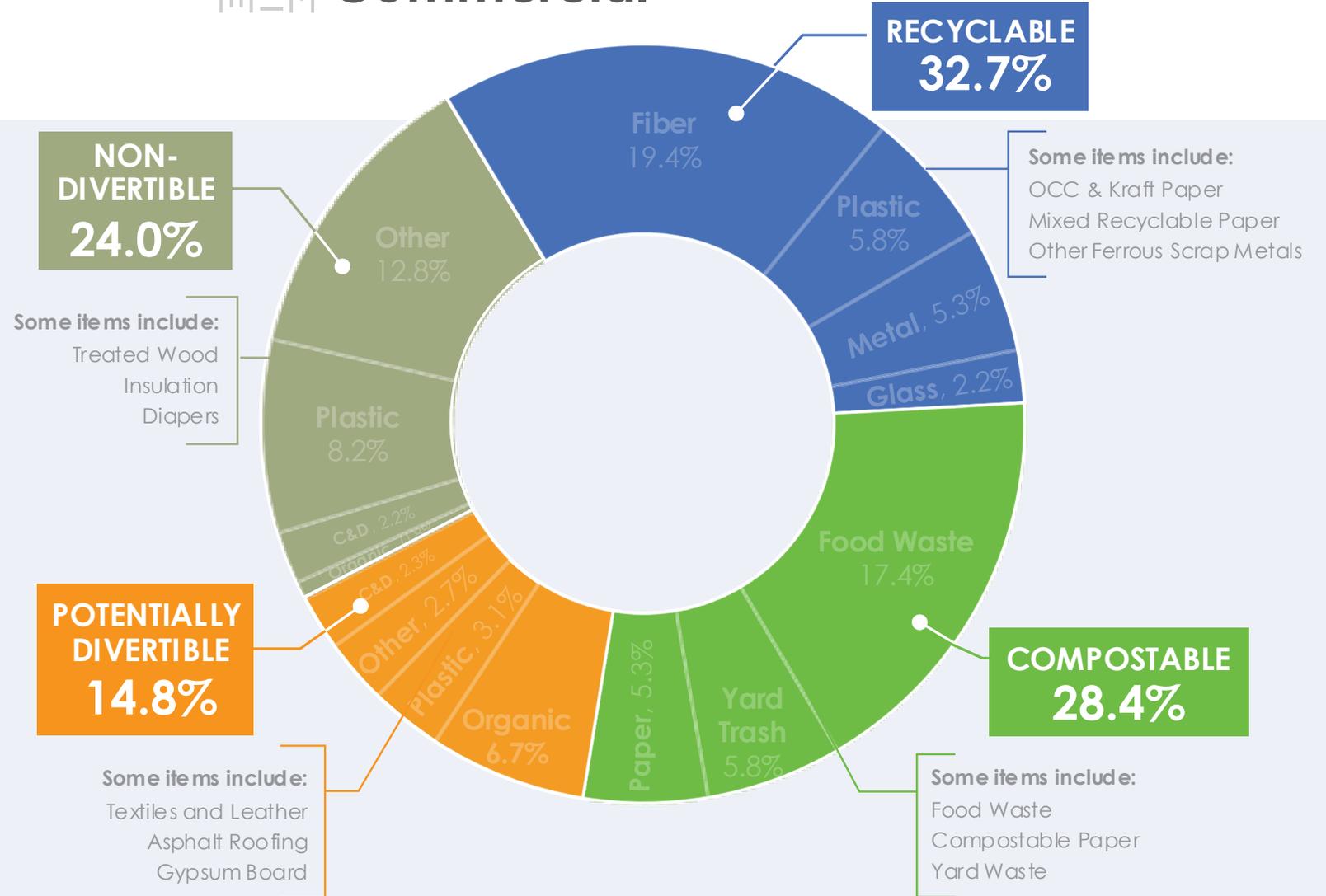
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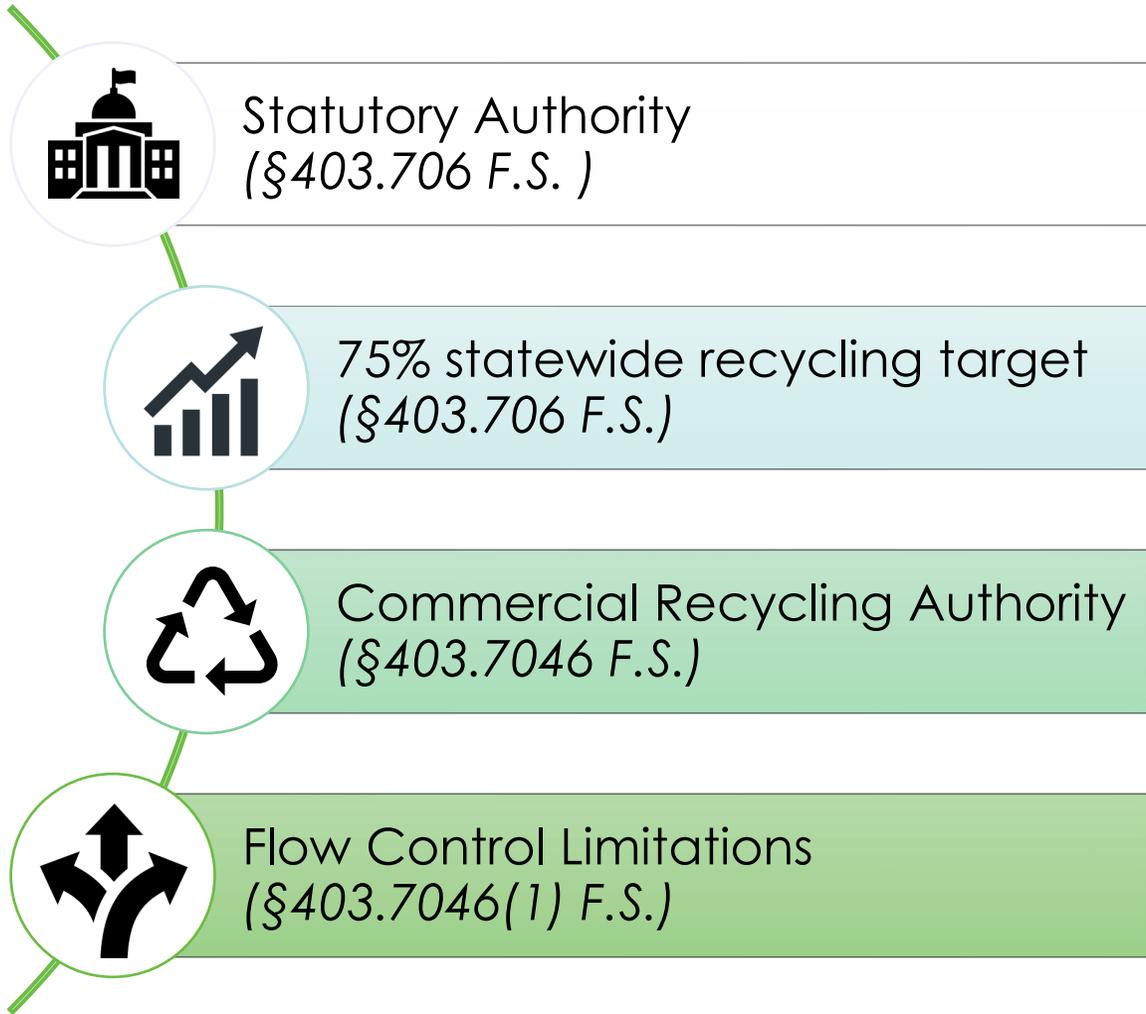
Commercial

Over **61%** of Broward County's commercial waste stream is recyclable or compostable.





Regulatory Framework for Commercial Recycling Programs



Florida jurisdictions demonstrate multiple viable regulatory models for commercial recycling.

Lee County

Graduated compliance model
Small generator exemptions
Stream-based recycling requirements

City of Orlando

Infrastructure-first approach
Access and availability model
Tenant-focused implementation

City of Gainesville / Alachua County

Tiered requirements
Organics-focused diversion
Sector-based obligations

Collier County & City of Hollywood

Education-first implementation
Single-stream commercial recycling
Interlocal coordination model

Miami-Dade

Durable program with high compliance

Comprehensive Coverage

- Designated materials: Paper, cardboard, plastic, metals, glass

Clear Performance Standards

- Material separation requirements
- Recordkeeping and compliance

Enforcement Framework

- Escalating fines: \$300 → \$950
- Repeat violation structure

Implementation Support

- Education & guidance materials
- Business compliance assistance

Goals for Commercial Recycling in Broward

Align with SWA Interlocal Agreement

Minimum Waste
Generation

Flexibility for
Generators

Phased
enforcement

Phased
implementation

One Recyclable
Material

Recognition
Program

Policy Decision: What materials to include (i.e., mandate or flexible)?

Paper

Cardboard

Glass

Plastics
(#1-7)

Aluminum

Ferrous
metals

Yard Trash



Policy Decision: What else is included?

Temporary
Events

Multi-
Family

Venue
Facility

Policy Question: What does compliance look like?

Exemptions

Self-Hauling

Progressive Enforcement

Appeals

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Exemption for small generators, hardship, or alternative compliance (e.g., on-site processing, donation, reuse)

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Generator or Owner transports Recyclable Materials directly to a Recycling Facility (e.g., requiring receipts or weight tickets).

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What penalty levels are appropriate?

How many tiers for violations? Continuing violations?

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After receiving a violation or fine, Generators or Owners may request an administrative hearing within **X** days of receipt

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Fees should be set at amounts reasonably related to the cost of administering the programs

What does success look like?

Recognition

Diversion Targets

Compliance Goals



Policy Question: What level of support will the SWA provide to ILA members?



Proposed Implementation Timeline

- **Q1 2026:** Scoping and Input
- **Q1 2026:** Ordinance Drafting
- **Q2–Q3 2026:** Adoption & Implementation
- **Q2–Q4 2026:** Education & Outreach
- **Q1–Q2 2027:** Voluntary Compliance
- **Q3–Q4 2027:** Full Enforcement



Next Steps

