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All State Agencies Recycle

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HOW MUCH RECYCLING IS MARYLAND THROWING AWAY?

In 2016, the Maryland Department of the Environment, in conjunction with the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, conducted a statewide waste characterization study. The study sampled landfills and transfer stations from Calvert County, Cecil County, Charles County, Washington County, Garrett County, Carroll County, Somerset County and Baltimore City. Two additional jurisdictions, Prince George's County and Montgomery County, had previous waste sort data incorporated into this report for the statewide aggregation.

Results of the study showed that, at 52 percent, organics and paper make up over half of the waste disposed in Maryland. It further identified food waste as the most prevalent disposed material in both residential and commercial waste

streams, at nearly 18 percent of the waste stream.

Lastly, the impact of long-term waste management planning was discussed. Currently more than 66 percent of the disposed waste stream in the State could be diverted by using curbside recycling and non-curbside recycling programs, as well as by introducing widespread composting and mulching programs.

A link to the full report on Maryland Department of the Environment's website can be found here:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/SolidWaste/Documents/2016%20Maryland%20Statewide%20WCS%20Study.pdf>

Eleven State Agencies Reach 30 Percent Recycling Rate in 2017

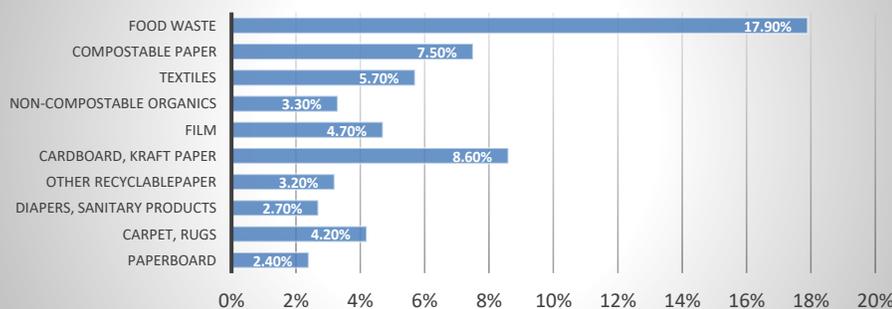
State government, as a whole, is required to recycle 30 percent of its waste. In 2017, eleven State agencies recycled at least 30 percent of their waste and eight agencies recycled more than 40 percent. State government, as a whole, recycled 36.1 percent of the waste it generated.

The following State agencies reached a recycling rate of at least 30 percent in 2017:

- Comptroller of Maryland;
- Dept. Of Environment;
- Dept. of Transportation;
- Judiciary of Maryland;
- Maryland General Assembly;
- Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund;
- Maryland Environmental Service;
- Maryland School for the Deaf;
- Maryland Stadium Authority;
- Subsequent Injury Fund; and
- University System of Maryland.

Results for all State Agencies are available on the Maryland State Agencies 2017 Recycling Rates Table.

10 Most Prevalent Materials in Statewide Disposed Waste Stream



Agency Name	No. of Sites	No. of Sites Reporting	No. of People	Total MRA Recycling 2017 (tons)	2017 MRA Recycling Rate (%)
Baltimore City Community College	1	1	0	0	0
Comptroller of Maryland	1	1	800	112.36	79.60
Department of Agriculture	2	2	222	26.30	19.61
Department of Assessments and Taxation	15	13	1,053	18.54	29.77
Department of Budget and Management	1	0	0	0	0
Department of Education	30	22	1,414	51.53	18.61
Department of General Services	23	23	8,228	159.06	14.21
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	18	5	6,545	401.69	9.61
Department of Human Resources	33	23	5,514	324.13	22.12
Department of Juvenile Services	15	15	2,954	414.10	16.47
Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation	14	6	1,338	133.01	9.70
Department of Natural Resources	6	2	537	6.02	5.35
Department of the Environment	5	5	1,009	39.39	30.87
Department of Transportation	83	83	25,988	16782.97	54.56
Department of Veterans Affairs	12	7	866	169.32	20.81
Dept. of Housing and Community Development	3	0	0	0	0
Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services	35	5	25,415	1008.55	11.78
Judiciary of Maryland	2	2	407	92.93	34.12
Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund	1	1	520	134.71	39.31
Maryland Department of Disabilities	1	1	27	0.10	1.07
Maryland Department of Planning	1	1	185	7.09	10.86
Maryland Environmental Service	4	4	298	16.25	61.51
Maryland Food Center Authority	1	1	1,327	284.63	4.62
Maryland General Assembly	1	1	852	131.70	42.94
Maryland Insurance Administration	1	1	242	0	0
Maryland Military Department	33	33	502	37.82	5.56
Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission	1	1	211	93.46	14.86
Maryland School for the Deaf	2	2	989	132.10	32.33
Maryland Stadium Authority	2	2	2,500	1020.99	42.90
Maryland State Archives	1	1	84	2.08	18.77
Maryland State Police	28	28	1,959	251.66	21.23
Morgan State University	1	1	1,241	179.69	14.17
St. Mary's College of Maryland	1	0	0	0	0
Subsequent Injury Fund	1	1	17	3.54	61.46
University System of Maryland	17	17	127,125	9053.05	42.79
TOTAL	396	311	220,369	31,088.77	35.92

Bold = meets 30% recycling rate