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Dorchester County Recycling

What You Need to Know

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Recycling Goal

- ▶ Maintain a recycling rate of 25% or better.

Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2017, 8.77% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 8.77% waste diversion rate.

Residential Program

Curbside

- ▶ The County provides no curbside recycling.

Drop-off

- ▶ The County operates six drop-offs. They accept glass bottles and jars, cans, #1 and #2 narrow-neck plastic bottles, and corrugated cardboard, newspapers, magazines and textiles.

Municipalities

- ▶ The County operates drop-offs at Chesapeake Drive behind the **Dorchester Square Shopping Center**, **Leonard's Lane across from the City of Cambridge DPW garage**, the Town of **Hurlock**, **Golden Hill**, **Secretary** Transfer stations and **Beulah Landfill**.

Yard Trimmings

- ▶ There is a program for yard debris collection at Beulah landfill.

Other Materials

- ▶ *White goods* are collected in a separate area at the County's Beulah Landfill.
- ▶ *Christmas trees* are collected at the landfill and transfer stations.
- ▶ *Telephone books* are accepted in the magazine bin of the County's recycling stations.
- ▶ *Oil and antifreeze* are collected at the County's landfill and transfer stations.
- ▶ Oyster shells are collected at Beulah, Golden Hill and Secretary
- ▶ Florescent Light Bulbs are collected at the Beulah Landfill Location
- ▶ Batteries are collected at Beulah Landfill

Household Hazardous Waste

- ▶ The County currently does not have a household hazardous waste program.

Electronics

- ▶ The County is starting an electronics-recycling program in April 2017.

Commercial Program

- ▶ Local businesses are surveyed once/year to document recycling efforts.

Public Buildings

- ▶ White office paper is collected in County offices.
- ▶ Cardboard is recycled by the County Detention Center.
- ▶ A program is in place to recycle white office paper and cardboard in all schools and the Board of Education building.

Public Education & Outreach

- ▶ The County provides a site map and recycling instructions at the county landfill and transfer stations.

Special Programs

- ▶ A second company, Environmental Recycling Company, is recycling crab chum in the southern part of Dorchester County.

Disposal

- ▶ Beulah Landfill tipping fee is \$62/ton.
- ▶ There is a \$15.00 surcharge for items containing (CFC's) refrigerants.
- ▶ Tires have a surcharge based on size.

Financing/Budget

- ▶ The recycling program is partially financed through tipping fees.