



Facts About...

Recycling

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Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2006, 43% recycling rate + 3% source reduction credit = 46% waste diversion rate.

Residential Program

Curbside

- ▶ The curbside collections of paper, plastic, metal, glass, cardboard, and yard waste clippings serves approximately 149,000 single-family and townhouse households (approximately 518,932 population).
- ▶ The county does not provide collection services to apartment or condominium complexes. Residents of these multi-family dwellings are encouraged to use the county's three drop-off facilities for recycling.

Drop-off

- ▶ The County operates three permanent recovery facilities in Millersville (MCC), Glen Burnie (GBCC), and Sudley (SCC). All drop-off sites accept a wide range of paper, plastic, metal, glass, cardboard, electronics, yard waste, metal, oil, antifreeze, latex paint, other recyclables, and trash.

Processing/Marketing

- ▶ The County's contract for residential curbside recycling of paper, plastic, metal, glass and corrugated cardboard includes: 1) collection; 2) processing; and 3) marketing services.
- ▶ The Paper Recovery Facility located at the Millersville Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility annually processes 500 - 700 tons of old cardboard. Commercial loads with predominant cardboard are diverted from disposal and processed for recycling. Tip fees are waved in these cases.

Municipalities

- ▶ Questions should be directed to the *City of Annapolis* Department of Public Works at 410-263-7949.

Yard Trimmings

- ▶ Countywide curbside collection serves 149,000 homes.
- ▶ Self-hauled yard debris is accepted at all county solid waste acceptance facilities.
- ▶ The majority of the County's yard trimmings are processed through the Regional Composting Project with Howard and Baltimore Counties.
- ▶ A portion of the County's yard debris is taken to the Prince George's County Western Branch composting facility under an intergovernmental agreement.
- ▶ County personnel at the Millersville Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility also grind a portion of the County's wood waste.
- ▶ Brush is also ground at the GBCC and SCC and the resulting mulch is used onsite and periodically made available to county residents. Quantity and availability varies, call specific location for details.

Other Materials

- ▶ *Wood pallets* are chipped for use as drive area surface at the Millersville Landfill.
- ▶ *Latex paint* is accepted at all convenience centers during normal operating hours, and at the curb if dried.
- ▶ *Used oil, anti-freeze, and lead acid batteries* are collected at three permanent county drop-off sites.
- ▶ Bulky items such as *white goods, mattresses, and furniture* are collected from residents by appointment, call 410-222-6100 to schedule.
- ▶ *Scrap metal* is collected for recycling at the landfill, convenience centers, and through the county's bulk item pick-up service.
- ▶ *Tires* are collected at the landfill and three permanent county drop-off sites.
- ▶ *Asphalt Shingles* collected at three permanent county drop-off sites.

Household Hazardous Waste

- ▶ *Household hazardous waste* drop-off days are held eight times per year from March through November.

Electronics

- ▶ The County provides permanent drop-off collection of electronics waste at all WMS facilities. The program accepts CPUs, keyboards and mice, hard drives, printers, laptops, wires and power cords, circuit boards, monitors, surge protectors, copiers, VCRs, cell phones, pagers, telephones, computer speakers, and portable televisions (no console televisions) as well as batteries (rechargeable and Lithium ion).

Commercial Program

- ▶ The County's Paper Recovery Facility accepts loads of cardboard and office paper from small and large businesses, shopping malls and residents at no cost.
- ▶ The County provides a guidebook and educational materials to businesses and multi-family property managers.
- ▶ The Small Business Recycling Program offers collection of recyclables to certain small



businesses that meet certain criteria and within existing service areas. The program is voluntary and participating businesses pay an annual fee for subscribing to the service.

Public Buildings

- ▶ The County Office Recycling Program (C.O.R.P.) collects paper, cans, bottles, jars, and cardboard from county buildings.
- ▶ The County school system, of 120 schools, collects paper, cans, bottles, jars, and cardboard.
- ▶ *Fort Meade* operates a volunteer program that accepts aluminum cans, newspaper, cardboard, office paper, wooden pallets, laser print cartridges, scrap metals, antifreeze, and oil.

Procurement

- ▶ Approximately \$500,000 worth of recycled products is purchased annually.
- ▶ The County has a buy recycled policy for printing and writing papers.

Public Education & Outreach

- ▶ Recycling Education includes:
 1. Developing solid waste management supplemental education materials for use in Anne Arundel County Public Schools' science units in grades K-12. The Board of Education has approved materials for use in classrooms.
 2. Development of a comprehensive public education program.
- ▶ Brochures are available on backyard composting, grasscycling, and a guide of county solid waste services.
- ▶ Currently the division promotes waste prevention, re-use, recycling and composting programs and activities through multiple means including: literature to residents, recycling guidebooks to commercial sector, newspaper advertisements, speaking engagements at schools and civic associations, PowerPoint presentations, and press releases.

Special Programs

- ▶ The County entered into a Regional Solid Waste Management Compact in January 1993 with Baltimore City and County, Carroll, Harford, Howard and Montgomery Counties to consider regional solid waste management facilities.

Disposal

- ▶ Landfill tipping fee is \$65.00/ton. Call 410-222-6177 for current tip fees for tires.

Financing/Budget

- ▶ The Recycling Program, like all County solid waste services, is financed through an Enterprise Fund. Revenues to the fund finances all aspects of the integrated waste management system, as a result of landfill tipping fees and a \$275 annual fee charged per household as a line item on residents' property tax bills.

