
2020 Annual Progress Report

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**DAVIDSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE REGION
BOARD**



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10 Year and Plan Update

Thinking over the next 10 years, will any of the contents of the current Regional Plan need to be updated? The contents of the Municipal Solid Waste Region Plans, described in §68-211-815(b), are listed below. By selecting yes, there will be an opportunity to amend the section. By selecting no, the system will bring forward the last update and make it most current amendment. Tennessee Code Annotated requires Region plan amendments shall be consistent with the state solid waste plan. No

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1. Convenience Center

Center Name & Address	Permit	Hours/Phone	Acceptable Items
Anderson Lane Center 939A Anderson Lane, Madison, TN 37115	CCC190000168	Tue-Sat 8:00 AM –4:30 PM (615) 860-2588	Metals, Paper, Glass, Plastic, Tires
East Center 943A Doctor Richard G. Adams Drive, 37207	CCC190000167	Tue-Sat 8:00 AM –4:30 PM (615) 862-8631	Metals, Paper, Glass, Batteries, Plastic, Pallets, Tires, Used Oil, Antifreeze, E-Scrap, Paint
Ezell Pike 5113 Harding Place, Nashville, TN 37211	CCC190000566	Tue-Sat 8:00 AM –4:30 PM (615) 880-2530	Metals, Paper, Glass, Batteries, Plastic, Pallets, Tires, Used Oil, Antifreeze, E-Scrap, Paint, Brush
Omohundro 1019 Omohundro Pl. Nashville, TN 37210	CCC190000484	Tue-Sat 8:00 AM –4:30 PM (615) 860-2588	Metals, Paper, Glass, Plastic, Pallets, Tires, E- Scrap, Brush

2. Public Collection (Green Box) - Does your local government have any green boxes? NO

3. List any publicly operated curbside municipal solid waste programs

Jurisdiction	Collection Management	Collected Frequency	Collection Method	Collection: Other Items	Households
Davidson County - USD	Public & Contract	Weekly	Fully/Semi Automated	Brush, Bulky Waste, White Goods	140,375
City of Berry Hill	Contract	Weekly	Semi - Automated	Brush, Bulky Waste, White Goods	190
City of Oak Hill	Contract	Weekly	Manual	Brush, Bulky Waste, White Goods	1,881
City of Belle Meade	Contract	Weekly	Manual	Brush	1,150
City of Goodlettsville	Contract	Weekly	Semi-Automated	Brush, Bulky Waste, White Goods	5,285
City of Forrest Hills	Open Market	Weekly	Manual	Brush	2,912

4. List Publicly Operated Curbside Recycling Programs

Jurisdiction	Collection Management	Materials	Collection Method	Cart Size	Frequency
Davidson County - USD	Public	Fiber/Paper, Plastic, Metals	Co-mingled	96 Gal.	Monthly
City of Oak Hill	Contract	Fiber/Paper, Plastic, Metals	Co-mingled	96 Gal.	Weekly
City of Goodlettsville	Contract	Fiber/Paper, Plastic, Metals	Co-mingled	96 Gal.	Every other Week
City of Berry Hill	Contract	Fiber/Paper, Plastic, Metals	Co-mingled	32 Gal.	Weekly
City of Belle Meade	Contract	Fiber/Paper, Plastic, Metals	Co-mingled	33 Gal.	Weekly

5. List Publicly Operated Recycling Drop-off Locations

Location	Address	Restricted Access/Staffed	Acceptable Material
Bellevue Metro Transit Authority's Park & Ride	Coley Davis Road and Hwy 70 S	No / No	newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass containers, plastic bottles & containers
Cane Ridge High	12848 Old Hickory Blvd	No / No	Same as above
Granbery Elementary	5501 Hill Road	No / No	Same as above
Hillsboro High School	3812 Hillsboro Pike.	No / No	Same as above
Joelton Middle	3500 Old Clarksville HWY	No / No	Same as above
Lakewood City Hall	3401 Old Hickory Blvd	No / No	Same as above
McGavock High	3150 McGavock Pike	No / No	Same as above
Tennessee State University	38th Ave N and Albion St	No / No	Same as above
Whites Creek High	7277 Old Hickory Blvd	No / No	Same as above
Old Ben West Library	Polk Avenue & Union Street	No / No	newspaper, mixed paper, paper board, cardboard, aluminum, tin, plastic bottles & containers (NO GLASS)

6. List any recovery businesses that accept, buy or process recyclable material for the county or its municipalities.

Waste Management, 208 Riverhills Road 37201

Materials Accepted Single Stream: Paper/Cardboard, Plastic bottles/containers, Metal food and beverage cans

Materials Accepted Source Separated: Paper/Cardboard, Plastic bottles/containers, Metal food and beverage cans, glass bottles

7. List any restricts or bans placed on wastes collected in the county or each municipality.

Cardboard, E-scrap, Yard Waste

8. Check all obstacles that apply to expanding recycling in the county or its municipalities

- Funding
- Citizen apathy
- Lack of support
- Education
- Markets
- Staff
- Other

9. Management of Organics

City/County	Materials Collected	Products Produced	Public or Contracted
Davidson County	Yard Waste Tree Limbs Post-Consumer Food Waste	Mulch Compost	Publicly Collection / Privately Processed

10. Assistance for Backyard Composting

Does the county or its municipalities offer assistance for backyard composting? YES

Programs Offered: Education Programs, Demonstrations, Compost Bins

Number of Education Programs Conducted: 10

Number of Demonstrations Conducted: 0

Number of Compost Bins Distributed: 143 sold, 19 given away to people attending backyard composting workshops.

11. Disaster Debris or Storm Event

In the last year, did a disaster debris or storm event increase the tonnage of organics diversion or disposal for the county or its municipalities?* Yes

Does your local government have a Disaster Debris Management Plan?* YES

Has it been accepted by TEMA and FEMA?* YES

Organics Diversion Estimate: 13,348.84 tons

Organics Disposal Estimate: 11,936.96 tons

12. Recycling Services for Other Entities

Does the county or its municipalities offer recycling service to other entities: NO

13. What methods do the county and each municipality use to collect, transport and dispose of their MSW?

County/Municipality	Collector	Equipment Type/Quantity	Destination
Davidson – USD	Publicly & Contract	Front Loader: 12 Rear Loader: 18 Roll-off 6	Transfer Station

14. What methods do the county and each municipality use to collect, transport and process or recycling their commodities

County/Municipality	Collector	Equipment Type/Quantity	Destination
Davidson – USD	Publicly	Side Loader: 21 Rear Loader: 14 Roll-off: 5	Recycling Processing Facility

15. Education Efforts

Program	Attendees
Dirt on Composting Webinar	501-10,000
Recycle Right Nashville	County-Wide

16. Funding options used by the county and its municipalities to fund programs:

Jurisdiction	Funding Type	3 Year Average
Metro Nashville & Davidson County	Surcharge	\$6.00
Metro Nashville & Davidson County	Disposal Fee	\$38.80
Metro Nashville & Davidson County	Property Taxes/General Fund	\$ 5,742,066.67
Metro Nashville & Davidson County	Sale of Recyclables	\$64,306.91
Metro Nashville & Davidson County	Grants	\$1,040,304.97

17. Contracts

Jurisdiction	Contractor	Budget	Start Date	End Date	Type	Services
Davidson	Republic	\$7,081,100.00	01/2002	06/2027	Contract	Disposal
Davidson	Red River	\$7,585,600.00	07/2004	11/2024	Contract	Collection
Davidson	Waste Industries	\$925,500.00	12/2019	11/2024	Contract	Collection
Davidson	Living Earth	\$829,600	11/2016	11/2025	Contract	Organics Processing
Davidson	Waste Management	\$2,500,00	11/2015	11/2025	Contract	Recycling Processing

Are any of the above contracts considered an exclusive franchise? NO

18. Complete the follow section for the county and its municipalities that provide solid waste collection and/or recycling services.

Jurisdiction	Service Type	Part Time Employees	Full Time Employees
Davidson County – USD	Waste Collection	0	60
Davidson County – USD	Recycling Collection	0	51

19. Budget

Business Unit	Business Unit Description	Budget
42801200	Education/Pub Relations	368,700.00
42803100	Metro Collection	16,758,600.00
42803300	Downtown Business Collection	269,700.00
42803500	Front Loader Collection	317,300.00
42803600	Dead Animal Collection	64,700.00
42803700	Brush Collection	1,883,700.00
42804200	Downtown Business Recycling	122,200.00
42804300	Curbside Recycling	4,141,700.00
42804510	Drop Off Recycle Centers	464,900.00
42804520	Convenience/Recycle Centers	2,046,600.00
42804710	Compost Program	1,101,900.00
42804800	Household Hazardous Waste	285,600.00
42804900	Tire Program	54,000.00
42805200	Landfill Engineering	343,100.00
42805300	Bordeaux Gas Utilization	8,000.00
42861110	Administration	5,821,800.00
Grand Total		\$34,052,500.00

TDEC Survey Questions

- 1. Are there any policies, statutes, rules, protocols or ordinances that inhibit the county and municipalities from having effective programs? Reference specific statutes, rules, policies or documents when answering the question.**

68-101-109: Labeling of Plastic Containers - This labeling is not an indicator of recyclability and therefore confusing for our residents as to what is and is not recyclable. They look at that symbol and see it as synonymous with recyclability which has led to both confusion in what plastic is accepted in our program and a lack of confidence and trust in our program that we are not recycling all that we can.

HB 1021 / SB 0431 - This policy specifically prohibits our ability to enact policies recommended in our Solid Waste Master Plan to achieve our goal of Zero Waste. For example, part of our plan includes requiring establishments that serve liquor to have recycling programs for their beverage containers. It also limits our ability to address single-use bags and containers in our local waste stream.

- 2. Are there any parts or utility of the 10 Year Solid Waste and Materials Management Statewide Plan, Plan Update or Annual Progress Report the county and municipalities do not understand?**

No

- 3. What role can Materials Management play to be the biggest resource to the county and its municipalities?**

Reconvene and refund the top 5 city meetings and regional meetings (GNRC) for solid waste. These meetings are extremely valuable to help solve many of the issues we are all facing with solid waste on a regional level. They allowed us to collaborate, learn from each other, and explore regional solutions to waste management.

- 4. What is needed in the county and municipalities to further waste reduction, recycling, diversion or end markets in Tennessee?**

Non-matching grant funding - Matching grant funds can often be difficult for waste diversion programs and projects most needed for achieving long-term goals. Non-matching grant funding would go a long way to implement solutions for waste diversion.

End markets for materials, especially #5 plastics, rigid plastics, compost, and construction and demolition materials

More financial incentives for infrastructure and end market development - We have limited options for recycling and composting and need a more diverse system of solutions for materials that could be encouraged with financial incentives.

5. §68-211-871(b) requires an annual progress report on the implementation of the regional comprehensive integrated municipal solid waste management plan. What steps are the county and municipalities taking locally to contribute to regional plan implementation?

The Mayor's Administration has formed a Sustainable Advisory Committee that has evaluated our solid waste master plan and prioritized recommendations in that plan to guide the administration in next steps to work towards. We have formed a Steering Committee of experts and stakeholders focused on C&D Waste Reduction to guide Metro's Division of Solid Waste to work towards solutions to keep this material out of landfill. The Division of Solid Waste has had a focus this past year on C&D waste and we are in the process of enacting legislation that would provide funding to implement a more robust waste management plan reporting program for building and demolition projects. This program would provide much needed data on the generation and disposal of C&D waste materials in the county as well as provide opportunities to educate contractors and industry professionals on how to reduce, reuse, or recycle C&D material. We have also been supporting the Tennessee Materials Marketplace working to connect C&D waste generators with recyclers and reuse options. In partnership with the Nashville Food Waste Initiative, we have been supporting efforts to start community composting sites providing supplies, signage, and educational resources.

6. What areas would you like to see the Division of Solid Waste Management focus on in coming years to help the county and municipalities be successful implementing the Region's plan and programs?

More Grant funding.

Economic development - Encourage recyclers and reuse/remanufacturing operations to come into the state to help develop regional infrastructure hubs around the top 5 cities that support waste reduction efforts. This would help build infrastructure networks for recycling and reuse that both Nashville and its surrounding counties could take advantage of. Specifically, it would be helpful to drive more C&D facilities and recyclers for hard to recycle materials to these hubs.

2020 Landfill Report

MSW Landfill	2020 Tons	2019 Tons
BFI Middle Point	431,173.03	464,228.65
BFI North Shelby	1.46	
Bi-County	1,826.47	1,409.97
Cedar Ridge	264,349.34	310,603.92
Madison County	4.55	
Meadow Branch	22.73	1.04
Rhea County	31.00	.95
Smith County	289.82	509.24
West Camden	197,060.72	199,165.08
Out of State ¹	6,664.73	
Total	901,423.85	975,918.85

C&D Landfilled Tons²	2020 Tons	2019 Tons
Southern Services	489,973.50	357,119.88
Smith County	206.41	
MS-COT	2,982.00	
Bi-County	32,922.40	
Rutherford County C&D	3.55	13.85
TOTAL	526,087.86	357,133.73

¹ TDEC started collecting out of state tonnage by county of origin.

² TDEC started collecting county of origin data from C&D landfills.

2020 Recycling Report

Private Recycling Programs	2020 Tons	2019 Tons
Automotive Fluids/ Batteries/HHW	1,853.24	1,465.52
C&D Recycling	6,465.75	1,636.39
Cardboard	24,079.19	45,405.13
Carpet/Pad	3,000.00	2,335.00
Food Waste	3,242.91	4,886.51
Glass	1,440.56	1,974.13
Grease	8,156.92	9,365.94
Metal/White Goods	77,003.73	92,128.22
Mixed Recyclables	7,528.57	20,142.78
Paper	15,958.83	16,751.12
Plastic	986.36	2,718.43
Textiles	2,631.72	3,245.39
Wood/Pallets	43,677.97	17,279.07
TOTAL	196,025.75	219,333.63

Public Recycling Programs	2020 Tons	2019 Tons
Automotive Fluids/Batteries	21.56	36.54
Biosolids ³	19,074.03	21,649.12
Cardboard	3,141.32	2,925.24
Carpet/Pad/Textiles	-	27.02
E-Waste	61.58	110.19
Food Waste	2,640.86	23.17
Glass	8.38	2,413.55
Grease	49.27	10.66
HHW	806.97	56.81
Metals	920.84	1,092.97
Mixed Plastic/Metal	12,628.99	880.34
Mixed Recyclables	1,333.22	12,665.41
Paper	6,492.80	1,597.87
Tires	47,365.18	6,208.90
Wood	21.56	36,960.32
TOTAL	94,545.00	86,658.11

³ 21,649.12 tons of bio-solids were reported by Metro to TDEC as recycled but left off last year's report to the Board in error. Public Recycling tons were listed as 65,008.99 instead of 86,658.11.

About Solid Waste Region Boards

The 1991 Solid Waste Management Act required Tennessee Counties to form municipal solid waste regions. While some regions are multi-county solid waste regions, many counties in Tennessee formed a single county region. This was the case with Davidson County.

Solid waste regions were required to appoint a board that represented the cities and county within the region and to administer the activities of the solid waste planning region. Members serve for a six-year term (TCA 68-211-813).

The roles of the solid waste region board are the following:

1. Create a 10 Year Solid Waste Management Plan to reduce waste entering MSW landfills by 25% and ensure adequate disposal capacity. Each year the region board is required to submit an “Annual Progress Report” the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation describing any changes in the 10 Year Plan, current recycling and disposal data and future needs for the region.
2. Review permit applications for solid waste disposal facilities or incinerators within the region. The board is required to review the application against the 10 Year Plan and determine whether the application is in compliance with the plan and TCA 68-211-814.
3. Flow control or restricting import/export of solid waste across the region’s boundaries. Davidson County does not restrict the movement of solid waste.

State law also allowed for the creation of solid waste authorities. Solid waste authorities are entities having administrative, financial and technical power to implement regional solid waste plans and programs. Davidson County did not opt for a solid waste authority.

More information on the Davidson County Solid Waste Region Board and the current Solid Waste Management Plan can be found at <https://www.nashville.gov/Government/Boards-and-Committees/Committee-Information/ID/96/Solid-Waste-Region-Board.aspx>