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St. Mary's County Recycling

What You Need to Know

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Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2016, 33.83 % recycling rate + 4 % source reduction credit = 37.83 % waste diversion rate.

Residential Program

Curbside

- ▶ There is no County sponsored curbside program. Private haulers offer subscription curbside solid waste and recycling collection service to County residents.
- ▶ Patuxent Naval Air Station - 750 households have curbside collection of mixed paper, cardboard, magazines, newspaper, aluminum and steel cans, glass, and #1 and #2 plastic containers.

Drop-off

- ▶ Six (6) staffed drop-off sites (Convenience Centers) located throughout the county collect the following recyclables; fluorescent bulbs, electronics, used cooking oil & grease, clothing & textiles, used motor oil and oil filters, used antifreeze, rechargeable batteries, oyster shells, single stream recyclables (mixed paper, phonebooks, cardboard, magazines, newspaper, aluminum and steel cans, glass, plastic), oyster shells and Christmas trees (seasonal). In addition, the sites collect household refuse from County residents (free of charge) with a load limit of four (4) - 35 gallon containers or equivalent. Oversize loads and construction demolition debris must be brought to the St. Andrews Landfill for disposal.

Processing/Marketing

- ▶ Private hauling companies collect the County's recyclables from the private sector. Collection vendors are under contract with the County for the six drop-off sites. The single stream recyclables are transported to a recycling facility in Prince George's County.

Municipalities

- ▶ Leonardtown provides curbside collection of solid waste and comingled recycling material for 1,074 single residential homes and just over 20 businesses. Goode Companies has the current solid waste and recycling hauling contract.

Yard Trimmings

- ▶ Residents and the Commercial sector may bring yard trimmings (grass, leaves, limbs, logs and brush) to the landfill for storage until such time when grinding is performed by a contracted vendor. The mulch (as-is) is available to County residents at no charge.

Other Materials

- ▶ *Scrap Tires* are accepted at the St. Andrews Landfill only. For the residents of the County, up to five (5) passenger and /or light truck tires per trip are free while excess or over-sized tires will be assessed a fee of \$158.00/ton. In addition, small businesses may dispose of scrap tires at the landfill (\$158.00/ton) and are required to provide a scrap tire hauler license prior to disposal.
- ▶ *White goods* such as refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, dryers, air conditioning/heating units, etc. are accepted at the landfill free of charge for the residents of the County. Small businesses are authorized to dispose of white goods, but will be assessed a fee of \$65.00/ton. Those white goods that contain CFC's are pumped out and the refrigerants are removed prior to the metal being recycled.
- ▶ *Scrap Metal* such as bed frames, filing cabinets, lawn equipment, scrap steel, etc. are also accepted at the landfill and are assessed a fee of \$10.00 per pickup load (approx. ¼ ton) or \$65.00/ton for oversize loads.
- ▶ *Automotive Batteries* and Propane Cylinders are accepted at the St. Andrews Landfill.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

- ▶ The County conducts 2 HHW collection events each year at the St. Andrews Landfill. Check the County's website (under Recycling) for specific dates and items accepted.

Commercial Program

- ▶ Businesses choosing to participate in recycling are provided collection by private haulers.
- ▶ Reporting of recycling efforts is voluntary at this time.

Public Buildings

- ▶ All 29 public schools and 12 private schools recycle plastic, glass, metal and paper products.
- ▶ Over 35 County-maintained office buildings recycle.
- ▶ The County has expanded recycling in the more heavily used recreational parks, public boat landings, and the regional airport.

Procurement

- ▶ The County participates in the National Buy-Recycled Business Alliance and the National Office Paper Recycling Project.
- ▶ Green products are utilized by Building Services and Vehicle Maintenance Divisions.

Public Education & Outreach

- ▶ The County continually sponsors static display of recycling information in public buildings and at large gatherings (e.g., Trade Fair, County Fair, Earth Day, etc.).
- ▶ A contest was held to develop a logo for recycling, which was trademarked through September 1, 2019.

Disposal

- ▶ All municipal solid waste is currently exported to an out-of-county waste-to-energy facility while rubble waste(C&D material) is contract hauled to the landfill located in King George, Virginia. Residents can continue to drop-off excess loads of solid waste and/or rubble at the St. Andrews Landfill with a tipping fee of \$10.00 per pickup truck load (approx.500 pounds) or \$65.00/ton.
- ▶ A new residential Green Waste Fee was implemented at St. Andrews Landfill in July 2012 for oversized loads of yard waste at a discounted rate of \$40.00/ton.

Financing/Budget

- ▶ The collection of tipping fees as well as an Environmental and Solid Waste Service Fee that was established in July 2007 at a rate of \$60.00 per improved residential property are used to manage program costs. The rate was increased to \$91.00 in July 2018
- ▶ Scrap metal income is based on prevailing market price.