



Maryland Department  
of the Environment

## FACTS ABOUT: Recycling

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### ALLEGANY COUNTY RECYCLING

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#### Waste Diversion Rate

For calendar year 2013, 34.33% recycling rate + 2% source reduction credit = 36.33% waste diversion rate.

#### Residential Program

##### *Curbside*

- ▶ Curbside recycling is offered by private subscription only.

##### *Drop-off*

- ▶ The County operates 14 drop-off sites to collect newspaper and metal cans. One site is at the Mountainview Sanitary Landfill. A list of drop-offs is available online at the County and the Maryland Department of the Environment's web pages.
- ▶ There is a program for *plastics* recycling at this time. Number 1 & 2 bottles and jugs at Penn-Mar Recycling, Cumberland & the Mountainview Sanitary Landfill.

##### *Processing/Marketing*

- ▶ Penn-Mar Recycling processes material from the drop-offs.

##### *Municipalities*

- ▶ Haulers collect yard debris and deliver it to the County compost site.
- ▶ Midland is served by a recyclables drop-off at Mountainview Landfill. Materials collected include cans, glass, bottles, newspaper, magazines, office paper, oil/antifreeze, cardboard, #1 and #2 plastic bottles & jugs.
- ▶ Westernport is served by a recyclables drop-off in the Town parking lot. Materials collected include cans/newspaper and magazines.



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### *Yard Trimmings*

- ▶ The County processes yard trimmings across from the former P.P.G. Plant, 11700 P.P.G. Road, Cumberland, MD. Mulch & compost may be taken free of charge. Haulers and homeowners may drop-off yard debris at this site for free. Call 301-777-5933 for hours of operation.

### *Other Materials*

- ▶ Three private companies operate *battery & metal* recycling centers.
- ▶ *Telephone books* are collected at participating schools during the Spring Telephone Book Recycling Campaign. Telephone books may be recycled with newspaper anytime of the year.
- ▶ *Oil* collection sites & *antifreeze* are located throughout the County.
- ▶ *White goods* are being collected at Penn-Mar for recycling.
- ▶ *Magazines* are collected at 5 central drop-off locations.
- ▶ *Tires* are collected at special County events. Check the County web site for details.
- ▶ *Christmas tree* drop-off sites are available in January for recycling Christmas trees.

### *Household Hazardous Waste*

- ▶ The County has held a *household hazardous waste* collection day in October. Check the web site for updates.
- ▶ Flammable liquids and solids, toxic liquids and solids, pesticides, caustics, dry-cell batteries (no nicad or mercury cells), household cleaners, lawn and pool chemicals, poisons, oil-based paint, antifreeze, and oil are collected at the HHW events.
- ▶ Lead-acid batteries, explosives, water-based paint, electronics/CRTs are not accepted at the HHW events.

### *Electronics*

- ▶ Electronics may be recycled at the Penn-Mar Recycling Center, 975 Kelly Rd., Cumberland, MD. Please call 301-724-1000 for details.

## **Commercial Program**

- ▶ The County has established 3 cardboard drop-off sites at Penn-Mar, LaVale Plaza, and at the Mountainview Landfill. Citizens may bring loads of cardboard to the sites free of charge. Commercial cardboard may be taken to Penn-Mar Recycling.

## **Public Buildings**

- ▶ The County school system and County office buildings are actively recycling office paper, newspaper and cardboard.
- ▶ Frostburg State University and the Allegany County Health Department currently have comprehensive recycling programs for cans, newspaper, office paper and yard debris.



## **Public Education & Outreach**

- ▶ Recycling brochures and presentations or tours are available upon request at 301-722-6360 or email [swigfield@alleganygov.org](mailto:swigfield@alleganygov.org) .
- ▶ Public school students and teachers can access the County Recycling Office through the County website.
- ▶ A PowerPoint presentation is available on the County web site.
- ▶ The local telephone directory lists recycling information in the back of the book.
- ▶ Middle schools now recycle office paper through the County Recycling Program. Bins are located in school parking lots. Students collect and place mixed office paper in the bins.

## **Disposal/Budget**

- ▶ The tipping fee at the Mountainview Landfill for MSW is \$46.75/ton.

## **Financing**

A \$1.50 per ton surcharge is included in all Allegany County solid waste brought into Mountainview Landfill to help fund the County's recycling program.



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