

Allegany County Recycling

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Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2004, 25.99% recycling rate + 3% source reduction credit = 28.99% waste diversion rate.

Residential Program

Curbside

- ▶ The city of Frostburg collects newspaper on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Drop-off

- ▶ The County operates 15 drop-off sites to collect newspaper and metal cans. One site is at the Mountainview Sanitary Landfill. A list of drop-offs is available online at the County and the Maryland Department of the Environment's web pages.
- ▶ There is a program for *plastics* recycling at this time. Number 1 & 2 bottles and jugs at Penn-Mar Recycling, Cumberland & the Mountainview Sanitary Landfill.

Processing/Marketing

- ▶ Penn-Mar Recycling processes material from the drop-offs.

Municipalities

- ▶ Haulers collect yard debris once in the fall from Cumberland & Frostburg and deliver it to the County compost site.
- ▶ Lonaconing is served by a recyclables drop-off near Westmar High School. Materials collected include cans, newspaper.
- ▶ Midland is served by a recyclables drop-off at Mountainview Landfill. Materials collected include cans, glass, bottles, newspaper, magazines, oil/antifreeze, cardboard, #1 and #2 plastic bottles & jugs.
- ▶ Westernport is served by a recyclables drop-off at the Tri-Towns Plaza. Materials collected include cans and newspaper.
- ▶ Frostburg is served by a recyclables drop-off at the Frostburg Museum. Materials collected include cans, newspaper & magazines.

Yard Trimmings

- ▶ The County processes yard trimmings across from the former P.P.G. Plant, 11700 P.P.G. Road, Cumberland, MD. Mulch & compost may be taken free of charge. Haulers and homeowners may drop-off yard debris at this site for free. Call 301-777-5933 for hours of operation.

Other Materials

- ▶ Three private companies operate *battery & metal* recycling centers.
- ▶ *Telephone books* are collected at participating schools during the Spring Telephone Book Collection Contest. Telephone books are also collected March thru May behind the County Office complex.
- ▶ *Oil* collection sites & *antifreeze* are located throughout the County.
- ▶ *White goods* are being collected at Penn-Mar for recycling.
- ▶ A large *blanket* manufacturer recycles “fluff” that is reprocessed into secondary products.
- ▶ *Magazines* are collected at 4 central drop-off locations.
- ▶ *Tires* are collected at special County events. Check the County web site for details.
- ▶ *Christmas tree* drop-off sites are available in January for recycling Christmas trees.

Household Hazardous Waste

- ▶ The County holds a biennial *household hazardous waste* collection day in October.
- ▶ Flammable liquids and solids, toxic liquids and solids, pesticides, caustics, dry-cell batteries (no nicad or mercury cells), household cleaners, lawn and pool chemicals, poisons, oil-based paint, antifreeze, and oil are collected at the HHW events.
- ▶ Lead-acid batteries, explosives, water-based paint, electronics/CRTs are not accepted at the HHW events.

Electronics

- ▶ The County participated in eCycling events in April 2002, June 2003, 2004, and 2005.

Commercial Program

- ▶ The County has purchased a baler and has established 3 cardboard drop-off sites at Penn-Mar, LaVale Plaza, and at the landfill. Citizens and businesses may bring loads of cardboard to the site free of charge. The cardboard is baled and marketed by Penn-Mar Recycling.
- ▶ Penn-Mar Recycling, L.L.C. can be reached at 301-724-1000.

Public Buildings

- ▶ The County school system and County office buildings are actively recycling office paper, newspaper and cardboard.
- ▶ Frostburg State University and the Allegany County Health Department currently have comprehensive recycling programs for cans, newspaper, office paper and yard debris.

Public Education & Outreach

- ▶ Recycling brochures and presentations or tours are available upon request at 301-777-5933 x210.
- ▶ Public school students and teachers can access the County Recycling Office through the County website.
- ▶ A PowerPoint presentation is available on the County web site.
- ▶ The local telephone directory lists recycling information. See pages R-1 and R-2.
- ▶ Middle schools now recycle office paper through the County Recycling Program. Bins are located in school parking lots. Students collect and place mixed office paper in the bins.

Disposal/Budget

- ▶ The tipping fee at the Chambers SLF is \$41/ton.

Financing

A \$1.50 per ton surcharge is included in all Allegany County solid waste brought into Mountainview Landfill to help fund the County's recycling program.