



Municipal Leaf and Yard Debris Cap Sharing Policy

POLICY

- Pursuant to RIGL § 23-19-3 (17), Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (Resource Recovery) hereby establishes the following program for the purpose of facilitating the sharing of municipal leaf and yard (L&Y) debris cap, heretofore described as L&Y cap transfer, amongst Rhode Island municipalities.
- Resource Recovery will administer all provisions of this policy.

SCOPE

- This policy applies to all Rhode Island municipalities.

RESPONSIBILITY

- The Executive Director has overall responsibility for this policy.
- The Director of Policy and Programs is responsible for the implementation of this policy.
- The Municipal Program Coordinator is responsible for the daily administration of this policy.
- The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the cap transfers.
- The Municipalities are responsible for initiating the cap transfer process amongst themselves.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Resource Recovery shall allow L&Y cap transfers as described below.
- Municipalities shall be allowed to transfer 100% of their L&Y cap to other municipalities, either in part or in total.
- Municipalities shall be allowed to accept up to 50% of their statutorily calculated L&Y cap as a transfer.
- A municipality in need of additional L&Y cap (the Requestor) shall be solely responsible for initiating a request to transfer L&Y cap.
- L&Y cap transfers shall be effective for the fiscal year in which they are granted. L&Y caps shall reset each fiscal year to the statutorily calculated amount, nullifying any and all previous years' L&Y cap transfer agreements. Unused portions of a transferred L&Y cap shall not be allowed to carry forward to subsequent fiscal years.
- Municipalities shall decide at the local level if they will participate in the L&Y cap sharing program.

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- Each municipality may elect to transfer some, or all, of their L&Y cap to another RI municipality.
- Municipalities may not place any restrictions, conditions, or encumbrances of any kind upon the transfer of the L&Y cap.
- L&Y cap shall not be transferred from one fiscal year to another.
- L&Y cap shall not be borrowed from subsequent fiscal years.
- Once L&Y cap is transferred, the tonnage is irretrievable by the previous Owner.
- Municipalities are under no obligation to transfer L&Y cap.

LEAF AND YARD DEBRIS CAP TRANSFER GUIDELINES

Resource Recovery Process

- Resource Recovery will provide the municipalities with a list of all municipal L&Y caps for the current fiscal year (FY10) and shall make the list available for subsequent fiscal years at the same time the municipal solid waste caps are distributed. On the first list of the year, it shall be assumed that all municipalities have unused cap available to transfer. This list shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
 - Municipality Name
 - Original L&Y Cap Amount
 - L&Y Cap Amount Available for Transfer
 - L&Y Cap Amount Available to Receive
- Resource Recovery shall process transfers according to the “Municipal Process” laid out below
- Resource Recovery shall update the L&Y cap list as transfers occur, and shall distribute the updated list to the municipalities.
- Resource Recovery shall provide a form for use by the municipalities to record the agreed upon L&Y cap transfer.

Municipal Process

- Upon receipt of the L&Y Cap list, municipalities willing to transfer cap shall notify the Municipal Program Coordinator and the Scalehouse and Customer Service Manager in writing or by email of the amount they wish to make available for transfer. Municipalities unwilling to transfer cap shall notify the Municipal Program Coordinator and the Scalehouse and Customer Service Manager in writing or by email to show zero tons available for transfer against their L&Y cap.
- A municipality in need of additional L&Y cap (the Requestor) shall initiate a cap transfer transaction with a participating municipality (the Owner).
- The Requestor shall ask for a specific tonnage of L&Y cap when requesting a transfer. The Requestor shall sign the form provided by the Corporation authorizing the acceptance of the L&Y cap transfer.
- The Owner shall sign the Requestor’s form indicating approval to transfer the L&Y cap amount from the Owner’s municipal L&Y cap to the Requestor’s municipal L&Y cap.
- Either the Owner or the Requestor shall forward the co-signed form to the Corporation in one of the following manners (if emailed, the form should be sent as a legible scan or electronically signed file. If

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illegible, Resource Recovery reserves the right to delay the cap transfer until a hard-copy of the co-signed document is received):

- U.S. Postal Service addressed to:
 - RI Resource Recovery
 - 65 Shun Pike
 - Johnston, RI 02919
 - Attn: Scalehouse and Customer Service Manager
- Fax to:
 - 942-0239
 - Attn: Scalehouse and Customer Service Manager
- Email to:
 - scalehouse@rirrc.org
- Hand deliver to Scalehouse and Customer Service Manager

RESOURCE RECOVERY SCALEHOUSE PROCESS

- Upon receipt of the co-signed L&Y cap transfer form, the Scalehouse and Customer Service Manager or his designee shall complete the transfer as agreed upon. The transferred L&Y cap shall be available to the approved Requestor no later than the following business day.
- The Scalehouse and Customer Service Manager or his designee shall sign the form and note the date of the L&Y cap transfer.
- The Scalehouse and Customer Service Manager shall provide an updated L&Y cap list to the the Municipal Program Coordinator for distribution to the municipalities.
- A copy of the fully executed transfer form shall be attached to both municipalities' solid waste contracts for the fiscal year in which the transfer occurred.