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1. The County will maintain an organizational structure to measure, achieve, and maintain a Loudoun SWMP District recycling rate of 25% as measured by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

2. The County will require residents to separate certain materials for recycling.

3. The County will require businesses to recycle their principle recyclable material.

4. The County will require haulers/collection companies to collect and recycle materials separated by residents and businesses, consistent with this policy.

5. The County will site, construct, and operate Recycling Dropoff Centers (DOCs) to afford residents an opportunity to recycle where no curbside service exists and to recycle materials that are not commonly collected in curbside programs.

6. The County’s goal is to establish and/or maintain DOCs centers within a five-mile distance of all County residents.

7. The County goal is to have DOCs serve no more than 10,000 population. When that population figure is reached in a service area, the County will consider the establishment of a new DOC location as part of the regular budget process.

8. All DOCs will provide for standardized recycling of (1) co-mingled containers including metal, plastic and glass containers; (2) newspaper; and (3) cardboard.

9. All recycling DOCs should meet reasonable site standards including all-weather container pads, landscaping, signage, screening and buffering, provided that the application of such standards take into account the specific site location and related conditions.

10. The County will provide Dropoff Center servicing by the most cost-effective means possible. DOC site services, including maintenance, transport, and marketing of recycled materials will be provided by contracted services.

11. The recycling containers are standardized as a thirty and forty-cubic yard roll off containers, which the County will own. County ownership of
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containers enhances competition for the service contract and affords the best protection for continued service in the event of contractor default.

12. County staff will provide routine contract oversight of County operated DOCs and will provide for non-routine maintenance.

13. All recycling DOCs should be on public sites or, at a minimum, on sites controlled by public easements or leases.

14. The County will provide opportunities to recycle special materials that can not or should not be disposed of in landfills including scrap tires, scrap metal, waste oil, waste antifreeze, appliances, and wet cell batteries.

15. The County will offer Household Hazardous Waste collection at locations distributed around the County on a scheduled basis to provide opportunities to residents and small businesses to divert these hazardous materials from improper disposal.

16. The County will support recycling efforts by providing a pricing preference in procurement of recycled paper products.

17. The County will lead by example by implementing effective recycling strategies and programs.

18. The County will maintain a mixed paper recycling program in County buildings.

19. The County will conduct a comprehensive public education and recycling information program to inform residents of the value of recycling and the opportunities to recycle.