



Facts About...

Recycling

CAROLINE COUNTY RECYCLING

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Recycling Goal

- ▶ To maintain a recycling rate greater than the State's mandated rate.

Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2000, as a member of Midshore Regional Recycling Program, 47% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 47% waste diversion rate.

Residential Program

Curbside

- ▶ The County subsidizes a curbside program in **Hillsboro & Ridgely**.

Drop-off

- ▶ The County operates 11 drop-off locations at the five transfer stations and six additional igloo sites to collect: cardboard, clothing, glass, commingled aluminum and steel cans, #1 and #2 narrow-neck plastic bottles and newspaper.

Processing/Marketing

- ▶ Schultz & Sons scrap dealer operates a buy-back center for white goods and lead-acid batteries.

Municipalities

- ▶ **Hillsboro & Ridgely** is served by curbside collection.

Yard Trim Materials

- ▶ Both residents and municipalities haul yard debris to the Hobbs Road Landfill for processing and marketing through the regional contract.
- ▶ **Denton** has a curbside collection program for yard debris and bulky items.

Other Materials

- ▶ *White goods* are collected at the landfill.
- ▶ *Telephone books* are collected once a year commingled with newspapers.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

- ▶ HHW events are open to residents (no business, industry, or commercial waste) and are held twice a year on a rotating basis in the Midshore Counties. A wide variety of materials are accepted. However, explosives, ammunition, medical waste, radioactive materials, picric acid, compressed gas cylinders, asbestos, and smoke detectors are not accepted. For specifics please contact your County recycling coordinator.

Electronics

- ▶ The County currently does not have an electronics recycling program.

Commercial Programs

- ▶ The County has an outreach program to encourage businesses to recycle and report to the Count.

Public Buildings

- ▶ White office paper and aluminum cans are collected in County offices and six County schools.

Public Education & Outreach

- ▶ The regional recycling program has developed a brochure called “A Guide to Recycling in Caroline County” which is being distributed throughout the county.
- ▶ The Recycling Coordinator promotes recycling at schools and civic meetings.

Special Programs

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

Disposal

- ▶ The Mid-Shore Regional Landfill serves Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne’s and Kent counties.
- ▶ The Regional Landfill tipping fee is \$47.50/ton.

Financing/Budget

- ▶ Recycling is partially funded through tipping fees. A \$4.00 surcharge on the tipping fee supports the Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Project.

