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FACTS ABOUT: Recycling

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Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2013, 33.09% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 33.09% waste diversion rate.

Residential Program

Curbside

- ▶ There are no County-operated curbside programs. Commercial haulers do provide subscription curbside collection service.
- ▶ A curbside collection program is provided by the Town of North Beach for their 650 homes and the Town of Chesapeake Beach for their 900 homes.

Drop-off

- ▶ Seven county-staffed convenience centers are operating in Ball Road, Barstow, Huntingtown, Lusby, Mt. Hope, St. Leonard Plum Point, and the Appeal Landfill located near Lusby.
- ▶ 30,000 households were provided with 18 gallon yellow bins to bring commingled & paper recyclables to the convenience centers. Materials are collected and marketed by the County.
- ▶ Commingled material includes glass bottles, jugs and jars, aluminum cans and foil and steel cans, and #1 through #5 and #7 plastic bottles, jugs and jars.
- ▶ Mixed paper includes telephone books, newspaper, magazines, corrugated cardboard, mail, shredded and mixed paper.
- ▶ Bulk Plastic includes plastic pots, pools, chairs, etc. and is accepted at Appeal and Barstow convenience centers.
- ▶ Film Plastic includes bags and packaging overwrap and is accepted at all convenience centers.
- ▶ Metal can be recycled at the Appeal Landfill or any convenience center.



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Processing/Marketing

- ▶ All mixed paper and commingled materials are processed by WMRAA, CRINC in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Municipalities

- ▶ The County assisted North Beach and Chesapeake Beach with the techniques needed to run a curbside program. The County supplies 18-gallon residential recycling containers. The Towns supply residential collection carts.

Yard Trim Materials

- ▶ Yard debris and wood waste are separated and collected at the landfill. The materials are processed and are available to the public as untreated mulch.
- ▶ Christmas trees are collected at all convenience centers and Appeal Landfill in January and year-round at Appeal Landfill. Once processed, mulch is offered to the public as untreated mulch.

Other Materials

- ▶ Scrap Auto and Truck Tires are recycled at Appeal Landfill.
- ▶ Textiles can be dropped-off at any of the County's seven convenience centers.
- ▶ Propane cylinders (small one pound to large 100 pound), helium cylinders, etc. are accepted at all convenience centers.
- ▶ Mattresses and Boxsprings are accepted at Appeal Landfill only.
- ▶ Lead-acid and Rechargeable Batteries can be recycled at any convenience center.
- ▶ White Goods can be recycled only at the Appeal Landfill.
- ▶ Waste Oil and Antifreeze can be recycled at the Appeal Landfill or any convenience center.
- ▶ Motor Oil Filters can be recycled at the Appeal Landfill or any convenience center.
- ▶ Ink Jet and Laser Printer Cartridges are accepted at all convenience centers.
- ▶ Cooking oil is accepted at all convenience centers.
- ▶ Oyster Shells are accepted at all convenience centers (No plates, napkins used utensils or food scraps).
- ▶ Fluorescent Light Tubes, Compact Fluorescent Lights, incandescent and other types of bulbs are accepted at Appeal, Ball Road, Barstow, Huntingtown, Mount Hope and Plum Point.
- ▶ X-Ray and MRI Film are accepted at Appeal Landfill.

Electronics

- ▶ The County collects electronics at six sites: Appeal, Ball Road, Barstow, Huntingtown, Mount Hope and Plum Point.
- ▶ Cell Phones are accepted at all convenience centers.



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

- ▶ The County provides for residential HHW brought to the designated County HHW Day Event. These days and locations are advertised in the paper and on the County Web Site. Call 410-326-0210 for more information.
- ▶ No latex paint is accepted.
- ▶ No commercial HHW is accepted.
- ▶ The County has a permanent drop-off program for mercury (thermostats, thermometers, switches, etc) at the Appeal Solid Waste Facility. Call 410-326-0210 for details.

Commercial Programs

- ▶ Small businesses are eligible to use the convenience centers for their recycling program.
- ▶ No commercial haulers are permitted to use the convenience centers.

Public Buildings

- ▶ Ten County office buildings recycle mixed office paper.
- ▶ The administrative offices and some of the 22 public schools recycle paper and cardboard. Additionally, some schools have established their own glass bottle and aluminum can recycling programs.

Public Education & Outreach

- ▶ Both public service announcements and newspaper editorials promote countywide recycling efforts.
- ▶ Recycling book decals, coloring books, pencils and magnets are provided at County schools and County sponsored events.
- ▶ Presentations are made to organizations that request one.
- ▶ Commercial business recycling program development assistance is provided upon request.
- ▶ All 2nd graders in County schools participate in a program to learn about recycling.

Disposal

- ▶ The tipping fee at the Appeal Landfill is \$69.71/ton for residents, \$77.45/ton for commercial and tires are \$178/ton.

Financing/Budget

- ▶ A user fee, currently \$119/year, that is part of the property tax bill, finances the Solid Waste Program.

