



Kent County Recycling

What You Need to Know

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Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program 1-800 I RECYCLE

Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2017, as a member of MidShore Regional Recycling Program, 53.47% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 53.47% waste diversion rate.

Residential Program

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Drop-off

- ▶ There are 6 drop-off centers that could serve approximately 35% of the population.
- ▶ Galena (Duck Puddle Drop-Off Center) accepts mixed paper, cardboard, mixed cans, plastic bottles, all three colors of glass, used oil and antifreeze, and textiles.
- ▶ Rock Hall (Sharptown Drop-Off Center) accepts mixed paper, cardboard, mixed cans, plastic bottles, all three colors of glass, used oil and antifreeze, and textiles.
- ▶ Nicholson Drop-Off Center (located on Earl Nicholson Rd., Chestertown) accepts mixed paper, mixed cans, cardboard, office paper (all colors), mixed paper, paperboard, plastic bottles, textiles, and all three colors of glass, computers, cooking grease, Mercury Thermostats and used oil and antifreeze. Recycling items accepted at Nicholson for a fee are tires, White goods with CFC's, Concrete, asphalt, yard debris, and bricks.

Processing

- ▶ Most materials are processed and marketed by the County. Some materials are marketed through the MidShore Regional Recycling Program.

Yard Trimmings

- ▶ Yard trimmings, brush and leaves are grounded into mulch and given back to the homeowners and business free of charge.
- ▶ Yard trimmings are accepted at the Nicholson Drop-off Center from the public and businesses.
- ▶ Chestertown provides collection of leaves, grass and tree trimmings to over 1,750 homes or approximately 24% of the homes in the county. Some of the material goes to the County processing site.
- ▶ Processing/marketing is done through the Regional contract.

Other Materials

- ▶ *Oil and antifreeze* are collected for recycling at three locations.
- ▶ *Tires* are recycled.
- ▶ *Textiles* are collected at selected drop-offs for recycling.
- ▶ *Special Materials*. Household Hazardous Waste Events 2 events per year.
- ▶ *White goods* and *lead acid batteries* are recycled.
- ▶ *Boat shrink wrap*.
- ▶ *Computers and computer components (Nicholson only)*.
- ▶ *Cooking Grease and Mercury Thermostats (Nicholson only)*.

Household Hazardous Waste

- ▶ HHW events are open to residents (no business, industry, or commercial companies) and are held twice a year on a rotating basis in the Mid-Shore Counties. A wide variety of materials are accepted. However, explosives, ammunition, medical waste, radioactive materials, picric acid, ~~compressed gas cylinders~~, asbestos, and smoke detectors are not accepted. For specifics please contact your County recycling coordinator.
- ▶ The County has a permanent drop-off for mercury thermometers at the Health Department. Call 410-778-1350 for details.

Electronics

- ▶ The Kent County Recycling Program is now accepting computers and computer components at the Nicholson Drop-Off Center, free of charge.

County offices and Buildings

- ▶ The County collects office paper, mixed paper, newspaper, cardboard, cans, plastic, and glass from Kent County Office buildings throughout the county through its office recycling program.
- ▶ Kent County collects recyclables from all public schools, two private schools and Washington College located in Chestertown. Recyclables collected consist of; newspaper, office paper, mixed paper, cardboard, cans, glass and narrow-necked plastic bottles.

Special Programs

- ▶ Residents are required to purchase solid waste disposal coupons prior to visiting a drop-off center. The more the residents recycle the less they will pay for solid waste disposal. There is no charge to drop-off recyclables at the six drop-off centers positioned throughout the county.

Disposal

- ▶ Mid-Shore Regional Landfill tipping fee ~~will~~ increased to \$67.00/ton on July 1, 2018. Kent County is participating in the MidShore Regional Recycling Program with Queen Anne's, Caroline, and Talbot Counties.

Financing/Budget

- ▶ The recycling program is partially financed through a \$5.00 surcharge, included in the tipping fee, at the MidShore Regional Landfill.