



Maryland
Department of
the Environment

Maryland Department of the Environment's Annual Business Recycling Report

Waste Diversion Division

Resource Management Program

Land and Materials Administration



What is the Annual Business Recycling Report?

- The [Maryland Recycling Act](#) (MRA) requires each county (and Baltimore City) to meet certain recycling requirements:

Population > 150,000	→	35% or more of waste must be recycled
Population < 150,000	→	20% or more of waste must be recycled



Each county reports it's recycling data to MDE.



Maryland
Department of
the Environment



What is the Annual Business Recycling Report?

- Counties rely on businesses to self-report their annual solid waste and recycling amounts to meet their state-mandated goals.

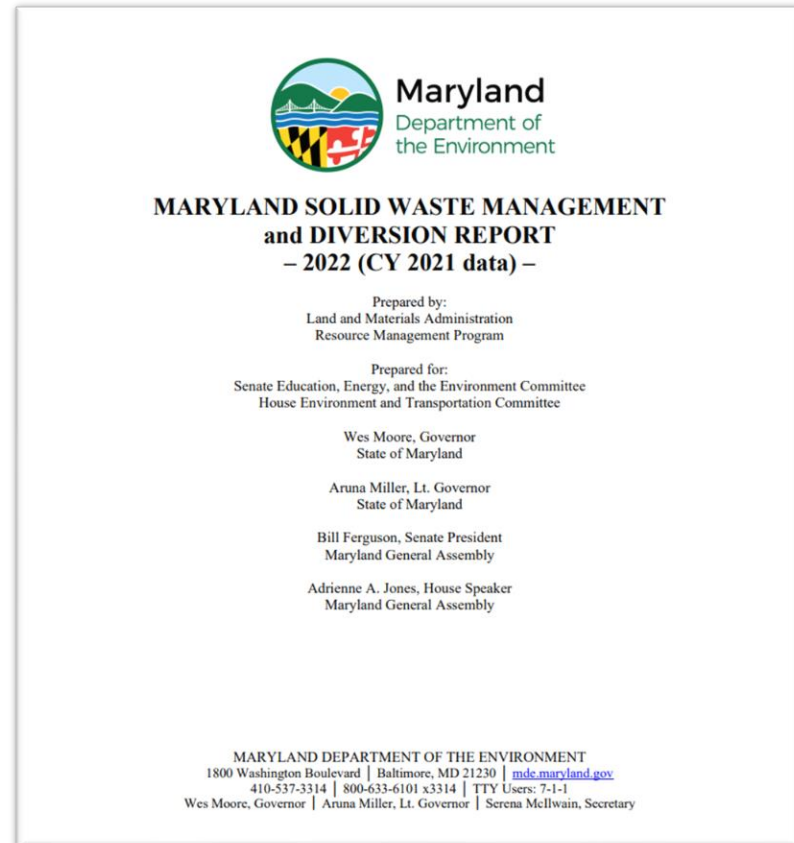
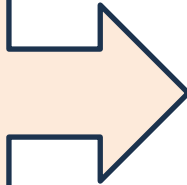




What is the Annual Business Recycling Report?

- MDE consolidates the data from each county into an annual report presented to the Governor and General Assembly.

Click here to
read the
most recent
report





What is the Annual Business Recycling Report?

- Counties would like to have all businesses in their jurisdiction report their solid waste and recycling amounts on an annual basis

Accurate accounting of all solid waste and recyclables allows counties to better service resident's and business's collection needs.

- As of now, reporting is voluntary except for a few exceptions →



Who must Complete the Report?

REQUIRED: All business that are mandated to divert due to the **Food Residual Diversion** regulation statewide.

REQUIRED: Any business that is required to report by local or county codes

SUGGESTED: All other businesses in the State are encouraged to report.





Who must Complete the Report?

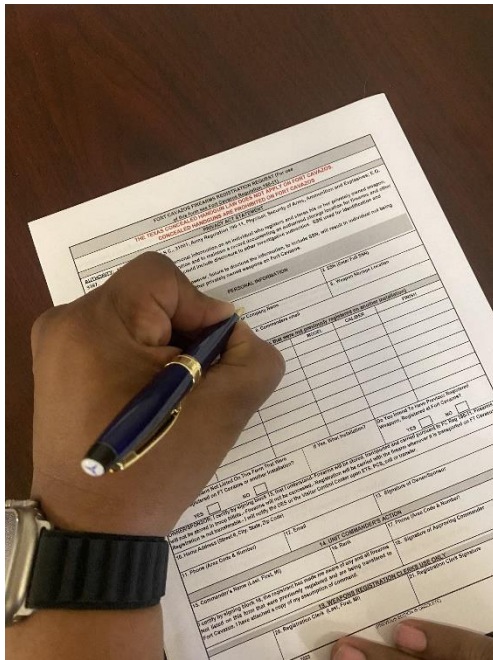
- Any business or institution statewide that meets the requirements to divert food residuals MUST complete the report ([COMAR 26.04.13](#))
- Must report not just food residual amounts, but all recycling and solid waste amounts
- See MDE's [Food Residuals Diversion](#) webpage for more information and resources



How does my Business Complete the Report?

There are three ways you can submit your Business Recycling Report:

- [By Paper Form](#)



- [Online](#) via your county recycling webpage, or
- [Online](#) through MDE

New Food Residuals Diversion Regulations (COMAR 26.04.13)

In order to assist Counties in gathering accurate recycling totals, MDE has developed the Business Recycling Reporting Survey [\[online\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#). This form is NOT INTENDED for PROCESSORS of RECYCLABLES, but for [commercial businesses](#) located in a jurisdiction that may recycle their waste. e.g., retail stores, service businesses, manufacturing, food processors, etc. **New!**

This section is found on MDE's [Food Residuals Diversion](#) webpage



How does my Business Complete the Report?

- For assistance completing the Business Recycling Report, please refer to MDE's Business Recycling Report Guide

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Land and Materials Administration Resource Management Program
1800 Washington Boulevard Suite 610 Baltimore Maryland 21230-1719
410-537-3314 800-633-6101 x3314 www.mde.maryland.gov

A Guide to Complete Annual Business Recycling Reports

This guide was developed by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to assist businesses in Maryland in completing the Annual Business Recycling Report, a report that itemizes a business's solid waste and recycling amounts for the previous year.

MDE encourages the recycling of all materials, where reasonable, because of the environmental and economic benefits provided. Each of Maryland's 24 political jurisdictions are required to recycle a certain percentage of their solid waste based on the county population, as specified in the Maryland Recycling Act (MRA). The *Annual Business Recycling Report* is a recommended metric within the Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery, a supporting document of the 2017 Executive Order of the same name. To encourage the overall statewide recycling and waste diversion rate goals and so Maryland Counties and Baltimore City can accurately complete their MRA report.

Businesses that MUST file an Annual Business Recycling Report

1. All businesses in Maryland, regardless of county, that are required to separate and divert food residuals from disposal in a refuse disposal system must file in accordance with [COMAR 26.04.13.05](#). More details below, and
2. Any business that is required to report on their recycling activities by local, municipal, or county codes. Check with your [county recycling coordinator's office](#) to determine any requirements.

Accessing the Annual Business Recycling Report

MDE provided Business Recycling Report can be filed via a [paper form](#) or [online](#). Check the [county recycling website](#) for the preferred method for your county.

Things to know/record to assist in completing the form

1. The name of your solid waste and recycling hauler(s).



Questions?

MDE Contacts

410-537-3314

- Dave Mrgich
dave.mrgich@maryland.gov
- Tim Kerr
timothy.kerr2@maryland.gov
- Shannon McDonald
shannon.mcdonald@maryland.gov

County Contacts