State Stay Home / Non-Essential Business Closures for COVID-19
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States indicated in **green** are those that specifically include "recycling" in the order.

**State "Essential Business" Stay Home / Shelter in place orders**

- **Alaska:** [AK COVID-19 Health Mandate 011](#): March 28 at 5 PM through April 11: Non-essential businesses are required to cease all activities at facilities within AK except Minimum Basic Operations or working from home. Essential Businesses must take reasonable precautions to ensure the health of their service sector and employees, the extent reasonably feasible, and public-facing essential businesses will proactively promote social distancing between employees and others. Employers must take reasonable steps to enable work from home.
  - [AK Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order (03/27/20)](#) does not specifically reference recycling, but does include U.S. DHS Guidance as well as all businesses "that can maintain Social Distancing Requirements and prohibit congregations of no more than 10 people in the business at a time (including employees)" and "Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate". Essential Infrastructure references solid waste collection and removal.
  - [AK COVID-19 Health Mandate 012](#): Requires Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure take reasonable care to protect their staff and operations, and to submit a travel plan or protocol for maintaining critical infrastructure to [akcovidplans@akprepared.com](mailto:akcovidplans@akprepared.com), outlining how they will avoid the spread of COVID-19
and not endanger the lives of their communities or the ability of that critical infrastructure to function. Businesses that already submitted a plan pursuant to Heath Mandate 10.1 related to interstate travel do not need to submit another plan. Also prohibits in-state travel within communities unless to support critical infrastructure or for critical personal needs. Those traveling for critical reasons or critical personal travel will not be subject to automatic quarantine except as allowed under AK Statutes or Health Mandates; preempts local and tribal requirements restricting intrastate travel.

- **AK Health Mandate 010**: International and Interstate Travel: March 25 through April 21: All people arriving in AK must self-quarantine for 14 days. Critical Infrastructure Businesses with workers who must travel to AK must submit a plan to the AK DCCED on how will avoid spread of COVID-19.

- **Arizona**: AZ Executive Order 2020-18: Stay Home: March 31 at 5 PM until April 30: Non-essential businesses may continue to operate activities that do not require in-person, on-site transactions and are encouraged to maintain at least minimum basic operations. Essential businesses may remain open and maintain operations, but must establish and implement social distancing and sanitation measures established by the U.S. Dept of Labor or the AZ Dept. of Health Services. Local governments may not conflict with this Order. AZ Executive Order 2020-12 includes "solid waste and recycling collection and removal" as Essential Infrastructure.

- **California**: CA Executive Order N-33-20: Stay home except designated critical sectors. CA Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers: As of 03/22/20, does not specifically reference recycling. References removal, storage, and disposal of residential and commercial waste and truck drivers who haul such, primary metals manufacturing, and workers who support the production of single use plastics and packaging, including glass container manufacturing.

- **Colorado**: CO Amended Public Health Order 20-24: March 26 through April 11: Stay home except for essential needs. Critical Businesses are exempt and encouraged to stay open, but must comply with Social Distancing Requirements at all times and implement strategies to create more distance between workers unless doing so would make it impossible to carry out critical functions. Critical Business list includes trash, compost, and recycling collection, processing, and disposal.

- **Connecticut**: CT Executive Order 7H: "Stay home, stay safe": Nonessential businesses reduce in-person workforces by 100% by March 23, 2020. Trash and recycling collection, hauling, and processing considered essential.

- **Delaware**: DE 5th Modification to State of Emergency: March 24: Stay home except Essential Activities; all must follow Social Distancing Requirements. Essential Business List (as of 3/26/2020) gives NAIC Codes; may follow least restrictive code your business is classified under. 4239 Non-essential, but 5629 (remediation and waste management services - MRF classification) and many commodity manufacturing codes considered essential.

- **District of Columbia**:
  - DC Mayor's Order 2020-054: Stay at Home: April 1 through April 24: Individuals to stay at their place of residence except for Essential Activities or engaging in Essential Business Activities or Minimum Basic Operations of business as defined in DC Mayor's Order 2020-053. Additionally, at any time, the DCRA may request and an Essential Business must provide, its plans for complying with the requirement to minimize person-to-person contact and achieve to the greatest extent feasible, Social Distancing. Non-
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Essential Businesses conducting Minimum Business Operations pursuant to Mayor’s Order 2020-053 or fuller operations under a Waiver granted by HSEMA may be asked to show their operational plan and why the activities they are conducting, and how they are conducting them, fit within allowable limits. Any Essential Business or Government Building or Facility that remains open to the public with an expected occupancy or attendance of more than ten (10) people shall promptly and conspicuously post in the building or facility a copy of the requirements for social distancing found on coronavirus.dc.gov.

- **DC Mayor's Order 2020-053**: March 25 at 10 PM through April 24: Non-essential businesses with facilities in D.C. must cease all activities at those facilities except Minimum Basic Operations. Essential Businesses shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements to the greatest extent possible. Essential Business list does not directly reference recycling; references solid waste collection and removal by private and public entities.

- **Georgia**: [GA Executive Order 04.02.20.01](https://coronavirus.dc.gov): Shelter in Place: Friday, April 3 at 6 PM through Monday, April 13: Non-critical businesses may not allow more than 10 people in a single location if they must be within 6 feet of another person, may only engage in Minimum Basic Operations, and must implement listed measures to mitigate the exposure and spread of COVID-19. Critical Infrastructure includes U.S. DHS Guidance and those suppliers which provide essential goods and services to the critical infrastructure workforce. Critical Infrastructure that continues in-person operation must implement measures which mitigate the exposure and spread of COVID-19. The GA Dept of Economic Development may issue written guidance regarding Critical Infrastructure status. [Shelter in Place Guidance and FAQs](https://coronavirus.dc.gov): specifies businesses that are not critical infrastructure and requirements for critical and non-critical businesses, and includes a copy of U.S. DHS Guidance. [GA Dept Economic Development: Business Update Request](https://coronavirus.dc.gov): fillable form to receive updates regarding the shelter in place order.

- **Florida**: [FL Executive Order 20-91](https://coronavirus.dc.gov): Safer at Home. Issued April 1, Effective April 3 through April 30. Persons must limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities. Essential Services includes the U.S. DHS Guidance, businesses and activities designated by [FL Executive Order 20-89](https://coronavirus.dc.gov), and essential services added by the State Coordinating Officer and listed at [www.floridadisaster.org](https://coronavirus.dc.gov) and [www.floridahealth.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov). Order also encourages work from home. Preempts local orders regarding essential services or activities prohibited by the Order.
  - [FL Executive Order 20-89](https://coronavirus.dc.gov) (county restrictions) includes a list of essential businesses propounded by Miami-Dade in multiple orders. List includes "businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate, and which do not interact with the general public"; and "businesses providing services to any local, state, or Federal government, including municipalities, pursuant to a contract with such government".

- **Hawaii**: [HI 3rd Supplement to State of Emergency](https://coronavirus.dc.gov): March 25 through April 30: Non-essential to cease. Follows DHS Critical Infrastructure list with additional designations in order or by Director of [HIEMA](https://coronavirus.dc.gov). Does not reference recycling; does include manufacturing and supply chain for steel and steel products.
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- **Idaho**: [ID Dept Health Order to Self-Isolate](#): Issued March 25, Effective March 25 at 1:30 PM through April 15: All businesses and governmental agencies to cease all activities at facilities except Minimum Basic Operations. Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to stay open, but must comply with Social Distancing Requirements to the greatest extent feasible. Essential Businesses and Infrastructure lists do not specifically reference recycling. Essential Services: Information page with guidance on the closure order.

- **Illinois**: [IL COVID-19 Executive Order No. 8](#): March 21 at 5 PM through April 7: Essential Businesses and Operations include solid waste and recycling collection and removal, and manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industry. Essential Businesses and Operations shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements within the order to the greatest extent feasible.

- **Indiana**: [IN Executive Order 20-08](#): March 25 to April 7. Non-essential businesses may only continue minimum basic operations; essential businesses must comply with social distancing requirements. Essential Infrastructure includes "solid waste and recycling collection and removal".

- **Kansas**: [KS Executive Order No. 20-16](#): Individuals are to stay home unless performing an essential activity. Does not prevent work from home or going to work to perform an Essential Function. Essential Function list includes maintaining supply chains for Essential Functions and Critical Infrastructure as defined by the U.S. DHS.

- **Kentucky**:
  - [KY Executive Order 2020-257](#): Healthy at Home: Issued March 25, Effective March 26 at 8 PM: All businesses that are not life-sustaining must cease operations except as needed to conduct Minimum Basic Operations. Life Sustaining Businesses include those identified in the U.S. DHS CISA Guidelines, listed Life-sustaining Retail as outlined in the order as well as [KY Executive Order 2020-246](#), and other listed businesses. List does not specifically reference recycling, but does include "manufacturing companies, distributors, and supply chain companies producing and supplying critical products and services in and for industries such as… waste pickup and disposal… steel and steel products… as well as products used by other Life-Sustaining Businesses". All businesses permitted to operate must follow, to the fullest extent practicable, social distancing and hygiene guidance from the CDC and KY Dept of Health.
  - [Nonessential Retailers to close](#): [KY Executive Order 2020-246](#): In-person retail businesses that are not life sustaining to close March 23 at 8 PM. Nonessential retail businesses may still fill phone and online orders through curbside services or delivery. Retail businesses that remain open must follow state and CDC social distancing and hygiene guidance to the fullest extent practicable.

- **Louisiana**: [LA Executive Order 33 JBE 2020](#): Stay At Home: Closing non-essential businesses to the public from March 23 through April 12. Requires other businesses reduce operations to continue with minimum contact with public and essential employees while maintaining proper social distancing. Essential Businesses are defined according to the U.S. DHS Critical Infrastructure list. Essential Infrastructure Fact Sheet: Additional examples of Critical Infrastructure Businesses consistent with U.S. DHS Guidance. List includes "solid waste and recycling collection and removal".
Maine: ME Executive Order No. 19 FY 19/20: March 25 through April 8, non-essential that are public facing and allow customer, vendor, or in-person contact or that require more than 10 workers in a space where social distancing is not possible must cease activities. Essential businesses to comply with social distancing to extent possible. Follows DHS Critical infrastructure list with additional clarifications; does not specifically reference recycling.

Maryland: MD Executive Order 20-03-30-01: Stay at Home: Effective March 30 at 8 PM; amends MD Executive Order 20-03-23-01: Closing all non-essential businesses effective at 5 PM on March 23, 2020, that are not part of the U.S. DHS Critical Infrastructure list. Office of Legal Counsel: Guidance on Non-Essential Businesses: Non-exclusive list of businesses included in the U.S. DHS Critical Infrastructure list. Lists steel, iron, and aluminum products as part of the critical manufacturing sector. Additional Guidance: #04, #05, #06, #07.

Massachusetts: MA COVID-19 Order No. 13: March 24 through May 4 (extended): All businesses and organizations that do not provide “COVID-19 Essential Services” to close their physical workplaces and facilities to workers, customers and the public. COVID-19: Essential Services includes recycling as Public Works & Infrastructure Support Services.

Michigan: MI Executive Order No. 2020-21: March 24, 2020 through April 13, 2020: prohibit in-person work that is not necessary to sustain or protect life, as determined by the U.S. DHS Critical Infrastructure list. MI Executive Order No. 2020-21 FAQs: Does not directly address recycling as of 03/23/20.

Minnesota: Guidance on Stay at Home Order: links and information on MN Executive Order 20-20: Issued March 25, Effective March 28 through April 10: Stay home except for specified Activities and Critical Sector work. Critical Sector employees who are performing work that can be done only at a place of work are exempt. MN DEED: Guidance on Stay at Home Order: Instructs to review U.S. DHS Guidance first, then the E.O. 20-20, then search MN Critical Business - NAICS List. List includes asterisk (*) for codes that may qualify based on U.S. DHS Guidance. If employee qualifies based on any of these and cannot work from home, they can leave home to work. Employees who can work from home must do so, even if eligible for a Critical Sector worker exemption. Also provides form for questions on eligibility.

Mississippi: MS Executive Order 1466 (not yet available online): Shelter in Place: Issued April 1, Effective April 3 at 5 pm through April 20 at 8 AM: Non-essential businesses must cease operation and all activities except Minimum Operations. Essential Businesses or Operations identified in Executive Order 1463 as Supplemented may remain open and operate at such level as necessary to provide essential services and functions.
  o MS Executive Order 1463: Avoid social and non-essential gatherings of more than 10 in close proximity; does not apply to normal operations of listed locations, including manufacturing facilities and any Essential Business; also preempts local restrictions on Essential Businesses. Does not directly reference recycling, but does include supply chain companies and manufacturing, including steel and steel products and products used by any other Essential Business or Operation, as well as U.S. DHS Guidance.

Montana: MT Directive Implementing Executive Order No. 2-2020 & 3-2020: March 28 through April 10: Non-essential businesses and operations to cease except Minimum Basic Operations and working from home. Essential Businesses and Operations must comply with Social Distancing Requirements to the greatest extent feasible and employ remote working where feasible. Essential Infrastructure specifically references recycling.
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- **New Hampshire**: NH Emergency Order #17 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04: March 28 through May 4: Non-essential businesses must close physical workplaces and cease all in-person operations. Essential Businesses must develop social distancing protocols consistent with CDC and NH DPH guidance. Exhibit A to Emergency Order #17: Essential Businesses list. As of 03/27/20, does not specifically reference recycling; does reference workers who support manufacturing of paper, packaging, plastics, glass containers, and supply chain for steel and steel products and products used by other essential businesses and operations.

- **New Mexico**: NM Public Health Order Closing Non-Essential Businesses: Effective 8 AM Tuesday, March 24. Essential business list includes "solid waste collection and removal, trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal" as essential infrastructure operations. Essential businesses to adhere to social distancing protocol to greatest extent possible and ensure all surfaces are cleaned routinely.

- **New York**: NY Executive Order 202.8: PAUSE: Non-essential businesses reduce in-person workforce by 100% from March 22 to April 19. PAUSE Guidance on Essential Businesses: Essential services includes trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal. Essential Businesses must continue to comply with the guidance and directives for maintaining a clean and safe work environment issued by the Department of Health.

- **North Carolina**: NC Executive Order No. 121: March 30 to April 30: Non-essential businesses and operations must cease activities except Minimum Basic Operations or working from home. Essential Businesses to direct employees to telework to the maximum extent possible. Essential Businesses specifically references recycling.

- **Ohio**: OH Director of Heath Stay at Home Order: March 24 through April 6: closes all non-essential business. Essential business list includes "solid waste and recycling collection and removal" and any businesses included in the U.S. DHS Critical Infrastructure list. Guidelines for Essential Businesses and Operations Employers: Details requirements for essential businesses and operations that remain open, including work from home for those who can, social distancing, sick leave, and hygiene. Lt. Governor Husted strongly recommended that businesses who are operating create a document detailing the rationale for their business being “essential” and continuing to operate, requirements that essential businesses must meet, and that businesses that continue to operate should be prepared to justify that rational and demonstrate that they are complying with all requirements of the order.

- **Oklahoma**: OK 7th Amended Executive Order 2020-07: Issued April 1, Effective March 26 until April 30: All businesses not identified as within a critical infrastructure sector by the U.S. DHS or defined as essential by the OK Dept. of Commerce by NAIC code shall close to the public. Additional sectors may be designated as critical or essential by Executive Memorandum. Amended Memorandum 2020-01 identifies additional critical businesses; does not specifically reference recycling. Includes businesses that support the supply chain for commercial and/or residential construction and development; paper manufacturing,
plastics and rubber products manufacturing, mineral product manufacturing, and primary metal manufacturing.

- **OK Commerce Essential Industries List** identifies essential industries by NAIC code. Businesses that would like to request clarification on their status or request that their industry be considered for inclusion as an essential businesses can use the Essential Business Inquiry Form.

- **Pennsylvania:** Gov Stay at Home Order: March 23 through April 30: As of March 31, amended to cover 33 counties: Allegheny, Beaver, Berks, Bucks, Butler, Cameron, Carbon, Centre, Chester, Crawford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Forest, Franklin, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Pike, Schuylkill, Somerset, Washington, Wayne, Westmoreland and York counties. Stay home except for essential activities. Essential Businesses List gives industry groups; does not directly list recycling, but does list waste remediation and many commodity manufacturing groups. Stay home except for essential activities. Essential Businesses List gives industry groups; does not directly list recycling, but does list waste remediation and many commodity manufacturing groups.

- **Tennessee:** TN Executive Order No. 22: Stay Home: April 1 through April 14: Non-essential businesses shall not be open for access or use by the public or its members. Business that remain open should take steps to the greatest extent practicable to equip and permit employees to work from home, and employees and their customers should practice good hygiene and observe the Health Guidelines and necessary precautions advised by the President and the CDC. All critical infrastructure remains operational. Essential Services includes solid waste and recycling collection, removal, and processing as Essential Infrastructure, with such to be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to essential infrastructure; as well as manufacturing companies, distributors, and supply chain companies producing and supply essential products and services; and personnel operating in CISA identified sectors.

- **Texas:** TX Executive Order GA-14: April 2 through April 30: Except when necessary to provide or obtain essential services, every person must minimize social gatherings and in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. Essential Services includes U.S. DHS Guidance and essential services added with the approval of the TX Div. of Emergency Management. Essential Services should follow Guidelines from the President and the CDC on hygiene, environmental cleanliness, sanitation, social distancing, and working from home if possible. Preempts local orders on essential services and gatherings. TDEM Essential Services page includes a request for determination if you have determined your business is not covered by the U.S. DHS Guidance and is not a church/congregation/house of worship.

- **Vermont:** VT Executive Order 01-20 Addendum 6: Stay Home / Stay Safe: March 25 at 5 PM through April 15: All businesses not providing "services or functions deemed critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security" to suspend in person operations. Critical businesses include recycling (subsection 6.j).

- **Washington:** WA Governor Proclamation 20-25: Stay Home, Stay Healthy: March 23 through April 6: All non-essential businesses must close; essential businesses must implement rules that facilitate social distancing. Does not specifically include recycling; includes "removal, storage, and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste and hazardous waste"; "workers who support the manufacture and distribution of forest products, including... paper and other wood
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products"; critical manufacturing industries; and "production and transportation of... single use plastics, and packaging... including glass container manufacturing".

- **West Virginia**: WV Executive Order No. 9-20: Effective March 24 at 8 PM: Should not go to work unless providing essential services or work for an essential business. Essential infrastructure includes "solid waste and recycling collection and removal" and "manufacturing companies, distributors, and supply chain companies [for]... steel and steel products, aluminum and aluminum products... as well as products used by other essential businesses and operations."

- **Wisconsin**: WI Emergency Order #12: March 25 to April 24: Non-essential stay at home except for minimum basic operations; essential businesses to comply with social distancing. Essential Infrastructure includes "solid waste and recycling collection and removal" and manufacturing and supply chain for essential products and services, including steel and steel products.

**Closures on Retail Businesses &/or Social Distance Requirements for All Businesses**

- **Alabama**: AL Public Health Order Amended 03/27/20: March 28 at 5 PM through April 17: Listed "non-essential" businesses must be closed to non-employees or not take place; list includes specified entertainment, athletic, close contact service, and retail businesses.

- **New Jersey**: NJ Stay at Home & Non-Essential Retail Business Closures: Info on Exec Order No. 107 (stay at home & non-essential retail business closures) and No. 108 (local preemption)

- **Oregon**: OR Executive Order 20-12: March 23: Closes specified entertainment, retail, and close service businesses for which close personal contact is difficult to avoid. Requires all businesses where telework is not available designate an employee to establish, implement, and enforce OHA guidance on social distancing for employees and business-critical visitors.

- **Rhode Island**:
  - RI Executive Order 20-14: Effective March 30 through April 13: All non-critical retail businesses to cease in-person operations. Critical Retail Businesses (as of 03/28/19) includes industrial, construction, and agricultural/seafood equipment and supply stores, and auto repair and supply. Any employer with employees living in other states must use all means available to enable telework. Any person living in RI who works in another state and can work from home must do so, or self-quarantine when not at work.
  - RI Executive Order 20-09: Effective March 23, closes certain recreation and entertainment establishments and close-contact businesses. All business service personnel that can work from home must do so. All public and private enterprises remaining open must post appropriate notices requiring compliance with recommendations by the US Centers for Disease Control and the Director of Rhode Island Department of Health, and implement CDC guidance on social distancing.

- **Virginia**:
  - VA Executive Order 55 (2020): March 30: Stay at Home; permissible reasons to leave include traveling to and from work. Prohibits gatherings of more than 10; does not apply to businesses not required to close under VA Executive Order 53.
  - VA Executive Order 53 (2020): From March 25 through April 23, closes public access to recreational and entertainment businesses; non-essential retail businesses must limit all in-person shopping to no more than 10 patrons per establishment. All businesses must adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices, and other federal and state workplace guidance.