

CALVERT COUNTY
Solid Waste and Recycling Division

Frequently Asked Questions
2021 Annual Business Recycling Reporting Survey

Q – Why is it important to fill out the Annual Business Recycling Reporting Survey?

A – The Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, recognizes that filling out this survey is voluntary on your part. By continuing to keep this reporting voluntary, there are no unnecessary regulations or covenants placed upon your business – and the Maryland Department of the Environment is able to collect the important statewide information needed to track recycling efforts.

Q – Why does this survey include information about trash/waste?

A – In order to determine the recycling rate, MDE must have information regarding the weight/volume of solid waste as well as that for recycled materials. By providing the hauler name and material destination, you can help us improve the accuracy of the report to MDE. If you are unsure of where your waste is transported, recycling staff recommend that you ask your hauler or provide us with your hauler’s name and phone number and staff can then contact the hauler to receive this information.

Q – I have a business with another store or business located in the same building and the property owner supplies trash containers, but they do not provide recycling containers. I don’t recycle because they don’t offer this service. How do I fill out the form?

A – Please complete the first page of the Annual Business Recycling Reporting Survey including your business information. Please note that your landlord does not supply a recycling service and include the property owner’s name, address and contact information. Recycling staff will contact them regarding this information.

Q – I have a private hauler that picks up my trash and recycling but doesn’t provide me with weights. How do I complete the form?

A – Please complete your business information. Then, call your hauler or market to ask for a report that provides you with how much your business recycled and the material the hauler collected. If you are unable to receive this information, write the name and phone number of your hauler in the column marked “Hauler/Collector.” Recycling staff will contact the hauler to receive this information.

Q – I have a home-based business that only generates a small amount of waste and recyclables. As such, I take my waste and recyclables to one of the county customer convenience centers along with my household waste and recyclables. How do I complete the form?

A – Please ensure that your business information is accurate on page one of the Annual Business Recycling Reporting Survey. On this same page, you will circle YES for “This is a home-based business and all recycling is included with our household recycling,” and “Our business uses the county customer convenience centers for all recycling.” Sign and date page one and then return it to the recycling coordinator (contact information on form).