



## Allegany County Recycling

What You Need to Know

### Coordinator/Staff

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### Waste Diversion Rate

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- ▶ For calendar year 2017, 42.15% recycling rate + 3% source reduction credit =45.15% waste diversion rate.

### Residential Program

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#### *Curbside*

- ▶ Curbside recycling is offered to City of Cumberland Residents.
- ▶ County residents have access to curbside recycling through private subscription services.

#### *Drop-off*

- ▶ The County operates 10 drop-off recycling sites to various source-separated recyclables, all sites provide recycling for newspaper and metal cans. One site is at the Mountainview Sanitary Landfill. A list of drop-offs is available online at the County and the Maryland Department of the Environment's web pages.
- ▶ There is a program for *plastics* recycling at this time. Number 1 & 2 bottles and jugs at Flintstone Residential Refuse Site, Staples, LaVale, Penn-Mar Recycling, Cumberland & the Mountainview Drop-off and Recycling Area, Frostburg.

#### *Processing/Marketing*

- ▶ Penn-Mar Recycling processes all material, except glass, from the drop-off sites.
- ▶ Carry-All Products processes the sorted brown, green and clear glass from the drop-off sites.

#### *Municipalities*

- ▶ Midland is served by a recyclables drop-off at Mountainview Landfill. Materials collected include cans, glass, bottles, newspaper, magazines, office paper, oil/antifreeze, cardboard, #1 and #2 plastic bottles & jugs.
- ▶ Westernport and Luke are served by a recyclables drop-off in the Town parking lot. Materials collected include cans, newspaper, #1 plastics, and magazines.
- ▶ Lonaconing is served by a recycling drop-off receptacle accepting mixed paper.
- ▶ City of Cumberland provides curbside comingled and mixed paper recycling.
- ▶ City of Frostburg recycling is available through a subscription service.

### *Yard Trimmings*

- ▶ The County processes yard trimmings across from the former P.P.G. Plant, 11700 P.P.G. Road, Cumberland, MD. Mulch may be taken free of charge. Haulers and homeowners may drop-off yard debris at this site for free. Call 301-777-5933 for hours of operation.

### *Other Materials*

- ▶ Three private companies operate *battery & metal* recycling centers.
- ▶ Telephone books may be recycled with newspaper anytime of the year.
- ▶ *Used Motor Oil* collection sites & *antifreeze* are located throughout the County.
- ▶ *White goods* are being collected at Penn-Mar for recycling.
- ▶ *Magazines* are collected at 6 drop-off locations.
- ▶ *Tires* are collected at the Flintstone, Oldtown and Little Orleans Residential Refuse Site limit 4 per day at \$3 each tire. Residents can also make an appointment to recycle tires in Cumberland by calling the Recycling Office 301-777-5933x210, cost \$3 per tire. Special Events held when funding is available
- ▶ *Christmas tree* drop-off sites are available in January for recycling Christmas trees.

### *Household Hazardous Waste*

- ▶ The County may hold a *household hazardous waste* collection day in the Fall 2019.
- ▶ Flammable liquids and solids, toxic liquids and solids, pesticides, caustics, dry-cell batteries (no nicad or mercury cells), household cleaners, lawn and pool chemicals, poisons, antifreeze, and oil are collected at the HHW events.
- ▶ Explosives, tires, electronics/CRTs, medical waste, radioactive materials, are not accepted at the HHW events.

### *Electronics*

- ▶ Electronics may be recycled at the Penn-Mar Recycling Center, 975 Kelly Ave., Cumberland, MD. Please call 301-724-1000 for details. Monday – Friday 8am -4pm
- ▶ Three other private businesses also recycle electronics. See County website for details.

## **Commercial Program**

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- ▶ The County has established 3 cardboard drop-off sites at Penn-Mar, LaVale Plaza, and at the Mountainview Landfill. Citizens may bring loads of flattened cardboard to the sites free of charge. Commercial cardboard may be taken to Penn-Mar Recycling.

## **Public Buildings**

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- ▶ The County school system and County office buildings are actively recycling office paper, newspaper and cardboard.
- ▶ Frostburg State University, Allegany College of Maryland, Western Maryland Health System, and the Allegany County Health Department currently have comprehensive recycling programs for cans, newspaper, office paper, plastics, medic waste, and yard debris.

## **Public Education & Outreach**

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- ▶ Recycling brochures and presentations or tours are available upon request at 301-777-5933 x210.
- ▶ Public school students and teachers can access the County Recycling Office through the County website.
- ▶ The local telephone directory lists recycling information in the back of the book.
- ▶ Middle schools now recycle office paper through the County Recycling Program. Bins are located in school parking lots. Students collect and place mixed office paper in the bins.
- ▶ Schools participate in the Trex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge from November through April.

## Disposal/Budget

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- ▶ The tipping fee at the Mountainview Landfill for MSW is \$50.45/ton.

## Financing

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A \$1.50 per ton surcharge is included in all Allegany County solid waste brought into Mountainview Landfill to help fund the County's recycling program.