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Wicomico County Recycling

What You Need to Know

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Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2017, 56% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 56% waste diversion rate

Residential Program

Curbside

- ▶ There are no County operated curbside recycling programs.

Drop-off

- ▶ There are 18 recycling stations (11 staffed), serving all municipalities and County residents, dispersed throughout the County. Materials collected include #1 - #2 plastic narrow-necked bottles, glass, aluminum and steel cans, mixed paper, newspaper, magazines and cardboard.

Processing/Marketing

- ▶ Materials are consolidated and some are baled at a processing site at the county landfill.
- ▶ Materials from Somerset, Dorchester & occasionally Worcester Counties are processed at the Wicomico County site.

Municipalities

- ▶ Delmar, Fruitland, Hebron, Mardela Springs, Pittsville, Salisbury, Sharptown, Bivalve, Wango, Quantico, Parsonsburg, and Willards are served by County drop-offs.
- ▶ Salisbury has a curbside program.

Yard Trimmings

- ▶ The County has implemented recycling of leaves and brush. There are four drop-off locations. A portable tub grinder is used at each location and the material is consolidated at the landfill. The mulch goes to a composting business and is available for public purchase.

Other Materials

- ▶ The County collects *oil* and *antifreeze* at all of its convenience centers.
- ▶ *Wood pallets* are accepted only at the landfill location.
- ▶ *White goods* are collected at the landfill for recycling.
- ▶ The County also collects oyster and clam shells for recycling.
- ▶ Tires are collected at the landfill location for a fee. \$2.00 for car and light truck tires and \$5.00 for large truck tires, all off rim, 4 permitted per day.

Household Hazardous Waste

- ▶ The County will be doing one event yearly in October.

Electronics

- ▶ The County does have an electronics recycling program located at the landfill location. The County no longer accepts TVs and computer monitors for recycling.

Commercial Program

- ▶ A recycling report form is sent to businesses each year.
- ▶ The County has also examined commercial loads dumped at the landfill to identify large sources of recyclables. The sources are contacted to try to convince these companies to recycle.

Commercial Program

- ▶ Salisbury Scrap Metal, Inc. recycles all types of metals.
- ▶ Stone Tech in Salisbury recycles rubble (e.g., concrete, bricks, and blacktop).
- ▶ Kohl's recycles cardboard, plastics and batteries
- ▶ Pepsi-Cola recycles plastic, cardboard, and glass.
- ▶ Perdue recycles organic waste, plastic, and cardboard.
- ▶ In addition to the above, 60+ additional businesses are recycling.

Public Buildings

- ▶ The Board of Education has started implementing recycling in all public schools. Currently mixed paper, metals and cardboard are recycled.
- ▶ Salisbury State University recycles high-grade white paper, plastics, glass, aluminum and steel cans, cardboard, white goods, food waste, yard debris and used oil.
- ▶ White paper, mixed paper, newsprint, aluminum cans, and glass bottles are being recycled in County offices.

Public Education & Outreach

- ▶ The County maintains ongoing education programs in cooperation with the Community Environmental Organization (CEO).
- ▶ The Department of Public Works staff gives recycling presentations to local organizations and offer tours of the landfill and recycling facilities.

Special Programs

- ▶ The County accepts plastics, glass, aluminum and steel cans, newspaper, and cardboard from Somerset, Dorchester, and occasionally Worcester Counties.
- ▶ The County uses work-release personnel for labor in the recycling program.

Disposal

- ▶ The tipping fee at the Newland Park Landfill is \$0.00/ton for recycling. Residents purchase a yearly permit for household trash or pay the \$60.00 per ton tipping fee (3 cents per pound).