



Facts About...

Recycling

WASHINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING

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Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2011, 46.81 % recycling rate + 1% source reduction credit = 47.81 % waste diversion rate.

Residential Program

Curbside

- ▶ Hagerstown, Williamsport, Boonsboro, Clear Spring, Smithsburg, Hancock, Keedysville, and Sharpsburg have curbside recycling.
- ▶ Residents outside municipalities may subscribe where offered by private haulers.

Drop-off

- ▶ There are four county drop-offs collecting aluminum and steel cans, glass containers, #1 thru #7 plastics, cardboard and mixed paper. Recycling permit is required for recycling at Convenience Centers and Forty West Landfill. Cost for permit is \$36 per year (July 1 – June 30).
- ▶ The Forty West Municipal Landfill collects aluminum and steel cans, glass containers, #1 thru #7 plastics, newspaper, cardboard, and magazines, rechargeable batteries, electronics, yard waste, used motor oil, used antifreeze, used vegetable oil, plastic bags, plastic shrink wrap, residential electrical wiring and auto tires.
- ▶ Tri-State Reuse Center handles construction and demolition material.
- ▶ The Washington County Association for Retarded Citizens (Arc) allows for 24/7 drop-off of aluminum cans, paper, cardboard, hardback books, #1 and #2 plastic bottles.

Processing/Marketing

- ▶ The County contracts with private companies for hauling, processing and marketing of recyclables from the drop-offs.
- ▶ Several private companies collect & process office paper.
- ▶ Maryland Paper is an end-user company that manufactures roofing paper from old corrugated cardboard and old newspapers.
- ▶ Clean Earth processes oil contaminated soils and used aggregate into roadbed materials.

Municipalities

- ▶ Hagerstown has curbside pick up for mixed paper, cardboard, cans, bottles, #1 thru #7 plastic, and yard debris.
- ▶ Boonsboro, Clear Spring, Hagerstown, Keedysville, Sharpsburg, Smithsburg, and Williamsport have curbside recycling.
- ▶ Boonsboro chips their brush and has their own used motor oil collection site.

Yard Trimmings

- ▶ The composting and mulching operation is located at the Forty West Landfill.
- ▶ Yard trimmings are banned from the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill.

Other Materials

- ▶ The County contracts to recycle *scrap tires*. Two-thirds of the tires are used for civil engineering projects.
- ▶ *White goods* are collected at the landfill for recycling.
- ▶ *Telephone directories* are collected with newspaper.
- ▶ *Automotive batteries* are accepted at the Forty West Landfill as well as various retail battery distributors in the county.
- ▶ *Christmas trees* collected, chipped and used as mulch.
- ▶ A trailer is located at the Forty West Landfill for *cardboard* recycling.
- ▶ The County advises and works with the Association for Retarded Citizens (Arc) in its recycling program.

Household Hazardous Waste

- ▶ The County will have a HHW event as the budget permits.
- ▶ Drop-off for mercury at the Health Department. Call 240-313-3355 for details.
- ▶ Mercury thermostats that are intact can be taken to R.E. Michel Co., 915 S. Burhans Blvd., Hagerstown, MD 21740. 301-790-1620.

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.

Public Buildings

- ▶ The County and the City of Hagerstown both have office paper recycling programs in their buildings.
- ▶ County and State prisons are recycling corrugated cardboard, paper, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, and tin cans.
- ▶ The County has a school recycling program in all 45 public schools for cardboard and mixed paper.

Procurement

- ▶ Paper towels, Kraft envelopes, tissues, and letterhead purchased by the County have recycled content.

Public Education & Outreach

- ▶ County webpage contains recycling information
- ▶ The recycling coordinator works with local business and industry to promote commercial recycling.
- ▶ The recycling coordinator provides “Scenic Landfill Tours” to school groups and is a speaker to schools, organizations, groups, etc.

Ordinances

- ▶ Large commercial haulers are required to offer curbside recycling. Haulers must report how many tons of waste and recyclables they collect.

Disposal

- ▶ The landfill fee is \$52.00/ton, rubble tip fee is \$75.00/ton and yard debris is \$63.00/ton. There are special fees for sludge, tires, asbestos, and low-density waste.

Financing/Budget

- ▶ The County recycling drop-off program is funded by the sale of residential recycling permits.



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