

455D.1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "*Commission*" means the environmental protection commission.
2. "*Department*" means the department of natural resources created pursuant to section 455A.2.
3. "*Deposit*" means the amount paid by the consumer to the retailer at the time of initial purchase that is intended to encourage the return of materials or containers and which is returned in full to the consumer when the used material or container is redeemed.
4. "*Director*" means the director of the department.
5. "*Rebate*" means the portion of the amount paid by the consumer to the retailer at the time of initial purchase that is returned to the consumer when the used material or container is returned for disposal.
6. "*Recycling*" means any process by which waste, or materials which would otherwise become waste, are collected, separated, or processed and revised or returned to use in the form of raw materials or products. "*Recycling*" includes but is not limited to the composting of yard waste which has been previously separated from other waste, but does not include any form of energy recovery.
7. "*Waste abatement fee*" means the amount paid by the consumer to the retailer at the time of initial purchase of a product that is intended to support the cost of proper disposal.
8. "*Waste reduction*" means practices which reduce, avoid, or eliminate both the generation of solid waste and the use of toxic materials so as to reduce risks to health and the environment and to avoid, reduce, or eliminate the generation of wastes or environmental pollution at the source and not merely achieved by shifting a waste output or waste stream from one environmental medium to another environmental medium.