



Calvert County Recycling

What You Need to Know

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Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2017, the recycling rate is 21%.

Residential Program

Curbside

- ▶ There are no County-operated curbside programs. Commercial haulers do provide subscription curbside collection service.
- ▶ A curbside collection program is provided by the Town of North Beach for their 1,000 homes and the Town of Chesapeake Beach for their 2,600 homes.

Drop-off

- ▶ Six county-staffed convenience centers are: Appeal, Ball Road, Barstow, Huntingtown, Mt. Hope and Plum Point. These convenience centers offer basic, one-stop recycling and trash services for county residents. The Appeal Landfill, located in Lusby, accepts residential and commercial trash, chargeable materials and operates a landfill with a privately-operated transfer station.
- ▶ Approximately 30,000 households were provided with two 18-gallon yellow bins for dual stream recycling.
- ▶ Recyclable materials are collected by a residential dual-stream program at the convenience centers and marketed by the County.
- ▶ Commingled containers include glass bottles, aluminum and steel cans, and #1 through #5 and #7 plastic bottles, jugs, jars and food containers. These materials are collected at all convenience centers.
- ▶ Mixed paper includes paperboard boxes, newspaper, magazines, soft and hardcover books, corrugated cardboard, mail, shredded and mixed papers. These materials are collected at all convenience centers.

Processing/Marketing

- ▶ All mixed paper and commingled containers are processed by Republic Services in Manassas, VA.

Municipalities

- ▶ The County assisted North Beach and Chesapeake Beach with the techniques needed to run a curbside program. The County supplies 18-gallon residential recycling containers.

Yard Trimmings

- ▶ Yard debris and natural wood waste are separated and collected at the Appeal landfill. The materials are processed and are available to Calvert County residents as untreated mulch.

- ▶ Christmas trees are collected in December and January at all convenience centers and Appeal Landfill and, once processed, offered to Calvert County residents as untreated mulch.

Other Materials

- ▶ Metal can be recycled at the Appeal Landfill or all convenience centers.
- ▶ Bulk plastic, containing no metal, can be recycled only at Appeal or Barstow convenience centers.
- ▶ Mattresses and box springs can be recycled at Appeal Landfill only.
- ▶ X-rays and MRI film can be recycled at Appeal Landfill only.
- ▶ Oyster, clam and mussel shells can be recycled at all convenience centers.
- ▶ Propane cylinders can be recycled at all convenience centers.
- ▶ Cooking oil can be recycled at all convenience centers.
- ▶ Plastic films (grocery bags, shrink-wrap, bubble wrap, etc.) can be recycled at all convenience centers separated from other plastics.
- ▶ Concrete, brick and cinderblock can be recycled only at Appeal Landfill.
- ▶ Scrap auto and truck tires can be recycled only at Appeal Landfill.
- ▶ Textiles (clothing, shoes, bed linens, curtains, towels, etc.) can be recycled at all convenience centers.
- ▶ Lead-acid and rechargeable batteries can be recycled at all convenience centers.
- ▶ White goods (Appliances containing Freon) can be recycled only at the Appeal Landfill.
- ▶ Waste oil, cartridge type oil filters and antifreeze can be recycled at the Appeal Landfill and all convenience centers.
- ▶ Ink jet and laser printer cartridges can be recycled at all convenience centers.
- ▶ Fluorescent light tubes, compact fluorescent lights and other light bulbs can be recycled at all convenience centers.

Household Hazardous Waste(HHW)

- ▶ The County provides services for residents to dispose of their HHW materials at designated County HHW Day Events. These days and locations are advertised in the paper and on the Calvert County web site: www.calvertcountymd.gov/recycle. Call 410-326-0210 for more information.
- ▶ No latex paint is accepted.
- ▶ No commercial HHW is accepted.

The County has a permanent drop-off program for mercury at the Appeal Solid Waste Facility. Call 410-326-0210 for details.

Medication and ammunition can be dropped off at county-sponsored HHW events or dropped off at the Calvert County Sheriff's Office or the Maryland State Police Barrack in Prince Frederick, MD.

Electronics

- ▶ Electronics, such as TVs, computer equipment, copiers/printers, stereos, radios, DVD/VHS players and similar items can be recycled at all convenience centers.
- ▶ Cell phones can be recycled at all convenience centers and may be recycled at the Sheriff's Office.

Commercial Program

- ▶ Small Calvert County businesses are eligible to use the convenience centers for their recycling program.
- ▶ No commercial haulers are permitted to use the convenience centers.

Public Buildings

- ▶ Sixty County office buildings recycle mixed office paper and commingled containers.
- ▶ The Board of Education administrative offices and the public schools recycle paper, cardboard and commingled containers. Additionally, some schools have established their own textile and aluminum can recycling programs.
- ▶ All 2nd graders in county public schools participate in a school system program to learn about recycling.

Public Education & Outreach

- ▶ Public service announcements, tabling at public events and expos, and newspaper editorials promote countywide recycling efforts. Small products made from recycled materials are provided at County schools and County sponsored events.
- ▶ Presentations are made to organizations upon request.
- ▶ Commercial business recycling program development assistance is provided upon request.
- ▶ For information on the Calvert County recycling program, events and news, visit www.calvertcountymd.gov/recycle.

Disposal

- ▶ The tipping fee at the Appeal Landfill is \$72.49/ton for residents, \$80.54/ton for commercial, and tires (residential or commercial) are \$178/ton. Cash and checks are acceptable payment methods. Credit and debit cards are not accepted.

Financing/Budget

- ▶ A user fee, currently \$129/year, that is part of the property tax bill, finances the Solid Waste Program. The Solid Waste Division operates as an enterprise fund of the Calvert County Government.