



## Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

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# Wicomico County Solid Waste Division



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Local Government Solid Waste/ Recycling  
Member since July 2016

## Management and Leadership



### **Environmental Policy Statement**

*The Wicomico County Department of Public Works is committed to enhancing the quality of life of our citizens by striving to plan, construct and maintain the county's public works infrastructure.*

*The Solid Waste Division is determined to provide a safe and efficient waste disposal network to promote economic development while protecting Wicomico County's beautiful and unique environment.*



### **Environmental Team**

*The Solid Waste Division is responsible for landfilling, recycling, and dredging operations. Its fleet consists of 40 tagged vehicles, 33 pieces of specialty equipment and 14 implements. The normal workforce is approximately 50 employees.*

*The Solid Waste Complex, which is located on Brick Kiln Road, includes an administrative office, shop, equipment shed, employee break room, inmate breakroom, storage shed, two recycling buildings, scale house, landfill, borrow pit, leachate storage facility and waste to energy facility. There are also 11 convenience centers (CC) and 8 recycling centers (RC) located throughout the county.*

**Annual Environmental Goals**

*We have a goal of increasing our county's recycling rate each year as well as conserving energy, water, and supplies through education and outreach.*

**Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects**

*Tours of the landfill place an emphasis on reducing use of single-use-plastics and the impact of reusing, repairing, repurposing, and donating usable items before throwing items away as a means to change consumer's mindset of "out of site out of mind." The tours are available free of charge to anyone interested in learning about the landfill and recycling. The tours are currently given to include multiple elementary, grade, middle, high schools throughout Wicomico County. Salisbury University, Wor Wic Technical School, and University of Maryland's environmental education classes also tour our facilities yearly.*

*A recycling education booth is set up and available at several County held events each year to provide guidance for anyone interested in learning about correct recycling. A Community Roadside Clean-Up is a new program that supplies all the necessary tools to clean-up a community. The County later collects all the trash bags and properly disposes of it. So far, 1500 pounds of trash has been collected. And the 8th Grade Rise Up Summer Class is still recycling pallets supplied from the County's pallet pile to repurpose into benches that are then sold to benefit school projects.*

## Waste

**Recycling**

*Wicomico County currently owns and operates the Newland Park Landfill located on Brick Kiln Road, northwest of the City of Salisbury. The site has a total of almost 300 acres. The facility on a daily average processes 500 tons (+/-) of solid waste along with a regional recycling facility that processes recyclable materials for end users. Our recycling program recycled over 88,000 tons in 2020. The landfill also takes yard waste, pallets, clothing, oil & antifreeze, scrap metal/electronics, oyster shells, propane tanks, batteries, Freon containing appliances, and tires along with the usual household recycling items. In addition, we also operate 11 convenience centers and 8 recycling stations throughout the County. Convenience Centers are for permitted household trash collection with recycling. Recycling stations are available to the general public as are the recycling bins at Convenience Centers.*

*In 2018 a Neighborhood Recycling Center was established in the Deer Harbor housing development. The project is a much used and loved addition to the neighborhood. There are currently no future plans to add more throughout the County.*

*Follow this link for recycling locations and hours: [Convenience/Recycle Center Information | Wicomico County, MD - Official Website](#).*

**Hazardous Waste/Toxic Use Reduction**

*Information on our hazardous waste program can be found here: <http://ecode360.com/10170784>*

## **Energy**

**Renewable Energy**

*Wicomico County, Maryland, is home to INGENCO's twelfth plant. The landfill-gas-to-energy facility's generation capacity is 6 MW and its host landfill annually produces landfill gas equivalent to 1 million gallons of fuel oil. We have installed LED lighting on the outside of our buildings to bring lighting cost down.*

*Energy used by the Solid Waste Division is provided by solar panels at our Delmar convenience center location.*

## **Transportation**

**Fleet Vehicles**

*We have purchased turbo diesel trucks with the Eco Package and are investigating replacing gas powered vehicles with hybrid vehicles.*

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