

## BUREAU HISTORY OVERVIEW

Take a glance at some of the Bureau of Solid Waste Management's key dates.

- May 1949** Established as "Bureau of Sanitation" to manage twice a week trash collection and disposal, oversee landfills and sweep streets
- December 1982** Opened the Eastern Sanitary Landfill Solid Waste Management Facility (ESL)
- February 1993** Changed name of Bureau to "Solid Waste Management" to reflect broader range of responsibilities
- October 1993 – June 1995** Implemented "One and One" program, substituting weekly "curbside" recycling collection for one of two weekly trash collections for all single-family homes
- February 2010** Moved to "single stream" recycling collection, enabling residents in all 235,000 single-family homes to mix glass, cans, plastics and paper together
- March 2010 – October 2010** Expanded "single stream" recycling program to include approximately 81,000 apartments and condominiums
- November 2013** Opened its new single stream Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and transfer station in Cockeysville, MD. This allows the County to sort its recyclables locally and hold on to the full economic benefits of the County's recyclables.

## RESIDENTIAL TRASH AND RECYCLING DROP-OFF FACILITIES

There are three trash and recycling drop-off facilities for Baltimore County residents:

-  Eastern Sanitary Landfill Solid Waste Management Facility (ESL) – White Marsh
-  Central Acceptance Facility (CAF) – Cockeysville
-  Western Acceptance Facility (WAF) – Halethorpe

At these facilities, residents drop off recyclable mixed paper, bottles and cans, as well as many other items for recycling and disposal. ESL accepts the widest range of materials, including household hazardous waste.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# BUREAU OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT



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## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide a safe, environmentally sound, integrated solid waste management program to promote waste prevention, increase recycling and resource recovery, and decrease the quantity and toxicity of solid waste requiring landfilling in accordance with the Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan.

## KEY GOALS AND CURRENT PROGRESS

The following chart summarizes current progress regarding some of Baltimore County's key goals, in order of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's solid waste management priorities:

KEY GOALS	CURRENT PROGRESS
Prevent as much material from being generated as possible.	The County regularly earns the maximum 5% waste prevention credit from the MD Department of the Environment for activities such as promoting grasscycling and home composting, and publishing a Reuse Directory.
Recycle as much of the material generated as possible.	Residents can recycle up to 50% or more of what they set out for collection. The overall County residential recycling rate in 2014 was about 16%.
Recover as much energy as possible from material generated but not recycled.	Most material generated but not recycled goes to a waste to energy facility in Baltimore City. There, trash is burned as fuel to produce electricity and steam.
Minimize the amount of material landfilled, especially at the only active County landfill.	In 2015 only 12% of Baltimore County residential trash ended up in the Eastern Sanitary Landfill.
Make the best possible use out of what is landfilled in Baltimore County.	In 2006, a system converting landfill gas (methane) to electricity was installed at Eastern Sanitary Landfill.



Eastern Sanitary Landfill Solid Waste Management Facility, White Marsh

## DAY-TO-DAY BUREAU FUNCTIONS

The Bureau of Solid Waste Management's day-to-day functions consist of:

- ➔ providing trash and recycling collection for more than 332,000 homes (827,000 residents; 640 square miles), as well as many public events;
- ➔ handling and resolving resident inquiries and complaints;
- ➔ managing three residential trash and recycling drop-off centers, which also serve as transfer stations to other locations for recycling or disposal;
- ➔ managing and operating Baltimore County's only active landfill (already half full) and monitoring five closed landfills;
- ➔ collecting and analyzing tonnage and cost data; and
- ➔ educating the public about the full range of Bureau activities.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING AND TRASH?

The Bureau of Solid Waste Management supervises 43 private collection companies that are responsible for collecting residential recycling and trash.

### RECYCLABLES

Materials collected for recycling are delivered to Baltimore County's Central Acceptance Facility's (CAF) materials recovery facility in Cockeysville, MD. There, materials are sorted, baled and shipped out for further processing and/or marketing.

### TRASH

Baltimore County also sends residential trash to various places for disposal (see pie chart below for 2015 details).

## BALTIMORE COUNTY RESIDENTIAL TRASH TONNAGE AND DESTINATIONS (2015)

