



RECYCLING AT HABERSHAM COUNTY

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- Habersham County has three sites for recycling.
- Cornelia, Ga. (507 Nicolon Drive)
- This site also receives yard debris and brush for \$15.00 a load.
- Clarkesville, Ga. (4141 Toccoa Hwy.)

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RECYCLING CENTERS

- Commodities recycled at these sites are:
 - Paper
 - Cardboard
 - Glass (three colors) brown, green and clear
 - Plastics
 - Aluminum cans
- The Recycling Centers began opening six days a week on 2-6-24.
- The hours are 8:00 till 4:30 Monday thru Saturday.

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- Habersham County Landfill (4900 Dicks Hill Pkwy.)
- The landfill accepts the same commodities as the recycling centers.
- In addition, the landfill accepts metal. There is a charge of \$15.00 minimum up to \$55.00 a ton.

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- The landfill recycles tires.
 - Regular tires cost \$5.00 each without rims.
 - Tires with rims cost \$10.00 each.
 - Large tires cost \$10.00 each without rims.
 - Tires with rims cost \$20.00 each.
 - Tractor tires cost \$15.00 each without rims.
 - Tires with rims cost \$30.00 each.

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CURRENT PRICING ON RECYCABLES PLASTICS

- 1st quarter January thru March
12 tons = 20 bales = approximately \$7000.00
Full load = 18.5 tons = 30 bales = approximately \$9000.00
Revenue per year approximately = \$36000.00
- This is projected revenue if Habersham County processes its own commodities.
- Currently Habersham County hauls the plastics to Hall County and receives no revenue.

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CURRENT PRICING ON RECYCABLES Aluminum

- 1st quarter
- January thru March 2.02 tons = 5 bales = \$1057.00
- Full truck = 16 tons = 40 bales = approximately \$16,000.00
- This is projected revenue if Habersham County processes its own commodities.
- Currently Habersham hauls the Aluminum to Dale's Recycling

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CURRENT PRICING ON RECYCABLES OCC (Cardboard)

- 1st quarter January thru March
- 125,000 lbs. = 62 tons = 80 bales = \$3448.00
- We process the cardboard at the landfill.
- Pratt Industries picks up bales and pays Habersham County half market value.

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CURRENT PRICING ON RECYCABLES Paper

- October thru December
- 24.77 tons of paper \$300.00
- Paper Recovery hauls this product.
- We rent 3 trailers per month @250.00 = \$750.00
- We pay a transport fee of \$750.00 for each trailer

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CURRENT PRICING ON RECYCABLES Metals

- November thru December
- 3 loads = 8.61 tons = \$631.60

- Simpson and Son's hauls this product and pays Habersham County.
- Simpson and Son's sends Habersham County payments based on the metal market.

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CURRENT PRICING ON RECYCABLES Glass

- December and February (Only pay for amber glass)
- 15920 lb. = 7.96 tons = \$198.75 (Dec.)
- 16060 lb. = 8.03 tons = \$207.50 (Feb.)

- Habersham County owns 9 open top cans
- Curt's Towing hauls these glass container to Strategic Materials in Atlanta for \$600.00 per trip.

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RECYCLING IN THE FUTURE

- We are exploring the addition of new Recycling Centers in Habersham County.
- These sites will be safer, not having steps to climb.
- There will be more options for recycling than in the past.

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- We are in the process of purchasing a roll-off truck.
- This will enable us to haul our cardboard and metal without having to pay a vendor for hauling services.
- We have purchased two new open top 20 yd. containers for recycling.

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- A request for bids is out for the purchase of two 30 yd. self-contained compactor units.
- These units will replace the cardboard reefer trailers at the recycling centers.
- We will be able to haul cardboard without having to pay vendors for this service.

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- We are exploring the addition of a Recycling Processing Building.
- Location of this building would be at the landfill which already has scales for weighing the commodities.
- This building will give us the ability to process more commodities
 - Plastics, aluminum cans and paper products.
 - Currently we give our plastics away.
 - We sell our aluminum cans in loose bulk, sometimes at low price on the market because we cannot process and store them at our facility.

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RECYCLING IN THE FUTURE

- We are exploring avenues of clothing/textile recycling in Habersham County. We are talking to different vendors about this endeavor.
- A clothes recycling project would increase revenue and divert clothes to be reused thus not being disposed of in the landfill.
- This project is in the early stages of discussion.

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RECYCLING IN THE FUTURE

- We are talking to different vendors about glass recycling.
- This vendor would supply containers and do the hauling for the glass recycling.
- This would save the County from paying a vendor for the hauling.

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RECYCLING AND EDUCATION

- Recycling education and recycling programs in our schools are some of the most important things we can do to boost the recycling movement.
- There are 14 schools in the Habersham School District. There is such a great potential in joining two entities together to accomplish a common goal: Education and Recycling.
- We want to discuss the possibility of starting a pilot program with a limited number of schools and then hopefully bring in more schools based on the results of the pilot program.

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- Involving teachers and children in recycling programs and other activities to improve the environment can be a lot of fun. Educating children about the importance of recycling and the environment provides a path to a greener future and a more productive economy.
- Successful school recycling programs: divert recyclables from the waste stream and help to keep valuable natural resources from ending up in a landfill. Often schools find they can reduce the size or quantity of the waste collection dumpsters or to lower the frequency that garbage is picked up at the school site.

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RECYCLING AND EDUCATION

- This will require the purchase of collection trailers to be placed at the schools selected for the pilot program.
- With all this new progress comes the additional need for funds. We will have to start small and continue to grow until we reach the goals set while generating additional revenue to help offset the costs along the way.
- We all know that Habersham County is growing daily. More people equals more waste. With these new additions to recycling, it will help our efforts to divert recyclable materials from the waste stream and keep valuable resources from ending up in the landfill.

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- We are excited about what the future holds for Recycling in Habersham County.
- Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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