



Maryland Department  
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## FACTS ABOUT: Recycling

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### CECIL COUNTY RECYCLING

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#### Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2013, 33.85 % recycling rate + 4 % source reduction credit = 37.85% waste diversion rate.

#### Residential Program

##### *Curbside*

- ▶ Licensed haulers are required to provide recycling service to all residential customers at least once per month.

##### *Drop-off*

- ▶ Three drop-off centers serve approximately 8,000 households. Materials collected include single stream recyclables: #1 to #7 narrow-neck plastic bottles, aluminum and steel cans, newspaper, telephone books, cardboard, and mixed paper which can be commingled together. Beginning August 1, 2010 single stream recyclables brought to the Cecil County Solid Waste Management Facilities will be charged a fee.
- ▶ The drop-off at the Central Landfill also accepts oil, antifreeze, tires, lead acid, household & rechargeable batteries, textiles, electronics, fluorescent lamps, printer cartridges, scrap metal, and white goods. Yard debris including grass, leaves, and brush are charged a fee as of August 1, 2010.

##### *Processing/Marketing*

- ▶ Single stream recyclables processing and marketing are currently contracted to Recommunity Recycling.

##### *Yard Trimmings*

- ▶ Private haulers are encouraged to collect yard debris. Approximately 7,500 homes are served by curbside collection of leaves and brush.
- ▶ Yard Trimmings are charged a minimum fee up to 400 pounds. Loads over 400 pounds are weighed and charged a per ton fee prorated to the nearest 20 pounds.



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- ▶ Brush is collected at the Central Landfill chipped and used for mulch at County buildings, parks, and on-site.
- ▶ Leaves and grass have been composted at the landfill since 1990.
- ▶ Mulch is also available for purchase to the public.

#### *Other Materials*

- ▶ White goods, oil, antifreeze and automotive batteries are collected at the landfill.
- ▶ The County is seeking a sludge/soil-mixing permit.
- ▶ The County has a contract with Waste-to-Energy for tire recycling.
- ▶ Municipalities collect Christmas trees that are ground by the County and returned to the municipalities for use as mulch. Drop off of Christmas trees at Cecil County Solid Waste Management Facilities currently remains free.

#### *Household Hazardous Waste*

- ▶ The County currently does have a household hazardous waste program operating 2 events (Spring/Fall) at the Cecil County Central Landfill as budgetary restrictions apply.
- ▶ The County has a permanent drop-off for mercury at the Health Department. Call 410-996-5160 for details.

#### *Electronics*

- ▶ The County currently has a permanent electronics recycling program at the Cecil County Central Landfill.

### **Commercial Program**

- ▶ Over 250 local businesses are now recycling.

### **Public Buildings**

- ▶ The County waste and recycling contractor collects commingled containers, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, white office paper and computer paper from County agencies.
- ▶ Single Stream recyclables, electronics, and fluorescent lamps are recycled from all Cecil County Public Schools.
- ▶ Cecil College started a cardboard and mixed paper recycling program in the spring of 1994. They have expanded their program to include single stream recyclables, electronics, and fluorescent lamps.

### **Procurement**

- ▶ All copy and computer paper has recycled content. Other materials, as economically feasible, are also purchased.

### **Public Education & Outreach**

- ▶ The Recycling Program Manager visits elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the county. Visitation to the Central Landfill is always encouraged to all groups.
- ▶ Recycling activity books are distributed to elementary school children.



## **Disposal**

- ▶ The tipping fee at the Central Landfill for municipal solid waste is \$69/ton. Residents may bring single stream recyclables at a charge of \$1.00 up to 200 pounds. Residents that bring under 200 pounds of weekly household trash with 100% of recyclables separated and visible on the load will be charged \$6.00 (as of 07-01-14).

## **Financing/Budget**

- ▶ The recycling program is financed through tipping fees and revenues from the sale of recyclables.



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