

APPENDIX F

Calculate Your Recycling Rate

One way to evaluate your program is to ask your trash and recycling collector(s) to provide you with quarterly reports detailing both the materials you are recycling and materials you are disposing of as trash. With this information and the following formula, you can calculate the percentage of your waste material being diverted through recycling.

$$\text{Your Recycling Rate (\%)} = \left(\frac{\text{Amount of Recyclables} + \text{Amount of Yard Trimmings Collected for Recycling}}{\text{Total Waste Generated (Recyclables + Yard Trimmings + Trash)}} \right) \times 100$$

Knowing your recycling rate will help you plan your program's progress and development. You can also use this information to let residents know how well they are doing by displaying it in a prominent place or including it in your newsletter.