



Facts About...

Recycling

GARRETT COUNTY RECYCLING

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Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2011, 51.93% recycling rate + 1% source reduction credit = 52.93% MRA Waste Diversion Rate.

Residential Program

Drop-off

- ▶ The County has established 7 refuse & recycling sites in the County serving approximately 12,969 households. Six of the seven sites are also white goods drop-off sites.
- ▶ White goods, glass bottles and jars, office paper, magazines aluminum cans, newspaper, cardboard, telephone books, fluorescent bulbs, lamps & Non-PCB ballasts, motor oil and anti-freeze are accepted at the landfill. Tires, brush and yard waste are accepted (at the landfill location only) for a fee.
- ▶ The Bumble Bee, Grantsville, Kings Run, Landfill, 135 and Weber's refuse and recycling sites accept oil and antifreeze from residents. A pilot program for oil & transmission filter recycling has been added to the Bumble Bee, Grantsville, Kings Run and Webers sites. The 135 is scheduled for new collection containers & will be accepting oil & transmission filters by the summer of 2013.
- ▶ Bumble Bee, Grantsville, Kings Run and Webers refuse & recycling site accept HDPE # 2 plastic and PETE #1 plastic. In the summer of 2013, expansion at the Garrett County Landfill will include adding the collection of #1 plastic and #2 plastic.
- ▶ Magazines & office paper are accepted at the Bumble Bee, Grantsville, Kings Run, Landfill and Webers refuse & recycling sites.
- ▶ Cardboard is accepted at all 7 refuse & recycling sites
- ▶ Electronics are accepted at the Bumble Bee, Grantsville, Kings Run and Webers refuse & recycling sites. In Fiscal Year 2014, additional refuse & recycling sites may be added to the program for convenience.

Processing/Marketing

- ▶ Glass, aluminum cans, mixed metals, office paper, plastics, cardboard, and newsprint are transported directly to market from county refuse & recycling sites. The County bids out these materials on a monthly basis.
- ▶ Several local scrap dealers operate buy-back centers for aluminum cans.

Yard Trimmings

- ▶ The county is rural, and yard debris is managed on site.
- ▶ A local farmer takes leaves from individuals for land application or mulching. She also contracts with several towns to remove leaves by vacuum truck.
- ▶ The County composts leaves and yard debris at the landfill. Free compost is available to Garrett County residents. Call ahead for Operator loading required.

Other Materials

- ▶ The Garrett County Landfill accepts Christmas trees for recycling during the months of January and February at the landfill. The trees are used by the Department of Natural Resources as fish habitats.
- ▶ Inkjet and laser printer cartridges, cell phones and aluminum pop tabs can be dropped off at all seven refuse & recycling sites. The materials are recycled.
- ▶ All appliances that have or had Freon must be delivered to the Landfill location. There is a \$10 fee. (i.e., freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners & dehumidifiers).

Household Hazardous Waste

- ▶ The County currently does not have a hazardous waste collection program.

Electronics

- ▶ The Bumble Bee, Grantsville, Kings Run and Webers sites accept electronics for recycling.

Commercial Program

- ▶ The County is working to promote the collection of corrugated cardboard, newspaper, magazines, and office paper from commercial companies.
- ▶ The County ordinance requires documentation of recycling tonnages from businesses and processors.
- ▶ Advance Auto in Oakland will accept all types of batteries (including household) for recycling.
- ▶ Lowe's in Oakland will accept compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL'S), rechargeable batteries and #2 plastic bags for recycling.
- ▶ Wal Mart and Stop & Save Grocery Stores collect #2 plastic bags for recycling.
- ▶ The County examines commercial loads dumped at the landfill to identify large sources of recyclables. The County works with these companies to get the materials recycled.

Public Buildings

- ▶ County offices recycle office paper, magazines, newspaper, cardboard, telephone books, glass, #1 plastic & #2 plastic, books, electronics and aluminum cans.
- ▶ All County Public Schools (including Garrett College) participate in recycling assorted office paper, magazines, cardboard, newspaper, aluminum cans and #1 & #2 plastic, books and electronics. These are deposited at located refuse & recycling sites. Tin cans are also recycled through a local recycler.

Public Education & Outreach

- ▶ The County's Recycling Coordinator continues to promote recycling and solid waste education to elementary and secondary schools and offers literature and "teacher-tools" to support ongoing environmental education.
- ▶ Recycling presentations and landfill "tours" are made available to all school groups, summer youth programs and civic organizations.
- ▶ Local media are used to recognize business and community groups' recycling success.
- ▶ The Recycling Division has created a brochure on composting and recycling.

- ▶ Recycling educational programs are ongoing at all County refuse & recycling sites.
- ▶ The Recycling Coordinator works with local businesses to promote commercial recycling and create successful recycling programs.
- ▶ The recycling office participates in several source reduction booths in Garrett County throughout the year. (i.e., Highland Festival, Home & Garden Show, Art & Wine Festival).
- ▶ The Recycling Coordinator continues to search for monies available and write grants for funding special recycling projects in Garrett County.
- ▶ Recycling Department Co-Hosts Annual “Rethink Recycling” Sculpture Competition with the Garrett County Arts Council in celebration of America Recycles Day. This is an educational learning opportunity for high school students Grades 9-12.

Ordinances

- ▶ A County ordinance requires all junkyards (including the landfill) to file a registration form yearly with the County Licensing Department.

Disposal

- ▶ The Garrett County Department of Solid Waste & Recycling Facility’s current tipping fee is \$45.00/ton.
- ▶ Resident/Homeowner Refuse Permits are \$50.00/year for each vehicle.
- ▶ There are special fees for stumps, yard waste (leaves, grass, & brush) and tires.

Financing/Budget

- ▶ The recycling program is financed through a combination of revenues generated from the sale of the recycled materials, the sale of resident windshield stickers, tipping fees at the landfill, general fund tax revenues and grant funding for special programming.

