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Caroline County Recycling

What You Need to Know

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Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2015, as a member of the Midshore Regional Recycling Program, 50.07% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 50.07% waste diversion rate. 2016 Recycling Rate 49.87% & Waste Diversion Rate 49.87%, 0 credit

Residential Program

Curbside

- ▶ The County subsidizes a curbside program in Hillsboro & Ridgely.

Drop-off

- ▶ The County operates 11 drop-off locations at the four transfer stations and eight additional recycling sites to collect: cardboard, clothing, glass, commingled aluminum and steel cans, #1 and #2 narrow-neck plastic bottles and mixed paper.

Municipalities

- ▶ Hillsboro & Ridgely is served by curbside collection.

Processing/Marketing

- ▶ J Smith scrap dealer operates a buy-back center for white goods and lead-acid batteries.

Yard Trimmings

- ▶ Both residents and municipalities haul yard debris to the Midshore II Landfill for processing and marketing through the regional contract.
- ▶ Denton has a curbside collection program for yard debris and bulky items.

Other Materials

- ▶ *White goods* are collected at the landfill.
- ▶ *Automobile batteries* are accepted at the Holly Road HODO collection site Monday through Saturday. Hours vary by site.

Household Hazardous Waste

- ▶ HHW events are open to residents (no business, industry, or commercial waste) and are held twice a year on a rotating basis in the Midshore Counties. A wide variety of materials are accepted. However, explosives, ammunition, medical waste, radioactive materials, picric acid, compressed gas cylinders, asbestos, and smoke detectors are not accepted. For specifics please contact your County recycling coordinator. We now accept propane bottles at HHW

Electronics

- ▶ As part of the Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program, 2 special eCycling events have been held. In addition, a permanent drop-off site is located at the Holly Road HODO where residents can drop off computer based electronics year round.

Commercial Programs

- ▶ The County has an outreach program to encourage businesses to recycle and report to the County.

Public Buildings

- ▶ White office paper and aluminum cans are collected in County offices and six County schools.

Public Education & Outreach

- ▶ The regional recycling program has developed a brochure called "A Guide to Recycling in Caroline County" which is being distributed throughout the county.
- ▶ The Recycling Coordinator promotes recycling at schools and civic meetings.

Special Programs

- ▶ The County participates in the Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program.

Disposal

- ▶ The Mid-Shore Regional Landfill serves Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's and Kent counties.
- ▶ The Regional Landfill tipping fee is \$64.00/ton.

Financing/Budget

- ▶ Recycling is partially funded through tipping fees. A \$5.00/ton surcharge on the tipping fee supports the Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Project. MS-II Landfill Tip Fee is now \$67.00 / ton