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Talbot County Recycling

What You Need to Know

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Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2016, 49.87% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 49.87% waste diversion rate.

Residential Program

Curbside

- ▶ A few private contractors offer service to single - family homes or towns in Talbot County collecting single or dual stream recyclables for a fee.

Drop-off

- ▶ There are 10 residential drop-off centers accepting aluminum and steel cans, glass bottles & jars, plastic bottles & containers, mixed paper, and corrugated cardboard.

Processing/Marketing

- ▶ Maryland Environmental Service operates the collection and marketing for recyclable materials collected from the residential drop-off centers.

Yard Trimmings

- ▶ Maryland Environmental Service (MES) has designated an area at the Mid-Shore I Transfer Station for yard trimmings. The site accepts yard trimmings from municipalities, homeowners and others for a fee.
- ▶ Oxford, St. Michaels and Easton have curbside collection of yard trimmings.

Other Materials

- ▶ Used *oil* and *antifreeze* collection tanks are located for residents to deposit material at the Mid-Shore I Transfer Station, used *oil* at Dogwood Harbor, Trappe Landing, Bellevue Landing, Neavitt Landing and Oak Creek Landing
- ▶ White goods, lead acid batteries and textiles are recyclable at the Mid-Shore I Transfer Station.

Household Hazardous Waste

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

Electronics

- ▶ As part of the Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program the counties hold two e-cycle events each year on the same day as the HHW event. Additionally a permanent drop-off site for computer peripherals is available year round at the MS-I Transfer Station Monday through Saturday during business hours.

Commercial Programs

- ▶ The County remains in contact with large businesses to collect recycling data.
- ▶ Infinity Recycling collects office paper, cardboard, glass and cans from many local businesses.

Public Buildings

- ▶ All County facilities are recycling white paper, newspaper, cardboard, and aluminum cans.
- ▶ All eight County public schools recycle paper and aluminum.

Public Education & Outreach

- ▶ The Regional Recycling Coordinator is coordinating public education.
- ▶ The Board of Education has appointed an environmental education specialist to include environmental issues, such as recycling, in the curriculum.
- ▶ Pickering Creek Environmental Center is educating 4th grade students in the public school system.

Special Programs

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

Disposal

- ▶ The tipping fee is \$67.00/ton at the Mid-Shore Regional II Landfill.

Financing/Budget

- ▶ Recycling is partially funded through tipping fees. A \$5.00 surcharge on the tipping fee supports the Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program.