

2021 DEPARTMENT PROJECTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

		EVENT DATES	# OF HOUSEHOLDS	POUNDS COLLECTED
Collection Events Totals		11	2,126+	181,570
HHW		4/24 9/11	817	15,644
E-Waste		6/5 10/16	813	108,681
Pumpkin		11/6 11/13	217	4,295
Paper Shredding		4/16 10/8	-	10,550
Residential Tire		3/27 5/15 8/8	279	42,400

2022 EVENTS*

Household Hazardous Waste	4/30 9/10
E-Waste	6/11 10/22
Pumpkin	11/5 11/12
Paper Shredding	4/15 10/7
Residential Tire	5/14 7/16 9/17

*Pre-registration required for some events

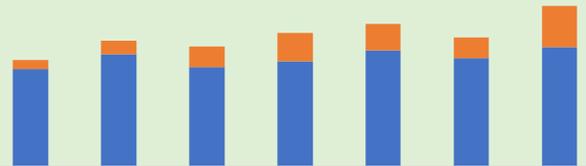
COMPOSTING PROGRAM WASTE DIVERSION ESTIMATES

At least 20% of household waste can be composted. Based on the average waste produced per household in Ontario County, each backyard compost bin has the potential to divert **955 pounds** of waste from the landfill per year. It's estimated that **over a million pounds** of waste has been diverted using the 1,000 backyard compost bins distributed to date.

UNITS PURCHASED
1000+



Annual Waste and Diversion in Tons



	Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Diversion Rate		9%	12%	21%	27%	22%	19%	35%
Target Diversion Rate		23%	27%	31%	35%	38%	42%	47%
Waste		90,224	104,131	92,028	97,526	107,855	100,762	110,401
Materials Diverted		8,565	12,747	19,140	26,223	24,181	18,970	38,160

Waste diversion percentage is calculated by taking the total tons of material recycled over the total tons of waste generated within the county.

Strategic Plan 2021-2025

VISION

Ontario County will be a leader in creating a community where managing resources responsibly is second nature. We will cultivate a reputation for being on the forefront of cutting-edge solutions that reduce waste effectively, create synergies in product creation and waste reuse opportunities, and motivate residents and businesses to adopt responsible behaviors that benefit the individual, community, economy and environment.

MISSION

The Department of Sustainability & Solid Waste Management will focus on the County's efforts to increase sustainable practices and waste diversion by employees and residents. The department implements the County's Local Solid Waste Management Plan, by working with municipalities, businesses and organizations to ensure the sustainability of our local environment. The department also provides administrative oversight of the County's Landfill Operations.



Equal & Adequate Access

1. Implement findings from Department's Program Assessment and Consolidation Study.
2. Provide equal distribution of cost to residents for waste disposal through establishment of user fee-based programs.
3. Work with curbside collectors to establish adequate access.



Funding to Advance Department Goals

4. Advocate for funding opportunities at various regulatory levels.
5. Demonstrate value of Dept services to BOS to foster support of necessary expenditures.
6. Partner with Office of Economic Development to leverage funding and attract businesses that specialize in recycling and reuse of items and materials to support the goals of the Dept.



Legislation and Policies Aligned with County's Plans for Solid Waste Management

7. Invest in staying informed on and advocate for legislation and policies using staff, County and elected official connections.
8. Maintain oversight of compliance with OMLA and regulations.
9. Revise and pass a local law that supports priority OC initiatives and programs.
10. Develop and execute plans for future of landfill site post 2028.
11. Ensure SWMP updates are consistent with strategic plan priorities and current legislation.



Customized Education & Communications

12. Improve and expand audience-specific communications.
13. Develop standardized branding and educational materials across all municipalities in the County to help educate residents of the cost of waste disposal/recycling and offer alternative and new programs to modify habits, eliminating confusion that deters participation.
14. Regularly educate BOS of the plans and project needs to ensure support for new initiatives.
15. Hire a full-time educator responsible for development and presentation of educational materials.
16. Use other municipality's growing social awareness to educate, influence and inspire other municipalities to build up their efforts and facilities.
17. Develop standard reporting procedures of local diversion efforts providing consistent, adequate and measurable results for calculating the County's diversion rate consistent with the adopted SWM plan.
18. Develop sector specific objectives for reuse, recycling and waste reduction opportunities through partnering with Office of Economic Development.
19. Revamp the structure of the landfill oversight committee to be a 'county sustainability working group.'

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