






Limited Recycling

Memphis

T E N N E S S E E

 POPULATION	650,050
 RECYCLING RATE	28% (residential only)
 RECYCLING PROGRAMS	Citywide Single-Family Recycling
 MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	Single-Family Residential: Municipal Multi-Family/Commercial: Open-Market
 HIGH-ROAD ECONOMIC POLICIES	Municipal Haulers: Collective Bargaining Agreement



Memphis is in the early-stages of building a recycling system. Efforts to expand recycling currently focus on single-family residences and the city is currently working to make curbside recycling available throughout the entire city. The cost saving and revenue generation potential of increased recycling is recognized by the city and suggests opportunity for building a stronger system in Memphis. The range of opportunities to build a sustainable recycling system including: expanding residential and commercial recycling programs, transitioning to strong management systems that empower the city to set job quality and environmental standards, and adopting policies that will build a high-road industry and promotes growth in the recycling-reliant manufacturing industry.

Sources:
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