



## Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

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# Cecil County Solid Waste Management Division

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Manage Solid Waste & Recycling for Cecil County

Member since June 2009

## Management And Leadership



### **Environmental Team**

*Our environmental team consists of our Chief of Solid Waste, Assistant Chief, Crew Leader, Transfer Station Crew Leader, and the Recycling Coordinator. We meet twice a month to discuss our environmental impact, recycling updates, and source reduction.*



### **Annual Goals**

*We have a goal of increasing our county's recycling rate each year as well as conserving energy, water, and supplies through education and outreach.*



### **Environmentally Preferable Procurement**

*Our Division currently purchases paper supplies with at least 30% post consumer recycled content. We also use environmentally friendly concentrated cleaners at all our facilities.*



### **Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects**

*We hold two Household Hazardous Waste Day events per year for County residents and have permanent sharps disposal at our Central Landfill. In total, we operate 40 environmental and recycling programs for Cecil County, MD.*

## Waste

**Solid Waste/Material Use Reduction and Reuse**

*By installing a centralized Xerox printer/copier/fax which allows us to print using both sides of the paper, we have saved approximately 10,000 sheets of paper per year. According to the Environmental Paper Network online calculator, this is the equivalent of reducing 4,981 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub>, 19,488 gallons of water and 1,697 lbs of solid waste. We are also reducing solid waste by using concentrated cleaners which reduces bottle waste.*

**Recycling**

*We collect single stream recyclables (paper, plastic, glass, and cans), electronics, printer cartridges, batteries (lead-acid, household and rechargeable), scrap metal, white goods, fluorescent lamps, vegetable oil, motor oil, antifreeze, cord, vinyl siding, yard waste, concrete, latex paint and eyewear. We recycle approximately 80,000 -100,000 tons of these materials each year.*

## Energy

**Energy Efficiency**

*We have put labels on all of our lighting to turn out the lights when not in use. Also we have digital thermometers that can be set to optimum day and night temperatures which helps us use less energy when buildings are unoccupied.*

**Renewable Energy**

*We currently have a methane collection system in use at the Central Landfill and are hoping to install electric generators in the coming year.*

## Transportation

**Efficient Business Travel**

*We have consolidated trips by combining tasks into one vehicle trip per day for our office specialists.*

**Fleet Vehicles**

*We have purchased diesel all terrain vehicles for employee transport which use less fuel than passenger vehicles, pick up trucks, or dump trucks.*

**Water**

**Water Conservation**

*We have put reminder labels on all spigots to conserve water. We have created a food compost demonstration site and demonstration garden which utilizes rain barrels to water the plants*

**Stormwater Management and Site Design**

*We have taken steps to reduce runoff from the landfill as per our stormwater management plan including a newly constructed Step-Pool-Tier process to naturally filter stormwater.*

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