

**STATE OF DELAWARE**



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
DOVER**

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER SIXTY

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND  
AUTHORITIES, AND ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND  
GOVERNMENTAL UNITS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

RE: CITIZENS' WORK GROUP ON RECYCLING

WHEREAS, Delaware households produce approximately sixty (60)  
percent of residential solid waste generated in Delaware;

WHEREAS, the Recycle Delaware Program captures and recycles less than  
five (5) percent of the residential solid waste generated by Delaware households;

WHEREAS, curbside collection of recyclables can be expected to result in  
both a higher recycling rate and higher costs to homeowners;

WHEREAS, the most successful curbside collection efforts have wide  
public support;

WHEREAS, while many Delawareans have expressed a desire for  
curbside collection of recyclables, it is unclear whether Delawareans statewide  
support curbside recycling; and

WHEREAS, it would be helpful for the General Assembly and the Governor to have a better understanding of the public's view on curbside recycling programs.

NOW THEREFORE, I, THOMAS R. CARPER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. There is hereby established a Citizens' Work Group on Recycling.
2. The Work Group shall be composed of representatives from environmental organizations, civic associations, local governments, and other groups that represent the interests of Delaware's citizens.
3. The following organizations shall be invited to appoint a representative: the League of Women Voters, the Civic League of New Castle County, the Delaware Nature Society, the Delaware Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Christina Conservancy, the Delaware Audubon Society, Common Cause of Delaware, the Delaware Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement (DelEASI). In addition, two representatives from the League of Local Governments, the Kent County Administrator or his designee, the Director of the Delaware Economic Development Office or his designee, a representative from waste hauling industry, a representative of the Environmental Committee of the State Chamber of Commerce and a representative of the Delaware Solid Waste Authority shall serve on the Work Group.
3. The Chairperson shall be the Director for the Division of Air and Waste Management for the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) or his designee. DNREC shall provide staff to support the Work Group.
4. The Work Group shall commission a public opinion survey to determine the level of interest in, and willingness to pay for, curbside recycling, and shall develop and recommend a course of action to increase recycling in the state, taking into consideration the results of the survey.

5. The cost of the public survey shall be borne by the Delaware Solid Waste Authority.
6. The Work Group shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than February 15, 2000.

Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1999

Thomas R. Carper  
Governor

Attest:

Edna Paul  
Secretary of State

