

Curbside Education Advisory Committee & Education Work Group

Member Focus: Town of Ashland



June 28, 2018



Agenda

Welcome (Kim)

Member Focus

Town of Ashland (Jenny Schontag, Department of Public Works)

Strategic Plan Update

Annual recap snapshot

Contamination: Communication and Education Strategy for Proper Recycling

- Develop a regional plan
- Contamination/Unaccepted items
- Impact to Residential/Curbside and Drop-off Programs (costs)
- Make the Connection (between residents and negative impact of recycling unaccepted items
- Effective Education Strategies for Proper Recycling Webinar Recap
- Plastic Bags and Plastic Bagged Recyclables Webinar Recap
- CVWMA Contact Center/Call Types
- Public Education (rejection stickers follow-up; other tactics)
- Create initial campaign
- Consistent Messages/Locality Assistance (CVWMA & Member Localities)

2019 CVWMA Recycling Collection Schedule

Education focus

Roundtable

Next meeting date: October 2018



CVWMA Member Focus

Town of Ashland– Jenny Schontag

Curbside Recycling

How to Recycle

Most Ashland residents can participate in convenient collection of recyclables from the curb. Recycling is easy and benefits the environment. Just follow these **three easy steps**:

Get a Cart

One 96-gallon wheeled / lidded cart is provided for each eligible household (additional carts may be purchased through the <u>Central Virginia Waste</u> <u>Management Authority</u> website).

Fill it Up

The following materials are accepted for recycling:

- Cardboard and corrugated cardboard boxes
- Glass bottles and jars Clear, brown, and green food and beverage containers
- Mixed paper Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, computer paper, junk mail, cereal and other paperboard, boxes and paper bags
- · Plastic #1 #7 containers
- · Waxy-coated cartons and boxes (such as milk cartons and juice boxes)
- Steel and aluminum cans Aluminum beverage cans, metal cans, including food and beverage cans
- · Plastic caps and lids place back on containers when recycling

Set it Out

Collection day is every other Monday. You can view the collection <u>schedule</u> for printing or downloading (Ashland's collection falls on the Red Mondays), you may also sign up to receive <u>text and email reminders</u> (on our Notify Me page, select Trash/Recycling Reminders & Notices under Alert Center). If you have any other questions about recycling or your recycling is not collected on the scheduled day, you can call the Recycling Holline at (804) 340-0900.



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Trash/Recycling Reminders

& Notices

There are no alerts at this time.









Central Virginia Waste Management Authority Strategic Plan: Fiscal Years 2017-2020

VISION

To be the recognized leader in regionally sustainable waste management practices that protect the environment.

MISSION

Fostering regional collaboration to provide planning, resources and education in order to reduce, reuse, recycle and manage solid waste for our 13 jurisdictions.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Environmental Stewardship • Customer Focus • Integrity • Mutual Cooperation • Innovation • Financial Stewardship

Goal

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- Government Communicators
 Workshops best practices
- Researched potential for online chat mechanism and determined it may be too costly,
- Upgrading voicemail system with enhanced messaging features
- Researched development of an APP and/or text/calling capability
- Researched website based alert/notification system
- Email Reminder over 31,000 subscribers, up 3,132 (11%) from June 2017
- Monthly Electronic Newsletter 1,340 subscribers
- Social Media















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- Deployed priority enhancements to automated customer service application – April 17, 2017
- Working on enhancement for rejections of recycling/trash by Contractors
- Ongoing enhancements





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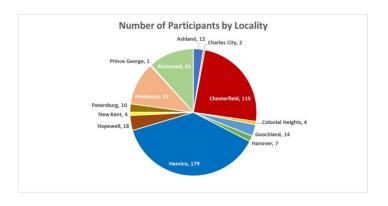
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here operational issues with solid waste management activity in your localit tion? · · If · so, · please · describe. · · What · if · any, · products/waste · streams · would

- Conducted Survey for residents –
 ran 9/15/17 11/15/17
- 475 Responses
- Results shared in January
- Posted on CVWMA Website
- SWMP Surveys sent to all 13



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Survey-Questions#	Responses¤	CVWMA·Response#
¶ Don't-Recycle20-responses¶ ¤	11-responses-from-Powhatan- -majority-responded-its-not- convenientno-curbside- pickup-¶ Other-responses-include-too- confusing-(2);-don't-want-to- pay-(2);-time-consuming-(1);- doesn't-do-any-good-(1);-not- interested-(1)¶	Working-with-Powhatan-representatives-on- economical-solutions-for-those-that-want- curbside- <u>pick-up</u> -or-more-convenient-locations- for-recycling.¶ ¶
Recycle·at·the·Curb·(or·Alley).— 379-(84%)¶ ¶ What·do·you·recycle?¤	Most-recycle-Cardboard, Plastic-Bottles-(#1), Mixed-Paper, Glass-and- Aluminum¶ 341-recycle-other-plastics- (#1 #71/80/841-232-Cartons-	CVWMA-Response: Other Plastics and Cartons- were added to the programs 7/1/16—continue to educate residents to recycle these— http://cvwma.com/programs/curbside- recycling/what-to-recycle/¶



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- 2.5 Provide services and programs that create value now and for the future

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Working on:

- Through procurement, be flexible in awarding multiple contracts/contractors to meet demands and needs of members
 - Yard Waste Contracts
 - eWaste Contracts
 - More flexibility 1 vendor for pickups and 1 for events
 - Several Procurements/Renewals
 Coming Up
 - HHW
 - Drop Off Recycling
 - MSW Ashland, Hopewell, Pburg



~maximize our influence by equipping members and customers with information and tools needed to impact a positive environment.

CEAC COMMITTEE

OBJECTIVES:

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- 3.2 Provide educational tools and resources that meet the needs of a diverse audience.
- 3.3 Identify and use subject matter experts to further CVWMA goals.
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- Attended Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business Conference
- Developed work group of and with CEAC members; discussed barriers – 2/8/17
- Collaborate with Virginia Government Communicators on best practices to overcome language barrier
- Workshop for low income homeowners Henrico
- Translated the drop off decals into Spanish to be printed as 16x25 posters to be used public buildings, schools, community centers, etc.
- Close Captioning (Eng & Spanish) Journey
 Thru the MRF Video





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- Disaster and Debris
 Management/Monitoring Workshop
 Summer 2017 & 2018 Vendors,
 VDEM and DEQ
- DEQ/EPA guidance on various topics such as HHW, sharps, etc.
- TAC Meeting Speakers on HHW, Composting, etc.
- Recycling Partnership national industry expertise; assisted with promotion and education of new commodities – continuing relationship on contamination
- Webinars EPA, SWANA, Recycling Partnerhsip, etc.
- DEQ eWaste Workshop w/ VDEQ, EPA, other state reps



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- Carton Council grant for education
- Emphasis on commodities
- **SWANA/VRA Conferences**
- Best practices on contamination













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- Meet about quarterly focus on member jurisdictions
- June 28, 10am Includes PR professionals to develop regional education plan to address contamination issues

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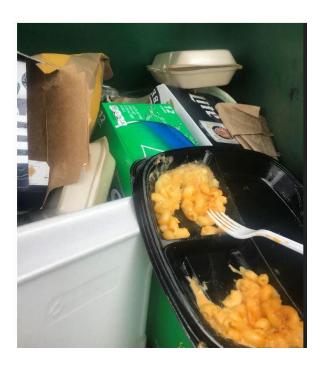
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Contamination:

Communication & Education Strategy for Proper Recycling

Develop a regional plan to include:

- Contamination/Unaccepted Items
- What's In? What's Out?
- Impact to local recycling programs
- Make the Connection (between residents & negative impact of recycling unaccepted items)
- IML Labels/ Decals/Convenience Center Signage
- CVWMA contracts (existing/new procurements)
- Contractor rejection stickers/Opps Tag
- IML Labels/Decals on Containers
- CVWMA Contact Center/Call Types
- Public Education and Outreach

















What are we doing?

Contamination Impacting CVWMA Programs

- Inbound Calls (ongoing)
- -- Outreach programs (ongoing)
- -- Email Reminder Messaging (ongoing)
- Social Media Education (ongoing)
- -- Extra Container Stickers Mailer (390 plastic bag keepers in May) (ongoing)
- -- Rejection Letter Follow-up (61 letters, plastic bag keepers) (ongoing)
- Member Locality Messaging
- -- HOAs, Neighborhood Newsletters







The more you know...

Recyclable materials (bottles, cans, paper, cardboard, cartons, and other containers) should be placed loosely into a curbside recycling bin or local convenience center drop-off recycling container. If you must use a plastic bag to carry recyclables to the drop-off recycling facility - open the bag, dump the contents into the bin, and dispose of your plastic bag in the trash.

Plastic bags

- Damage equipment at the recycling sorting facility
 Prevent materials from being properly sorted
- Add disposal costs















What are we doing?



Plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs are accepted in Henrico's recycling program. #1-#7 Plastics Only

- Empty and rinse the containers
- → Food residue contaminates the recycling stream
- Plastic bags are not acceptable at curbside or dropoff sites
- → Please return plastic bags to retail stores



Visit cvwma.com or call 340-0900 for more information

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Goochland County, VA @GoochlandGovtVA · 3h

Reminder from @CVWMA2 & #GoochlandCounty, please do not place contaminants such as plastic bags and plastic bagged recyclables in recycling containers. Recycle them at area retailers. youtube.com/watch?v=mUJ62J... #RecycleRight #CVWMA #recycling



CVWMA Plastic Bags PSA

CVWMA does not accept plastic bags and plastic bagged recyclables in its residential (curbside) and drop-off recycling programs. Plastic bags damage sorting ...

youtube.com

- -- Media (RTD Interview 6/5, Op Ed by CVWMA Executive Director)
- Effective Education Strategies for Proper Recycling Webinar
- Plastic Bags and the Environment Webinar: Problems & Solutions for NY webinar



What do we need regionally?

Costs/impacts to local programs - Make Connection to Residents

What's In? What's Out? Consistent Messages and Visuals regionwide

Public Education and Outreach- Locality Assistance

Uniform art/items on rejection stickers/Opps tags by all CVWMA Contractors

IML Labels/ Decals on Drop-off Containers (all labeled/consistent/regionwide)







Make the Connection

- Create an initial campaign:
- Messages must be easy to understand and consistent
- How do we get the word out to local residents that placing unaccepted items into recycling containers at home or a drop-off recycling site impacts local programs?
- Discussion: Costs to local programs
- Recycling Partnership Contamination Toolkit (Free download)
- What they can do to help?









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Going Forward: What to add in contract language for new procurements





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