



Maryland  
Department of  
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## Wicomico County Recycling

What You Need to Know

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### Waste Diversion Rate

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- ▶ For calendar year 2017, 28.05% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 28.05% waste diversion rate

### Residential Program

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#### *Curbside*

- ▶ There are no County operated curbside recycling programs.

#### *Drop-off*

- ▶ There are 18 recycling stations (11 staffed), serving all municipalities and County residents, dispersed throughout the County. Materials collected include #1 - #2 plastic narrow-necked bottles, glass, aluminum and steel cans, mixed paper, newspaper, magazines and cardboard.

#### *Processing/Marketing*

- ▶ Materials are consolidated and some are baled at a processing site at the county landfill.
- ▶ Materials from Somerset, Dorchester & occasionally Worcester Counties are processed at the Wicomico County site.

#### *Municipalities*

- ▶ Delmar, Fruitland, Hebron, Mardela Springs, Pittsville, Salisbury, Sharptown, Bivalve, Wango, Quantico, Parsonsburg, and Willards are served by County drop-offs.
- ▶ Salisbury has a curbside program.

#### *Yard Trimmings*

- ▶ The County has implemented recycling of leaves and brush. There are four drop-off locations. A portable tub grinder is used at each location and the material is consolidated at the landfill. The mulch goes to a composting business and is available for public purchase.

### *Other Materials*

- ▶ The County collects *oil* and *antifreeze* at all of its convenience centers.
- ▶ *Wood pallets* are accepted only at the landfill location.
- ▶ *White goods* are collected at the landfill for recycling.
- ▶ The County also collects oyster and clam shells for recycling.
- ▶ Tires are collected at the landfill location for a fee. \$2.00 for car and light truck tires and \$5.00 for large truck tires, all off rim, 4 permitted per day.

### *Household Hazardous Waste*

- ▶ The County will be doing one event yearly in October.

### *Electronics*

- ▶ The County does have an electronics recycling program located at the landfill location. The County no longer accepts TVs and computer monitors for recycling.

### *Commercial Program*

- ▶ A recycling report form is sent to businesses each year.
- ▶ The County has also examined commercial loads dumped at the landfill to identify large sources of recyclables. The sources are contacted to try to convince these companies to recycle.

## **Commercial Program**

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- ▶ Salisbury Scrap Metal, Inc. recycles all types of metals.
- ▶ Stone Tech in Salisbury recycles rubble (e.g., concrete, bricks, and blacktop).
- ▶ Kohl's recycles cardboard, plastics and batteries
- ▶ Pepsi-Cola recycles plastic, cardboard, and glass.
- ▶ Perdue recycles organic waste, plastic, and cardboard.
- ▶ In addition to the above, 60+ additional businesses are recycling.

## **Public Buildings**

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- ▶ The Board of Education has started implementing recycling in all public schools. Currently mixed paper, metals and cardboard are recycled.
- ▶ Salisbury State University recycles high-grade white paper, plastics, glass, aluminum and steel cans, cardboard, white goods, food waste, yard debris and used oil.
- ▶ White paper, mixed paper, newsprint, aluminum cans, and glass bottles are being recycled in County offices.

## **Public Education & Outreach**

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- ▶ The County maintains ongoing education programs in cooperation with the Community Environmental Organization (CEO).
- ▶ The Department of Public Works staff gives recycling presentations to local organizations and offer tours of the landfill and recycling facilities.

## Special Programs

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- ▶ The County accepts plastics, glass, aluminum and steel cans, newspaper, and cardboard from Somerset, Dorchester, and occasionally Worcester Counties.
- ▶ The County uses work-release personnel for labor in the recycling program.

## Disposal

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- ▶ The tipping fee at the Newland Park Landfill is \$0.00/ton for recycling. Residents purchase a yearly permit for household trash or pay the \$60.00 per ton tipping fee (3 cents per pound).