

## Recycling and Public Works

Cecil County Department of Public Works is composed of four operational branches. The four branches are the Roads, Water and Wastewater Management, Weed Division, and Solid Waste Management Divisions. The Roads Division is the largest operational division of Cecil County Public Works. The 49 member crew provides upkeep for roads, bridges, and road signs. The Roads Maintenance Division maintains county streets and drainage structures and is responsible for emergency response actions daily. The Cecil County Water and Wastewater Division is responsible for upkeep and maintenance of public water facilities and sewage treatment plants. Cecil County has four public water supply facilities and five public wastewater/sanitary sewer treatment plants. The Weed Control Division is the smallest of the four divisions of Cecil County Public Works, and is responsible for the inspection and control of noxious weeds.

The Solid Waste Management Division in Cecil County has two satellite solid waste transfer stations and a central landfill facility. Maryland state law requires that each county up to 150,000 in population must recycle at least 15 percent of its solid waste stream. Cecil County is currently recycling 40 percent of its waste stream. As of December 1, 2006, Cecil County began Single Stream Recycling. Single Stream Recycling allows recyclables, including paper and cardboard, to be mixed into one container. All three facilities accept single stream recycling. Recyclables are shipped to Recycle America's plant in Elkridge, Maryland, where the recyclables are sorted. In May 2008, a new Homeowner's Convenience Drop-off Center is expected to open at the Central Landfill.

On April 22, 2006 the Cecil County Landfill began electronics recycling. Computers, DVD players, VCRs, printers, keyboards, and TV's under 25" are among the items that can be recycled. Electronics are picked up by Computer Donations of Baltimore, Maryland, and 100% of the donations are recycled.

Scrap metal, white goods (household appliances such as refrigerators) and Freon units can be brought to the Cecil County Central Landfill free of charge. Stemmers Run Transfer station also accepts these items on a biweekly basis. Hazardous waste can be taken to the County Landfill free of charge on designated Hazardous Waste Days, which occur once in the fall and once in the spring. **Unused medications**, paint, and cleaners are common household hazardous wastes, and these products should not be thrown away or put down the drain. Oil, antifreeze, fluorescent bulbs, and lead acid batteries can be taken to any of the three facilities Monday through Saturday during regular operating hours.

Yard waste is accepted at the Central Landfill. Yard waste is vegetative matter such as leaves, grass, brush, tree trimmings, limbs not exceeding 3" in diameter and 6' in length, Christmas trees, and certain garden and orchard materials. Contact the Central Landfill to be sure materials to be recycled meet the rules and regulations for recycling.

**Recyclables Include the Following:**

- Cans: all aluminum, steel, “tin”, or bimetal beverage and food cans that are rinsed
- Paper: includes but is not limited to cereal boxes, frozen food boxes, shredded paper, mail, catalogs, telephone books, and magazines
- Narrow Neck Plastic Bottles and Food Containers: Look for the number inside the recycling symbol on the bottom of bottles and containers
- Glass: Rinsed unbroken glass bottles and food containers



Number and Name	Examples
1 Polyethylene Terephthalate	Water, soda, and sports drink bottles
2 High Density Polyethylene	Shampoo, dish and laundry detergent bottles
3 Polyvinyl Chloride	Milk, water jugs and soft drink bottles
4 Low Density Polyethylene	Squeezable honey and mustard bottles
5 Polypropylene	Ketchup and Medicine bottles
6 Polystyrene	Transparent aspirin and medicine bottles
7 Other Plastics	3-5 gallon reusable water and juice bottles

**Where To Get Help** Public Works information

- Cecil County Department of Public Works; 410-996-5259; <http://www.ccgov.org/government/public-works>
- Roads Division; 410-996-6270; <http://www.ccgov.org/government/public-works/public-works-divisions/roads-division>
- Water and Wastewater Division; 410-996-5143; <http://www.ccgov.org/government/public-works/public-works-divisions/wastewater-division>
- Solid Waste Management Division; 410-996-6275; <http://www.ccgov.org/government/public-works/public-works-divisions/solid-waste-management-division>
- Weed Control Division; 410-287-4638; <http://www.ccgov.org/Home/Components/BusinessDirectory/BusinessDirectory/1089/140>