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# **Solid Waste Management**

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

The principal objectives of Montgomery County's Solid Waste Management program are to: ensure that the solid waste generated in the County is managed in a safe, environmentally sound manner; encourage the reduction of waste generated by residents and businesses in the County; recycle as much as feasible of the resources contained in, and extractable from, solid waste; and minimize the use of landfilling. The major elements in the management of solid waste are to:

- Recycle 50 percent of the solid waste stream;
- Continue implementation of the ban on all recyclable materials at all waste disposal facilities and encourage greater on-site management of yard trim by homeowners;
- Operate the mass-burn, Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) located in Dickerson;
- Provide rail transport of solid waste from the Solid Waste Transfer Station to the RRF;
- Transport RRF ash, non-processible waste, and by-pass waste for disposal to a private out-of-County landfill until at least 2012; and
- Preserve the New Landfill - Site 2 in Dickerson for use in the event that economic conditions or changes in law render out-of-County waste disposal infeasible.

## **PROGRAM CONTACTS**

Contact Anthony Skinner of the Department of Environmental Protection at 240.777.6438 or Brady Goldsmith of the Office of Management and Budget at 240.777.2793 for more information regarding this department's capital budget.

## **CAPITAL PROGRAM REVIEW**

There are no ongoing projects in the County Executive's recommended Solid Waste Management Capital Program for FY13-18. The recommended six-year expenditure total is unchanged from the FY11-16 Amended program.