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RECYCLE



Show Your Recycling Some Love

February is a great time to refresh our habits and make sure we are recycling right! From Valentines Day to Mardi Gras there are a lot of celebrations here in South Alabama, so we want to make sure everyone recycles right and uses sustainable habits after the celebrations.

The Month of January marked the first full year of operations for the MRF. We were excited to compare the numbers from 2025 to the number from 2026. To see the difference look later in the newsletter.

The CHaRMs have been a great way to educate residents on the right and wrong way to recycle, but also where they can take items that they can't put in their curbside recycling cart. Continue reading for an update on all the CHaRMs.

Our Green Machine sorting line at the MRF is keeping recyclables moving and valuable materials in circulation. With technology and staff working side by side to remove contaminants and track problem items, this teamwork helps protect equipment and improve recycling quality for everyone.

Terri Graham has been spending so much time outside of the office spreading the word about recycling and to ensure that all communities are getting the same message. She has been meeting with municipalites, HOAs, and different associations to speak to them and answer any questions they may have.

With March just around the corner we have another holiday people love to celebrate. St. Partick's Day. Later in the newsletter we have included some tips and tricks to make sure you have a sustainable Day.

As we get closer to spring, its getting to the time where people are starting their spring cleaning. While cleaning out spare rooms, attics, and sheds make sure you are disposing of items correctly. Whether is throwing them away, recycling, donating, or taking them to the CHaRM.

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MRF Update



During the first month of 2026 the MRF had processed 425 tons of material, and exported 600 tons of recycled materials. This is great news as the tons baled has increase compared to January 2025, but we have also increased the tons of material we processed just from December 2025 to January 2026. We hope to see this trend continue as we implement curbside recycling throughout Baldwin County, continue to open more CHaRMs, and educate residents on recycling where to take it.

CHaRM Update



Construction of the Orange Beach CHaRM is coming along. Construction is currently set to be complete by early summer. As we get further into the new year, we have been doing more outreach to educate residents about the CHaRMs. Through this outreach we have seen an increase in customers at the Magnolia CHaRM.

Love at First Sort



Green Machine Line Turning at the MRF

It's love at first sort at the MRF! Our Green Machine sorting line is efficiently separating recyclable materials and keeping valuable resources in circulation. While the technology does an incredible job, the **human element is still essential**. Our team works alongside the system to remove contaminants that don't belong in the recycling stream. Even more importantly, they track and report what they find, so we can identify problem items and focus our education efforts where they're needed most.

This teamwork between people and technology helps protect equipment, improve material quality, and make recycling work better for everyone. Thank you for helping us keep it clean, simple, and sustainable—one sort at a time. 

Aluminum Bunker Expansion



Members of the MRF team recently expanded the space available for the aluminum bunker on the Green Machine sorting line. This improvement increases storage capacity for recovered aluminum, helps reduce downtime for change-outs, and keeps materials moving more efficiently through the facility. Enhancements like this allow the team to improve operational flow while maximizing the recovery of valuable recyclable materials.

St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate green without the extra waste!
Party Smart

- Choose cans or glass instead of plastic cups
- Use reusable drinkware when possible
- Clean Up Right
- Empty & rinse bottles and cans
- Flatten cardboard
- Keep recyclables loose (no bags)

Trash, Not Recycling

Plastic cups • Balloons • Beads • Glitter •
Plastic tablecloths



**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY**



Spring Cleaning

As we head into spring, everyone is starting
to do their spring cleaning.

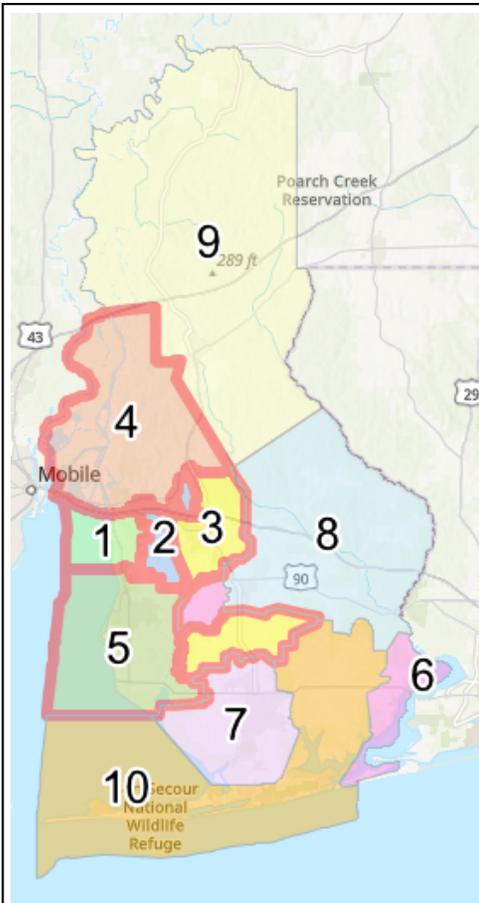
Instead of tossing everything:

- Donate usable clothing
- Recycle electronics at the CHaRM
- Bring paint & chemicals to HHW events
- Flatten cardboard boxes

Cleaning out your home doesn't have to fill
the landfill.



Curbside Recycling



Want curbside recycling but not sure if it's available in your area? Check
out this map to see when service will start near you.

Curbside recycling makes it easy to reduce waste and protect the
environment—sign up today and start recycling right at your doorstep!

1. Daphne (inside/outside city limits, west of 181 and south of I-10) **Active**
2. Belforest, Daphne (inside/outside city limits, east of 181 and north I-10), Malbis, and Spanish Forts Stonebridge **Active**
3. Loxley and Summerdale (inside/outside of city limits) **Active**
4. Bromley, Carpenter, Crossroads, Hurricane, Spanish Fort (inside/outside city limits) Stapleton, Steelwood, Pine Haven, Whitehouse Forks **Active**
5. Barnwell, Clay City, Fairhope (outside city limits), Marlow, and Magnolia Springs (inside/outside city limits) **Active**
6. Lillian, Silverhill (inside/outside city limits), and Ono Island **Starts April 6th, 2026**
7. Bon Secour and Foley (outside city limits), Gulf Shores (outside city limits) **Starts June 1st, 2026**
8. Elsanor, Gateswood, Robertsdale (inside/outside city limits), Rosinton, Seminole **Starts August 3rd, 2026**
9. Bay Minette (inside/outside city limits), Blacksher, Georgetown, Gopher Hill, Latham, Little River, Lottie, Phillippsville, Rabun, Redtown, Stockton, Tensaw, and Vangordon **Starts October 5th, 2026**
10. Elberta (inside/outside city limits), Fort Morgan, Josephine, Miflin, Perdido Beach **Starts December 7th, 2026**

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

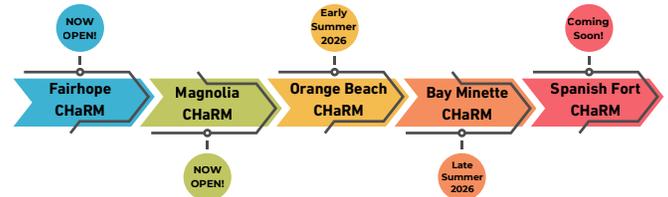
By utilizing these services, you are helping to save space in the landfill, conserve resources, and protect our environment for future generations. Stay tuned for updates on new locations and expanded services as we continue to grow our recycling efforts.



The following items will be accepted at the Solid Waste Disposal Authority CHaRM (Center Hard to Recycle Materials) Facilities.



CHaRM Timeline



Sign Up for a Tour!

Interested in touring the MRF and the Waste and Recycling Adventure Center? Schedule a tour by going to baldwincountyswda.org/recycling.

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Thanks for Reading!

This is a monthly publication so be on the lookout for the next edition in March 2026!

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