

OPTION 1 Fund Current Recycling Services

Description: Collection in 20-yard dumpsters strategically located throughout the county.

Annual Costs \$300,000 - \$400,000
(Previously funded by the Closed Landfill)

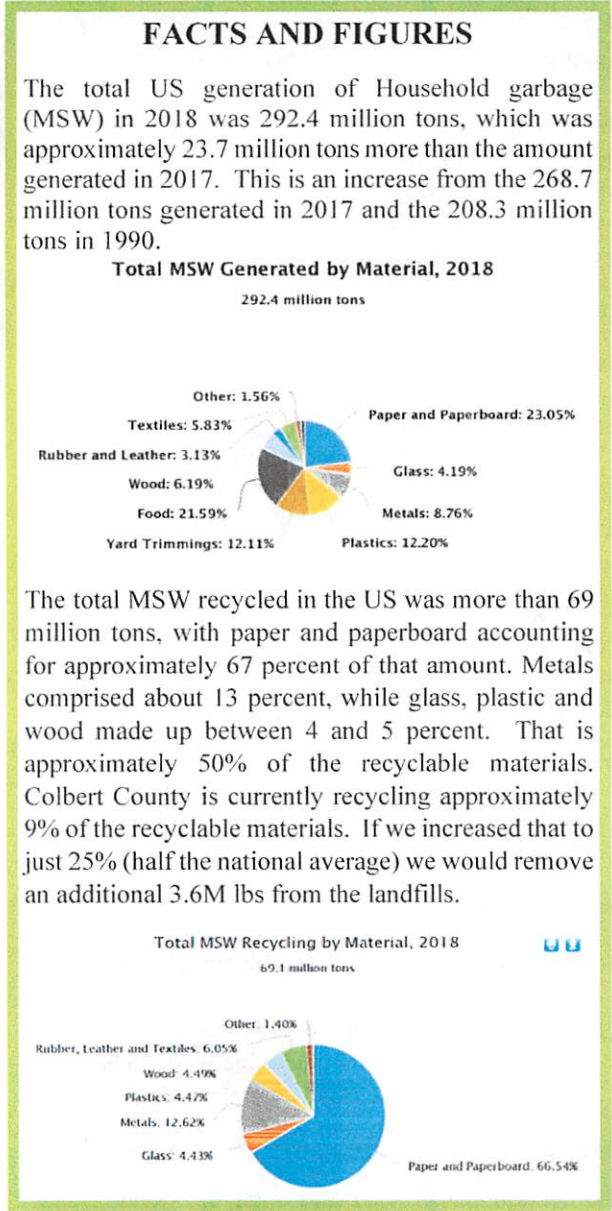
Advantages

- Provides residents a convenient location to recycle with minimal transportation required.
- Simpler operation that can be performed with regular duty trucks and trailers.
- Pickup schedules and number of containers can be adjusted as volume changes.
- Currently generating 2.2 Million lbs of recycled materials.
- Saves Cities/County \$25,000 annually in disposal fees.

Disadvantages

- Requires travel and transport of recyclable by residents.
- Cannot control waste being placed in dumpsters.
- Residents place recyclables on the ground when dumpsters are full.

Proposed Rate Increase \$1.50 - \$2.00



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OPTION 2 Curbside Recycling

Description: Collect at each residence in the county curbside once per week.

Annual Costs \$1.3M - \$1.7M

Advantages

- Provides residents with recycling option without transportation.
- Pickup schedules known and consistent.
- Eliminates litter at former collection locations.
- Estimated to generate 5.6 Million lbs of recycled materials.
- Will save cities/county \$80,000 annually in disposal fees.
- Prolongs life of Landfill.

Disadvantages

- Cannot adjust collection schedules for seasonal fluctuations.
- Higher costs per household.
- Higher potential for household waste to be placed in recycle bins.

Proposed Rate Increase \$5.00 - \$6.00

OPTION 3 Hybrid Cities - Curbside County - Community Dumpsters

Description: Collect at each residence inside the cities of Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tusculmbia curbside once per week, and continue collection in 20-yard dumpsters strategically located throughout the other areas of the county

Annual Costs \$1.0 M - \$1.3 M

Advantages

- Allows the advantages listed in option 2 in the highest population densities.
- Provides residents a convenient location to recycle with minimal transportation required.
- Estimated to generate 3.4 Million lbs of recycled materials.
- Will save cities \$52,000 annually in disposal fees, while the county will continue to benefit from its current savings.
- Lower cost to county residents.
- Allows for easy expansion to include curbside throughout the county at a later date.

Disadvantages

- Will not eliminate litter problems at current dumpster locations in the county.
- Higher costs per household in the cities.
- Higher potential for household waste to be placed in recycle bins within the cities.

Proposed Rate Increase in County \$1.50 - \$2.00

Proposed Rate Increase in Cities \$4.50 - \$6.00

OPTION 4 Stop All Recycling Services

Description: Stop all current activities.

Annual Costs None

Advantages

- Will not require an immediate increase in garbage fees.

Disadvantages

- Provide no recycling options for citizens of Colbert County.
- May discourage new industry from locating in the Shoals.
- May result in higher cost to cities/county in disposal fees.
- May increase litter.

Proposed Rate Increase None