

 Report



2025 Annual Recycling and Waste Reduction Report
Montgomery County Public Schools

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Report statistics

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For these materials	Your 2025 Recycling Rate is
Required recyclable materials	48.4
Required + voluntarily recycled materials	78.8

This Report covers:

Employees	24908
Building space	24907 square feet
Green area	3627 acres

Required Recyclable Materials

Mixed paper 4459120

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per month	Waste Management	33860
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	EAI	163620
90- or 96-gallon wheeled cart	10	1 per week	Georgetown Paper and Stock	19420 pounds
8-cubic yard dumpster	1	2 per week	Waste Management	4242220 pounds

Shredded paper collected separately 214140

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
8-cubic yard dumpster	2	2 per week	Georgetown Paper Stock of Rockville	214140 pounds

Yard trim (grass / leaves / brush / garden trimmings) 1819580

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	Montgomery County Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer station	1314100 pounds
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	Barlett Tree Experts	6000 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	MEAD TREE & TURF	404060 pounds
4-cubic yard dumpster	1	1 per oncall	Empire landscaping LLC	95420 pounds

Corrugated cardboard collected separately 605800

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	Waste Management	108560 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	Georgetown Paper and Stock	497240 pounds

Commingled materials 3070100

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
8-cubic yard dumpster	1	2 per week	Waste Management	3070100 pounds

Scrap metal 5141480

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	Reliable Recycling Center	52700 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	Playground Specialist, Inc.	113260 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	SIMS METAL	47780 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	EAI	1413020 pounds
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	American Bus	20180 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	Montgomery Scrap Corporation	1104160 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	Montgomery County Recycling Center	51960 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	Sun Recycling LLC	2338420 pounds

Voluntary Recyclable Materials

Plastic (bags / film / shrink wrap) 5060

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	Trex Company Inc.	5060 pounds

Building materials (cabinets / countertops / roofing shingles / etc.) 490000

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	EAI	490000 pounds

Batteries (mixed types) 52240

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	CNRobinson Lighting Supply Co.	52240 pounds

Batteries (alkaline) 1480

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
32-gallon container	1	1 per oncall	CNRobinson Lighting Supply Co.	1480 pounds

Oil (motor) 96580

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	Crystal Clean	96580 pounds

Crayons 1520

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
18-gallon container	1	1 per oncall	TerraCycle	540 pounds
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	TerraCycle	980 pounds

Oil (cooking / grease) 104340

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	Valley Proteins Inc	38020 pounds
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	Revolution Biofuels	066320 pounds

Antifreeze 38420

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
50- or 55-gallon container	1	1 per oncall	Crystal Clean	38420 pounds

Batteries (lead-acid / rechargeable) 46540

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	Reworld	1360 pounds
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	Best Battery Co Inc.	45180 pounds

Cell phones 632

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	Advanced Technology Recycling	632 pounds

Food scraps for composting - not including yard trim 280200

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
32-gallon container	1	1 per oncall	Compost Crew	13780 pounds
50- or 55-gallon container	1	1 per week	Compost Crew	266420 pounds

Construction / Demolition debris (drywall / bricks / concrete / asphalt / etc.) 43716940

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	C&D Recovery LLC	2000 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	Sun Recycling LLC	10520 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	EAI	40116440 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	Ross Incineration Services, Inc.	473580 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	Montgomery County Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer station	314580 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	Cockey's Enterprises, Inc.	2799820 pounds

Dirt (clean / fill / pond / etc.) 239320

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	Montgomery County Recycling Center	239320 pounds

Tires 21620

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	S&S Tire Service	21620 pounds

Lights (fluorescent tubes / bulbs / ballasts / LED lights) 6780

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	CNRobinson Lighting Supply Co.	6780 pounds

Toner / Ink / Fax / Printer cartridges 5700

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	HP Planet Partners - Cartridge Return Center	3180 pounds
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	HP Planet Partners	2520 pounds

Electronic waste (computers / printers / monitors / cords / disks / CDs / DVDs / etc.) 64720

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
Multiple container types used	1	1 per oncall	Advanced Technology Recycling	64720 pounds

Trash

Container type	# of containers	Pickup freq	Hauler/Collector	Quantity
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	Sun Recycling LLC	50440 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	EAI	309220 pounds
4-cubic yard dumpster	1	1 per oncall	Waste Management	2460 pounds
4-cubic yard dumpster	1	3 per week	Montgomery County Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer station	15880520 pounds
30-cubic yard roll-off	1	1 per oncall	EAI	50440 pounds

Education

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is firmly committed to environmental sustainability, responsible stewardship of natural resources, and social responsibility. These core values guide our efforts to create positive, lasting impacts across school communities while fostering a shared sense of responsibility among students, staff, and community partners. By integrating sustainability into both daily operations and educational practices, MCPS takes a comprehensive, forward-looking approach that supports meaningful long-term outcomes. Sustainability at MCPS is a collaborative, interdisciplinary effort that relies on the active engagement of the entire school community. Meaningful partnerships with students, staff, and community stakeholders are essential to effectively embedding sustainability principles into both school operations and learning environments. The Sustainability and Compliance Team supports this work by raising awareness, building capacity, and providing guidance and resources to help schools implement and sustain effective sustainability practices. As of April 2025, 113 MCPS schools?over 50% of the district?have voluntarily earned and maintained Maryland Green School certification. MCPS remains committed to achieving 100 percent certification by 2035 and continues to provide targeted support to assist schools throughout the certification process. Student engagement remains a cornerstone of MCPS sustainability efforts. We have added many new outreach opportunities and upgraded some of our long-standing ones. In April, MCPS held its annual Youth Climate Summit, bringing students together for interactive breakout sessions focused on practical climate action. Participants also planted trees and shrubs on school grounds. To date, MCPS has planted more than 1,400 trees at 34 schools, reinforcing the district?s commitment to expanding green spaces and improving environmental resilience. In 2025, the Sustainability and Compliance Team (SCT) partnered with 38 schools to organize schoolyard cleanups. Approximately 4,600 students participated in these efforts, contributing directly to conservation initiatives and developing a strong sense of environmental stewardship. MCPS also continues to engage the school community through its annual Sustainability Poster Contest, open to all students and staff across five categories. Winning designs are reproduced and distributed districtwide, highlighting creativity while reinforcing key sustainability messages. To support and sustain this work, SCT staff regularly visit schools

to lead and participate in outreach activities, staff meetings, green team sessions, and classroom lessons. These ongoing collaborations strengthen school-based sustainability efforts and emphasize the collective role each community member plays in achieving long-term environmental impact. Through these initiatives and partnerships, MCPS demonstrates its continued commitment to sustainability?empowering students, supporting schools, and driving positive environmental change.

Waste Reduction/Reuse

The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Division of Sustainability and Compliance remains firmly committed to comprehensive waste reduction and recycling in accordance with Montgomery County Regulation 1-15. MCPS continues to prioritize the responsible management of paper, cardboard, commingled materials, yard waste, and scrap metal across all facilities. As technology integration has expanded throughout the school system, paper consumption has steadily declined. The district?s one-to-one student device initiative and increased use of online lesson plans have collectively reduced the reliance on printed materials. While this shift has led to lower paper recycling volumes, it reflects a broader focus on resource efficiency. To further strengthen its sustainability efforts, MCPS continuously evaluates and expands its waste reduction strategies. The district has implemented several specialized recycling programs, including the collection of markers, pens, glue bottles, glue sticks, toner, ink cartridges, and plastic film. These targeted initiatives address hard-to-recycle materials commonly used in school environments and help divert additional waste from landfills. Organic waste reduction remains a key focus area. To date, there are 118 Food Recovery Programs at schools. This is where unopened, uneaten food from lunch can be placed in their food recovery refrigerator or food-safe cart, where other students can help themselves free of charge. The schools are collecting and redistributing an average of 56 items per day. Through 32 student-led composting programs, as well as composting operations at the central kitchen and central office cafeterias, MCPS has successfully recovered more than 135 tons of food scraps. These efforts demonstrate the district?s commitment to minimizing organic waste while engaging students in hands-on environmental stewardship. In July, MCPS hosted its annual Drive for Supplies event, bringing together students, staff, and community partners to collect and redistribute gently used and new school supplies to MCPS students and families in need. New enhancements to this year?s event included distributing boxes of food and providing opportunities for families to enroll in SNAP benefits, in partnership with UPCounty Hub. Where we were able to give out over 14 tons of reused school supplies. and distributed 773 boxes of donated food. This expanded approach not only supports waste reduction but also advances equity, resourcefulness, and community well-being. Collectively, these initiatives reflect MCPS?s proactive, student-driven, and community-focused approach to sustainability.

Businesses/Properties covered by this Report

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