



Facts About...

Recycling

SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING

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Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2012, 18.5 % recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 18.5 % waste diversion rate.

Residential Program

Curbside

- ▶ No Countywide curbside-recycling program exists. The City of Crisfield and the Town of Princess Anne have eliminated their curbside programs.

Drop-off

- ▶ Newspapers, corrugated cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, glass, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, white goods, oil and antifreeze are collected at five county-operated drop-off sites throughout the county. The City of Crisfield and the Town of Princess Anne also operate drop-offs, for a total of seven.

Processing/Marketing

- ▶ All cardboard, newspaper, glass, plastic bottles, metal cans and aluminum cans are transported to the Wicomico County Landfill for processing and marketing.
- ▶ A local scrap dealer accepts white goods from the County.
- ▶ Oil and antifreeze are collected at all of the five County transfer stations through a contract with Maryland Environmental Service.

Municipalities

- ▶ The City of Crisfield and the Town of Princess Anne collect *white goods* by special pickup.
- ▶ The City of Crisfield and the Town of Princess Anne operate accept glass, aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles and newspapers at their respective town maintenance departments.
- ▶ A scrap tire collection day is held annually providing funding is available through the Maryland Department of the Environment. The Maryland Environmental Service provides administrative support to the County for the scrap tire collection event.

Yard Trimmings

- ▶ Residents may bring yard trimmings to the landfill. The County has purchased a chipper and is currently collecting and mulching brush and tree trimmings. Material is given away to local residents.

Other Materials

- ▶ *White goods* are collected at the landfill and at all five Somerset County waste transfer stations.
- ▶ *Telephone books* are collected at drop-offs annually from May 1st until June 15th.
- ▶ *Tires* are accepted at the landfill.
- ▶ *Oil, air filters* are recyclable.

Household Hazardous Waste

- ▶ The County does not currently have a HHW program.

Electronics

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

Commercial Program

- ▶ There is no established commercial collection program. However, some businesses are recycling.

Public Buildings

- ▶ The County collects magazines, newspaper, and office paper in all County office buildings. These materials are sent to H.D. Metal Co. in Salisbury, MD. Aluminum cans are collected in five County office buildings.

Procurement

- ▶ Some computer paper and other assorted office paper is being purchased.

Disposal

- ▶ Westover Landfill tipping fee is \$60.00/ton.
- ▶ A per household permit fee of \$52.00 is currently charged for use of the five County Transfer Stations. Stickers are issued for display on vehicles. The yearly fee entitles residents to unlimited use of the transfer station providing each trip does not exceed 500 pounds.

Financing/Budget

- ▶ The recycling program is financed through the General Fund supplemented by tipping fees at the landfill and transfer station permits.

