



Maryland  
Department of  
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## Queen Anne's County Recycling

What You Need to Know

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### Waste Diversion Rate

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- ▶ 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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#### *Curbside*

- ▶ There is no County run curbside collection program. Infinity Recycling provides single –family home curbside collection to some county residents and various towns and communities.
- ▶ Additionally, some curbside trash collectors also offer curbside recycling collection.

#### *Drop-off*

- ▶ The Maryland Environmental Service has recycling drop-off sites including the five County Convenience Centers collecting plastic bottles, newspaper, magazines, aluminum and steel cans, and glass bottles and jars. Cardboard is also collected at the five County Convenience Centers and most drop-off sites.

#### *Processing/Marketing*

- ▶ The County operates a cardboard baler at the Queen Anne's County Recycling Center in Centerville. Cardboard is marketed and transported directly to a processor in Baltimore.
- ▶ All recycled paper grades are hauled to markets in Chestertown.
- ▶ Shrink wrap is marketed to a processor in Baltimore
- ▶ Metals are processed by markets on the Eastern Shore.

#### *Municipalities*

- ▶ Queen Anne, Queenstown, Sudlersville and Centerville collect commingled containers once a week in their curbside programs.

### *Yard Trimmings*

- ▶ Yard trimmings are ground at the five Convenience Center drop-offs using a mobile grinder. The mulch is given away free of charge.

### *Other Materials*

- ▶ *Tires* collected at the Convenience Centers are transported to processors in and Maryland.
- ▶ *White goods, and clothes* are collected for recycling at the Convenience Centers.
- ▶ *Used motor oil, antifreeze and gasoline* recycling is provided through the Maryland Environmental Services (MES) program.
- ▶ *Christmas trees* are recycled with the normal yard trimmings program.
- ▶ *Boat shrink-wrap* is being recycled as a pilot program.
- ▶ *Vegetable oil recycling is available at the Centreville Convenience Center.*
- ▶ *Mercury Thermostat recycling is available at the Centreville Convenience Center.*
- ▶ *Useable Residential Latex Paint recycling is available during the Household Hazardous Waste events provided by the Maryland Environmental Service. This will continue if funding sources are available.*

### *Household Hazardous Waste*

- ▶ The Maryland Environmental Service holds HHW events that are open to residents in the MidShore Counties (no business, industry, or commercial companies) and are held twice a year on a rotating basis in the Midshore Counties. A wide variety of materials are accepted. However, explosives, ammunition, medical waste, radioactive materials, picric acid, asbestos, and smoke detectors are not accepted. For specifics please contact the Maryland Environmental Service at 800-473-2925.
- ▶ Propane Bottles are accepted at HHW events from residents.

### *Electronics*

- ▶ The Maryland Environmental Service holds electronics recycling events with the Household Hazardous Waste events. This will continue if funding sources are available.
- ▶ Computers and components are recycled for free at 3 of the County's Convenience Centers during operating hours.

### *ReUse Program*

The County operates a ReUse Program at the five Convenience Centers. Usable items are pulled out of the waste stream and sold at a local auction.

## **Commercial Program**

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- ▶ Businesses may drop cardboard at the Convenience Centers for processing and baling.

## **Public Buildings**

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- ▶ All County office buildings, schools and Chesapeake Community College are encouraged to recycle white paper, newspaper, cardboard, and aluminum cans.
- ▶ The County makes 106 stops on their recycling pick-ups from public and private organizations.

## Special Programs

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- ▶ The County is participating in the Midshore Regional Recycling Program with Talbot, Caroline, and Kent Counties. These Counties share a regional landfill in Ridgely. The regional recycling network consists of 40+ sites.

## Disposal

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- ▶ Midshore Regional landfill tipping fee is \$67.00. A \$5.00 surcharge supports the regional recycling program.
- ▶ Use of the Convenience Centers, by residents, is controlled through a ticket system. One ticket is required for every loaded vehicle. Additional tickets are required for tires, and appliances with CFC's. Ticket books are sold at local businesses around the county for \$45.00/book of 15 tickets. There is no fee for most recyclables.

## Financing/Budget

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- ▶ The recycling program is financed through general funds and support from the Midshore Regional Recycling Program.