



Maryland  
Department of  
the Environment

## Frederick County Recycling

### What You Need to Know

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#### Waste Diversion Rate

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- ▶ For calendar year 2015, 46 % recycling rate + 5% source reduction credit = 51% waste diversion rate.

#### Residential Program

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##### *Curbside*

- ▶ The County offers biweekly curbside collection to all single-family households (including townhomes). The program is single-stream, meaning that all materials may be mixed together for collection.
- ▶ Acceptable items include: mixed paper, newspaper, corrugated cardboard, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and steel cans, and plastic bottles and tubs.

##### *Drop-off*

- ▶ The County operates one recycling drop off at its main facilities (9031 Reichs Ford Road) that is open from 7 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Saturday. Items accepted for no charge include all regular single-stream recyclables as well as: scrap metal, large appliances/whitegoods, motor oil, antifreeze, lead-acid batteries, flexible foam, large/bulky rigid plastics (such as plastic play houses or coolers) and yard waste. Items which may be dropped off for recycling at a fee of \$3.80 per hundred pounds of material include: electronics/computers and tires.

##### *Processing/Marketing*

- ▶ The County contracts for collection, processing and marketing.

##### *Participation*

- ▶ Residential participation is voluntary and available to all single-family homes (including townhomes). Three sizes of wheeled recycling carts are offered for use. Visit <https://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/carts> for more info.

### *Yard Waste*

▶ Back yard composting and grasscycling are encouraged. Compost bins are available for sale year round at the Reichs Ford Road facilities.

A grinder is operated at 2 locations in the County, one at Heritage Farm Park in Walkersville and another at the Reichs Ford Road Yard Waste Center, where grass, leaves and brush are accepted free of charge.

▶ The County also hosts regional drop off sites for the collection of Christmas trees to be ground for mulch.

### *Other Programs*

▶ The County provides space at the landfill for the State Department of Agriculture to hold summer collections for pesticide bottles.

▶ Household Hazardous Waste: The County has two residential HHW collection days, held semiannually in spring and fall. (Contact the County at 301-600-1848 for details.)

All Frederick County Government offices participate in the county's single-stream recycling program. Frederick County Public Schools and Frederick Community College contract for their own recycling collection services. Frederick County Recycling Office staff provide outreach and resources to public school staff and students; visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/SchoolRecycling](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/SchoolRecycling) for more information.

Local businesses may contract a private hauler to bring recyclables to the County's transfer station at a reduced rate of \$25 per ton (compared to a \$76 per ton tipping fee for municipal solid waste disposal.)

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## **Procurement**

▶ The County encourages the "Buy Recycled" philosophy and utilizes this philosophy in their purchases when possible.

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## **Public Education & Outreach**

▶ The Recycling Office is available to make presentations on recycling, back yard composting, waste reduction and general solid waste management programs.

▶ The Recycling Education Center at the Reichs Ford Recycling Center provides information about recycling and composting. It also includes a backyard composting demonstration area.

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## **Disposal**

▶ Please call 301-600-1848 for current tipping fees.

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## **Financing/Budget**

▶ The recycling program is financed through tipping fees paid into the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund and through the System Benefit Charge.