



DIVISION OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
WATER QUALITY | SOLID WASTE | ENGINEERING SERVICES

Mulch and Compost Residential Program Policy

The Residential Mulch and Compost Program was started in response to the State of Maryland's law prohibiting the landfilling of natural wood waste and yard waste. The intent of the program is to give the Residential Customers of Washington County an affordable outlet for disposal of natural wood waste and yard debris and purchase of a quality affordable mulch and compost product. Material for the program is from primarily residents of Washington County (80%) with a smaller amount from commercial entities.

All sales to Commercial Customers will be at the discretion of the Department of Solid Waste based on product availability. Total sales to Commercial Customers will not exceed 2 tons per day, subject to availability.

Residential Customers are individuals who own or lease residential property within Washington County and purchase or intend to purchase mulch and compost product for personal use at the residential property and not for commercial, business, or for-profit purposes.

Commercial Customers are those who purchase or intend to purchase mulch or compost product for a commercial, business, or for-profit purpose, including farming.