

***Recycling and Waste Reduction* Points: 5**

47.) Government Traditional Recycling Program

Implement a recycling program for traditional recycling materials at local government facilities (including recycling paper, glass, metal containers, and plastics).

DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE

The local government has established and implemented a recycling program at all the local government's facilities to recycle paper, glass, aluminum and/or steel containers, and plastics.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR CREDIT

- ✓ Documentation of the recycling program (drop-off places in the building, who the recycling company is, etc.)
- ✓ Verified by a Green Community staff member

Douglas County has established, implemented, and is currently operating a large and diverse recycling program at Solid Waste Management Facility locations. This program accepts "recyclable and reuse" material including scrap metal, small engine equipment, office electronics, used motor oil, lead acid batteries, reusable clothes-toys- appliances, used and scrap tires, aluminum cans, cooking oil, propane tanks, glass bottles and jars, scrap appliances and mixed paper.

Douglas County has agreements in place with the following vendors for recycling services of the following material:

Scrap Metal	-	Self Recycling, Cartersville Ga.
Small Engine Units	-	Oak Tree Motors, Douglasville Ga.
Office Electronics	-	Electronic Recycling Services, Norcross Ga.
Used Motor Oil	-	Classic Oil, Bremen Ga.
Lead Acid Batteries	-	Electronic Recycling Services, Norcross Ga.
Reuse Items	-	Goodwill Industries, Atlanta Ga.
Used and Scrap Tires	-	Harmon Trucking, Bremen Ga.
Aluminum Cans	-	Self Recycling, Cartersville Ga. Pirkle Metal, Atlanta Ga.
Cooking Oil	-	MKI, Waste Oil Services, Atlanta Ga.
Propane Tanks	-	Gas Incorporated, Conyers Ga.
Glass Bottles and Jars	-	Strategic Materials, Atlanta Ga.
Scrap Appliances	-	Self Recycling, Cartersville Ga.
Mixed Paper	-	Pratt Industries, Conyers Ga. SP Recycling, Lawrenceville Ga.

Also, attached is a copy of our paper recycling totals since we began the program in Jan 2009. We provide small blue desk side containers for recyclable paper upon request and it is up to each individual to empty its contents into the central container located in each department located in the Douglas County Courthouse/Administration Building. Douglas County's night cleaning staff then empties these containers into large rolling containers where they are picked

up weekly by American Recycling. We also provide some of the large rolling containers outside the courthouse for employees to drop off their paper recyclables from home. The Douglas County Libraries have a similar process.

As per attachments, we have recycled 15.33, 5.62 and 13.86 tons of paper materials during 2009 at the Douglas County Courthouse, Lithia Springs Library and the Douglas County Library, respectively for a total of 34.81 tons. According to the EPA, each ton of paper recycled saves 17 trees which means that the paper recycling program has saved over 592 trees so far. This also calculates to be approximately 35 tons of trash that would otherwise be carried to our landfill.