



## Worcester County Recycling

What You Need to Know

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### Waste Diversion Rate

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- ▶ For calendar year 2017, 32.75% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 32.75 % waste diversion rate.

### Residential Program

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#### *Curbside*

- ▶ No County operated curbside collection exists at this time.

#### *Drop-off*

- ▶ There are four transfer stations at Pocomoke City, Snow Hill, Berlin & Central Landfill that accept mixed paper, cardboard, glass, plastic bottles, and metal cans for recycling. These transfer stations serve approximately 40,000 individuals.
- ▶ There are permanent drop-offs for all the above materials at Ocean Pines, Bishopville and at Wal-Mart just outside of Ocean City.
- ▶ There are also drop-offs at Whaleyville and Public Landing.

#### *Processing/Marketing*

- ▶ Mixed paper and containers are processed and marketed through Worcester County's Recycling processing site.

#### *Municipalities*

- ▶ Snow Hill and Berlin have curbside collection serving 3000 households for glass, aluminum and steel cans, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, newspapers, mixed paper, and cardboard.
- ▶ Recycling is mandatory in Snow Hill and Berlin.
- ▶ Snow Hill has three drop-offs locations that collect newspaper, aluminum and steel cans, glass, and #1 and #2 plastic bottles.
- ▶ Pocomoke City has two drop-offs that collect newspaper, aluminum and steel cans, glass, and #1 and #2 plastic bottles.

### *Yard Trimmings*

- ▶ There are yard trimming drop-off sites at the Pocomoke and central site landfill transfer stations. The yard trimmings are composted and used by the County.
- ▶ The County is encouraging backyard composting through public education. A booklet has been distributed to schools and libraries.

### *Other Materials*

- ▶ Waste oil is collected at our 66th Street drop-off location and Homeowners Convenience Centers (HOCC).
- ▶ White goods are collected at Central Landfill.
- ▶ *Christmas trees* can be dropped off at all transfer stations.

### *Household Hazardous Waste*

- ▶ The County holds semi-annual HHW collection days in the spring and the fall. Contact the County for details.
- ▶ The County has a permanent drop-off for mercury at the Health Department. Call 410-6321100 for details.

### *Electronics*

- ▶ The County has a permanent electronics drop-off site at the Central Landfill. The County accepts computers, laptops and server at no charge for recycling, a tipping fee is applied for all other electronics.

## **Public Buildings**

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- ▶ White paper goods, cardboard, plastic and aluminum are being collected in County buildings and all 13 schools.

## **Public Education & Outreach**

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- ▶ The Recycling Coordinator visits schools and civic groups to promote recycling.
- ▶ Newspaper advertisements highlight and support local recycling activities.

## **Special Programs**

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- ▶ The County uses County prison work-release prisoners for labor in the Recycling Program.
- ▶ Annual Spring Cleanup: This program allows Ocean City residential property owners to do their spring cleaning, discarding bulk items and other debris free of charge. This event is usually held the 3rd weekend in April of each year. For more information, please call the Solid Waste Division at 410-524-0318.
- ▶ Bulk Pickup: This program allows the taxpayers within the corporate limits of Ocean City, to place household items, such as old appliances and furniture at curbside for pickup. WE DO NOT GO ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. Service operates Monday thru Friday from May 1st thru September 30th. From October 1st thru April 30th, the service operates on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$15.00 for 1-3 items and \$5.00 for each additional item. For more information, please call 410-524-0318.
- ▶ Christmas Trees Drop-Off.: This program allows the taxpayers within the corporate limits of Ocean City, to discard their old Christmas trees. Once dropped off, we transport them to the Worcester County Landfill to be recycled in their mulching program. We accept these trees from December 26th thru January 31st. For more information, please call 410-524-0318.

- ▶ Oyster Shell Recycling Program: This program was created in conjunction with Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association of Ocean City. The containers for these discarded shells are located @ 66th Street. For more information, please contact Mark Mayers of the Harrison Group at 410-726-5789.

## Disposal

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- ▶ The landfill-tipping fee is \$70.00/ton. C&D tipping fee is \$80.00/ton; metal is \$25.00/ton. To support recycling programs, 15% is credited back to municipalities who recycle.
- ▶ The County opened Cell 3 in October 2002 (a 4 year, 21 acre cell) at the County's Central Landfill.
- ▶ Cell 4 is in operation – cell 5 is under construction, should open in 2019.
- ▶ Berlin, Pocomoke City and Snow Hill Landfills have been capped.

## Financing/Budget

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The Recycling Program is funded from the tipping fee. The landfill is operated as an enterprise fund.