

# Talbot County Recycling

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## Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2003, 46.9% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 46.9% waste diversion rate.

## Residential Program

### *Curbside*

- ▶ A private contractor serves 75 single -family homes in Queen Anne . Commingled containers, newspaper, magazines, catalogues, and corrugated cardboard are collected.

### *Drop-off*

- ▶ There are 13 County drop-off centers accepting aluminum and steel cans, glass, narrow-neck plastic bottles, newspaper, and magazines and catalogues.
- ▶ An additional 13 igloo sites accept aluminum and steel cans, glass, narrow-neck plastic bottles, newspapers, magazines and catalogues. Some of the sites include Community Center, Mid-Shore Landfill and the Towns of Cordova, Trappe, St. Michaels, Oxford and Easton.

### *Processing/Marketing*

- ▶ Infinity Recycling does processing and marketing for aluminum and steel cans. All other processing is done at the Mid-Shore Consolidation Facility located at the Mid-Shore Landfill.

### *Municipalities*

- ▶ Curbside collection of household recyclables serves Queen Anne.

### *Yard Trimmings*

- ▶ Maryland Environmental Service (MES) has designated an area at the regional landfill for yard trimmings. The site accepts any yard trimmings from municipalities, homeowners and others.
- ▶ Oxford, St. Michaels and Easton have curbside collection of yard trimmings.

### *Other Materials*

- ▶ Used *oil* and *antifreeze* are collected at the landfill, Crockett Bros. Boatyard, Oxford, and at SHA, Easton.
- ▶ *Christmas trees* are recycled at the Mid-Shore Regional Landfill.
- ▶ *Boat shrink-wrap* is being recycled in a pilot program.
- ▶ *White goods, lead acid batteries, oil filters* and *textiles* are recyclable.

### *Household Hazardous Waste*

- ▶ HHW events are open to residents (no business, industry, or commercial companies) and are held twice a year on a rotating basis in the Midshore Counties. A wide variety of materials are accepted. However, explosives, ammunition, medical waste, radioactive materials, picric acid, compressed gas cylinders, asbestos, and smoke detectors are not accepted. For specifics please contact your County recycling coordinator.

### *Electronics*

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

## **Commercial Programs**

- ▶ The County remains in contact with large businesses to collect recycling data.
- ▶ Infinity Recycling collects office paper, cardboard, glass and cans from many local businesses.

## **Public Buildings**

- ▶ All County facilities are recycling white paper, newspaper, cardboard, and aluminum cans.
- ▶ All eight County public schools recycle paper and aluminum.

## **Public Education & Outreach**

- ▶ The Regional Recycling Coordinator is coordinating public education.
- ▶ The Board of Education has appointed an environmental education specialist to include environmental issues, such as recycling, in the curriculum.
- ▶ Pickering Creek Environmental Center is educating 4th grade students in the public school system.

## **Special Programs**

- ▶ Talbot County is participating in the Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program with the Counties of Queen Anne's, Caroline, and Kent.
- ▶ The County is the site of the Mid-Shore Regional Landfill located outside of Easton. The Mid-Shore Consolidation Facility for recyclable materials is located at the regional landfill, and it may be used by any of the Mid-Shore Counties.

- ▶ The recycling coordinator is part of TAG (Technical Advisory Group), which gives recommendations to steer the Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Project. TAG includes representatives from each participating County.
- ▶ A spring and fall Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Day is planned.

### **Disposal**

- ▶ The tipping fee is \$47.50/ton at the Mid-Shore Regional Landfill.

### **Financing/Budget**

- ▶ Financing is through general funds. The \$4 per ton surcharge collected at the regional landfill is used to support regional recycling.