



13 Balers

The baler compresses the material into a large block called a bale, which can weigh over 2,000 pounds. Then, wire is mechanically wrapped around the bale several times. Baled materials are sent to processors to be remade into new products.

To arrange
tours of the
RECYCLING CENTER,
Call **301-417-1433**
Monday through Thursday,
1:00–4:00 PM

Montgomery County Recycling Center

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THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER

HOW IT WORKS

FACTS

About The Montgomery County Recycling Center

- Opened in August of 1991.
- The 57,700 square foot facility cost approximately \$9 million to construct.
- Employs approximately 40 workers.
- Of those workers, at least 24 have jobs dedicated to sorting recyclable material. Their work stations are equipped with both heating and air conditioning for year round comfort.
- Features an elevated mezzanine over the processing area for safe public viewing of the facility operations.
- Mixed paper including newspaper, cardboard, telephone books, magazines, direct mail and other recyclable paper is processed at Office Paper Systems in Gaithersburg.
- Montgomery County owns the Recycling Center, which is managed by the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid Waste Services.
- In a state and county partnership, the Maryland Environmental Service (a state agency) operates the facility.
- The Maryland Environmental Service is responsible for marketing recyclable materials to processors. The County receives 100 percent of all revenues from the sale of commingled materials. These revenues partially offset the operating costs.

