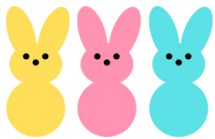




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Spring Forward With Recycling: Fresh Start for a Greener Tomorrow!



We hope you had a wonderful Easter filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments. As we reflect on the holiday, it's a great time to think about how we can continue making mindful choices for the planet - whether it's recycling Easter egg cartons, reusing decorations, or finding creative ways to reduce waste.

The Baldwin County MRF has been operational for the past three months. During that time, we have successfully produced 735 bales of recyclable material, marking a strong start to our processing capabilities.

Construction on the Fairhope CHaRM is progressing nicely and remains on schedule for completion by mid May. Construction on the Magnolia CHaRM will soon be underway.

The Magnolia Landfill has a new entrance! With the opening of the new MRF we've also opened the new scale house and a new entrance on Terra Bella Drive.

Last month, we had the opportunity to bring the mural from the water tank inside the Waste and Recycling Adventure Center. This move allows visitors to experience the story of the mural up close, integrating it into the educational facility.

This month, the SWDA partnered with Fort Morgan Civic Association, Alabama Coastal Foundation, Alabama Historical Commission, Fort Morgan Fire Rescue, and Eco Clean Marine for the 7th Annual Fort Morgan Cleanup, held on April 12th.

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MRF Update

Over the past three months, the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) has successfully produced 735 bales from the truckloads delivered to the MRF.

We have exported 19 loads of material, which is equal to 760,000 pounds. The loads exported were either cardboard or mixed paper, and were delivered to International Paper, Pratt Industries, Greif, and Midland Davis. We also are happy to announce we will be exporting #1 plastics to Indorama to be made into pellets.



CHaRM Facilities

The Fairhope CHaRM is coming together beautifully- right on track for opening by mid May 2025. Meanwhile, momentum is building at Magnolia CHaRM! With contracts signed and materials on the move, construction kicks off soon. Get ready for a summer debut!

Magnolia Landfill New Entrance

Big News! The Magnolia Landfill has a brand-new entrance-easier access, smoother flow!

Haulers, you're in for a faster in-and-out experience. And residents? Get ready for less wait time and more convenience, even landfill visits should be hassle free. The address for the new entrance is 15480 Terra Bella Drive in Summerdale right off County Road 49. This entrance is located around the corner south of the old entrance.



Water Tank Mural in WRAC



In March we had the pleasure of installing a vinyl version of the water tank mural done by Banks Compton a local muralist in the Waste and Recycling Adventure Center. The mural is located on the second floor of the facility, buy Station 17 the Waste-a-Maze.

Bringing the mural indoors turned out to be a game-changer! Now more eyes are on it, and more minds are connecting the dots. It's not just art; its a story snapshot of how the Solid Waste Disposal Authority is leading Baldwin County toward a cleaner, greener future.

Sustainability Shout-Out

Fort Morgan Civic Association

This month, the SWDA was proud to partner with the Fort Morgan Civic Association, Alabama Coastal Foundation, Alabama Historical Commission, Fort Morgan Fire Rescue, and Eco Clean Marine for the 7th Annual Fort Morgan Cleanup, held on April 12th. This collaborative effort brought together volunteers with one shared goal: to protect and preserve the natural beauty of Fort Morgan.

Participants spent the day collecting litter and debris from the beaches, roadways, and historic areas, helping to reduce pollution and protect local wildlife. In addition to the cleanup, the event served as an opportunity to raise awareness about sustainable practices, coastal conservation, and the importance of community stewardship.

We're grateful to all who showed up and made a difference. Events like this remind us of the power of teamwork and the positive impact we can create when we come together, embracing new mindsets to build a safer, more sustainable future for generations to come.

Community Engagement

This month, Jennifer Doan, participated in a Canva class hosted by the North Baldwin Chamber, where we learned how to create effective designs to promote sustainability.

We welcomed residents from Rainbow Plantation for a tour of the Waste and Recycling Adventure Center, showing them how recycling works and what happens to their waste.

On April 15th, Susan Kilby-Aaron, had the pleasure of sharing the Solid Waste Authority's recycling journey and initiatives with the Women's Group at 1st Methodist Church, Bay Minette, AL. Things are buzzing up on the north end, so much so, they've invited us back and booked a behind-the-scenes tour. The GREEN momentum is real!

GRAND OPENING



On March 20th, 2025, the SWDA, with the help of JJPR, proudly held the grand opening of the Baldwin County Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and the Waste and Recycling Adventure Center, alongside the commissioning of our new Gas to Energy Plant. This milestone marks a significant step forward in our commitment to sustainability and waste management.

The event brought together key partners, local and state officials, and members of the community, all united in the shared goal of advancing environmental stewardship. Attendees had the opportunity to tour the Waste and Recycling Adventure Center and view the MRF from the mezzanine on the second floor. We were thrilled to spend the day celebrating this achievement with our partners, as well as local and state officials, and look forward to the positive impact this project will have on our community and the environment for years to come.

What to Recycle and Where

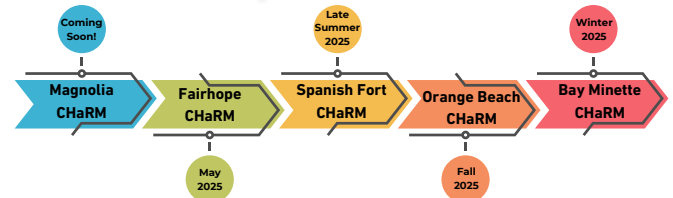
What Can You Recycle in Baldwin County and Where?

The Solid Waste Disposal Authority is committed to promoting environmental sustainability through our comprehensive recycling efforts. As part of our ongoing initiative, we are now accepting the following materials for recycling at our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Residents can conveniently recycle these items in several ways:

- **At any of our existing recycling drop-off locations** throughout the community
 - **At one of our upcoming CHaRM (Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials) sites**, which will be opening soon to expand recycling options
 - **And through future curbside programs** that will be launched in additional areas across the county
- By utilizing these services, you are helping to save space in the landfill, conserve resources, and protect our environment for future generations. Stay tuned for updates on new locations and expanded services as we continue to grow our recycling efforts.



CHaRM Timeline



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Thanks for Reading!

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