



Maryland  
Department of  
the Environment

## Garrett County Recycling

What You Need to Know

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### Waste Diversion Rate

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For calendar year 2017, 48.31% recycling rate + 1% source reduction credit = 49.31% Waste Diversion Rate.

### Residential Program

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#### *Drop-off*

- The County has established 7 refuse & recycling sites in the County serving approximately 12,969 households. Six of the seven sites are also white goods drop-off sites.
- White goods, mixed metal, glass bottles and jars, #1 plastic (PETE) and #2 plastic (HDPE), office paper, magazines, aluminum cans, electronics, newspaper, cardboard, telephone books, fluorescent lamps, bulbs & Non-PCB ballasts, oil & anti-freeze and oil & transmission filters are accepted at the landfill. Tires, brush and yard waste are accepted at the landfill location *only* for a fee.
- The Grantsville, Bumble Bee, Kings Run, Landfill, Garrett Highway and 135 sites accept oil & anti-freeze, and oil & transmission filters from residents.
- The Grantsville, Kings Run, Landfill, Bumble Bee and Garrett Highway site accept # 1 plastic and #2 plastic.
- Magazines & office paper are accepted at the Landfill, Bumble Bee, Grantsville, Kings Run and Garrett Highway refuse & recycling sites.
- Cardboard is accepted at all 7 refuse & recycling sites.
- Electronics are accepted at the Bumble Bee, Landfill, Kings Run, Grantsville and Garrett Highway refuse & recycling sites.

### *Processing/Marketing*

- Glass, aluminum cans, mixed metals, white goods, magazines, office paper, #1 and #2 plastic, cardboard, and newsprint are transported directly to market from county collection sites. The County bids out these materials on a monthly basis.
- Electronics are transported directly to market from county collection sites. These materials are bid out on a yearly basis.
- Several local scrap dealers operate buy-back centers for aluminum cans and other various metals.

### *Yard Trimmings*

- The County is rural, and yard debris is managed on site.
- Several towns contract with independent companies to have leaves removed by vacuum trucks.
- The County composts leaves and yard debris at the landfill.

### *Other Materials*

- Garrett County Solid Waste & Recycling sponsors yearly Christmas tree recycling events at the landfill.
- Inkjet and laser printer cartridges, cell phones and aluminum pop tabs can be dropped-off for recycling at all 7 refuse & recycling sites.
- Freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners & dehumidifiers are collected for a fee at the landfill.

### *Household Hazardous Waste*

- The County currently does not have a household hazardous waste collection program, but continues to research funding sources and possible partnerships with Local, County or State affiliates.

### *Electronics*

- The Bumble Bee, Grantsville, King Run, Landfill and Garrett Highway sites accept electronics for recycling.

## **Commercial Program**

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- The County continually works to promote the collection of corrugated cardboard, newspaper, magazines, and office paper from commercial companies.
- The County ordinance requires documentation of recycling tonnages from businesses and processors.
- Advance Auto in Oakland will accept all types of batteries (including household) for recycling.
- Lowe's in Oakland will accept compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's) for recycling.
- The County examines commercial loads dumped at the landfill to identify large sources of recyclables. The County works with these companies to get the materials recycled.

## **Public Buildings**

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- County offices recycle office paper, magazines, cardboard, telephone books, newspaper, glass, #1 and #2 plastic, electronics and aluminum cans.
- County Public Schools (including Garrett College) recycle assorted office paper, magazines, cardboard, newspaper, and aluminum cans.

## **Procurement**

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- All County Departments are encouraged to practice waste reduction and recycling.
- The Procurement Department is encouraged to procure recycled products that contain at least 10% recycled content (including janitorial paper).

## Public Education & Outreach

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- The County's Recycling Coordinator continues to promote recycling and solid waste education to elementary and secondary schools and offers literature and "teacher-tools" to support ongoing environmental education.
- Recycling presentations and landfill "tours" are made available to all school groups and community/civic organizations
- Local media are used to recognize business and community groups' recycling success.
- The Recycling Department has a brochure on recycling and proper disposal of trash in the County.
- Recycling education programs are ongoing at all County refuse & recycling sites.
- The Recycling Coordinator works with local businesses to promote commercial recycling.
- The Recycling Coordinator organizes several annual source reduction booths at the Garrett County Fairgrounds Event Center and additional venues.

## Ordinances

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- A County ordinance requires all junkyards (including the landfill) to file a registration form yearly with the County Licensing Department.

## Disposal

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- Garrett County Department of Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling Facility's current tipping fee is \$45.00/ton.
- Resident/Homeowner Refuse Permits are \$50.00/year for each vehicle.
- There are special fees for stumps, tires and appliances.

## Financing/Budget

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- The recycling program is financed through a combination of revenues generated from the sale of the recycled materials, the sale of residential refuse permits and tipping fees at the landfill.