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Review the Draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and share your feedback during the public comment period, August 1–31. Your input will help inform future solid waste and recycling programs for Albemarle, Fluvanna, and Greene counties, as well as the City of Charlottesville.

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January 22
Virtual Zoom Meeting
6:00PM

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Virtual Community Workshop Feedback

Verbal Feedback

- I have experience with a private organization in the past who did a great deal of research in waste to energy using thermotechnology that does not have emissions or any waste. And it's just lost on me how all these years later, we're still talking about the same things in this country. One obstacle that we had initially was that this is already a proven technology that's in Europe and France and Japan. They have it inside of communities, it's so clean, it's not tucked away in some countryside somewhere. But, we had to have the legislation updated, to include smelting rather than, the technology kept getting, pigeonholed into an emissions releasing technology, which it's not. Some of our customers were, Puerto Rico, because they're an Islander state, LA County and LA City, and we were talking to several, cities along the East Coast as well. The thing is that there's a tipping point, there's a tipping fee, rather, issue that seems to be blocking with the pers... with private industry with regards to... to the... the big money-making business that waste is in our country. And I would like to see some, uncoupling of some of these old, archaic processes that we've been using. And it just seems like we still can't get past GO, so I'm... I'm just going to listen, but, you know, I've... I've got some information that I can give you at the end if somebody wants to go and take a look.
- I live out at Lake Monticello, and I'm an older person who's been through a lot of workshops and a lot of environmental actions, promotions, and it just is... recycling seems like it should be something we've got onto. But, I'm really disappointed in Lake Monticello. I'm really... I was surprised to see that Fluvanna County, or I guess our private collector, does not have to report. And how is that even possible? How can you do it regional plan and talk about Fluvanna County or the population center here without having data. And I took that survey, and that's what made me interested in joining this workshop. Yeah, the survey, I had a lot of input about what goes on here, and that's really all I know about, this neighborhood. There are directions on the cans, and then you see other stuff go in the cans, and then when I ask the neighborhood what actually is allowed to go in the cans, it's another whole list that doesn't match. And it all gets picked up anyway. It doesn't matter. People have, fluorescent tube lights in their recycling bin, and you walk past it later, and it's emptied for them. There's so much else going on right now, I haven't really made any

campaign about it. But it just seems like this is basic stuff. We should be able to get this right, and I think it needs... It needs enforcement. It needs people to be fined. It needs them to be told; your trash doesn't get picked up if you don't do it right. You know, no more of just letting people do whatever they feel like should be the way to do it, or what makes it easy for them. With no repercussions, and... it gives the message that it really does not matter. It's not important. So, that's my input.

- Just in my experience with the SMART goals concept. Continually improve is not an achievable goal. There must be, and maybe this is more of your broad goals, and maybe you have somewhere else where it's more specific, so that might be what I'm missing. But, instead, you would set a measurable outcome. So, like, if... if we have not reached... I see that in a number of our past plans, we have set 25% as the goal, and we have not reached that, so we might need to figure out what do we need to do to make it truly reached, you know, or is our goal 35%, or... but yeah, just specificity and measurable outcomes. Yeah, continually improve is not really an achievable outcome.
- For resource and recovery waste goal 2: Comply with State and Federal regulations, it seems like that that's a moving target, depending on who's in charge. In, in, you know, by state or city, and it, it doesn't, you know, a lot of, a lot of, municipalities are not on the same page, at all. And again, I think a lot of this is just driven by, you know, the private sectors, but you know, not to beat a dead horse, but with the... with the Tenasco thing that's going on, you know, I mean, that's a gasification plant, but that's not really going to... I mean, if we're going to, you know, if they're going to do that sort of a thing, why not look at something that can do that, offer gas as a... as a byproduct of also processing waste? I mean, and maybe this is a new concept for some of those that are listening to the call, but this has been something that's been out there for such a long time, and we're just not... I mean, it's like we're just not... we're being faked about it. And I... and I think it's... it's not because we don't understand it, I think it's because of the industries that are already here and established. And they don't want to give up the turf. But, again, in order to know what our goals are. Those targets for emissions and whatever, they changed... I mean, they cha... they changed in Virginia. Which made some of these plants be able to say, oh, we're within regulation now. You know, we're within regulation. So that kind of makes it... makes you feel that, oh, well, then we're safe. But that's not necessarily the truth. That's not exactly a fair assumption. But, but I just, I guess I just want to say is that, are we keeping up with, the changes of the regulations. Sometimes they, you know, have a high bar, and then someone else comes into

office, and that bar is lowered. And I guess, are we, are we a voice to... to affect that, to be more consistent with, with the needs of how we process our waste responsibly. And, do we have a representative that is at that table when those decisions are being made? That's... that's kind of... All I wanted to say about that.

- A request for information for other, other, processes, and then the same old, things that we're using now. Can we join other regions? I mean, this... Couple county, region. Doesn't have to recreate, can we join with larger populations in you know, those, those kind of... big needs.
- Trying to make a goal for, you know, reducing the waste that we basically buy and then throw out. I mean, how... I don't understand how a group would decide to do that when our You know, profit-driven Economy allows product creators to do whatever they want. I mean, we don't choose to have things packaged in plastic, and if you... you can choose an alternative and you care, you do that. We've been doing that for...Decades. And more stuff comes out in package, in, you know, over-packaged all the time, still. There's no... cost to them. I mean, the cost has to go to them. They have to bear a burden, or they're not going to change it, and we Change it from our end. So, I, you know, it's been years since I worked in this sector of waste to energy, but, since I've relocated here to Lake Monticello and have attended some of the Tenaska gas, project meetings, I've just become, you know, I've had a resurgence of interest in this field. So, I'm just trying to figure out where we can get data. I mean, you know, AI, maybe, even. I mean, I don't know, somewhere, somewhere we should be able to find this data. But then what... but then what? What would we do with it? What do you do with it once we get it... you know, once the data is collected, then what... how's it packaged, and who sees it? Someone that makes a decision of some sort? Or... You know, is in a brain... you know, what did... what happens?
- I suspect that with, storm damage, the residual waste that's created from that Probably, in many cases, gets shipped out of the state, to wood pulp factories or other types of things like that, but other waste also gets shipped out to other states and winds up in other landfills, outside of a particular... state. So...I'm just trying to connect the dots, and it would be helpful if somebody from... and I'm sure, you know, maybe some of it is proprietary information, and they wouldn't want to share, but I know that, for example, California, in 2009, they were recycling over 50% Of their waste, and they were still filled up at the landfills and transporting their waste to the Middle Atlantic states for processing in other states. Do you ever work with, anybody... any representatives from the Southern Law Center? Because I think they track some of that information on where and how waste moves in the state.

- So, I, you know, it's been years since I worked in this sector of waste to energy, but, since I've relocated here to Lake Monticello and have attended some of the Tenaska gas, project meetings, I've just become, you know, I've had a resurgence of interest in this field. So, I'm just trying to figure out where we can get data. I mean, you know, AI, maybe, even. I mean, I don't know, somewhere, somewhere we should be able to find this data. But then what... but then what? What would we do with it? What do you do with it once we get it... you know, once the data is collected, then what... how's it packaged, and who sees it? Someone that makes a decision of some sort? Or... You know, is in a brain... you know, what did... what happens?
- Well, I was going to say that the jobs that might be, created for a Thermo Select type of It would be mostly in the infrastructure piece of it, There's not a whole lot of regular staff once the project is up and running. Maybe, you know, 20, 25.if that answers your RG2... RG2, or contributes to your RG2? Jobs, could this also be tied to jobs, economic development. But with the, you know, with the data centers needing more energy, and them screaming for more power, and it's, you know, it's a topic that all of us are mumbling about, the waste-to-energy thing just makes sense to me. But, and there's no emissions or pollution or any of that. It's just... it produces gas that can be captured and reused and turned into electricity, and it also... what...Of the solids that are left over, the residual, it is aggregate that gets reused as roads, as part of the material that they, do roads, make roads with. So, it's...it's just an absolutely incredible process, technology, but, yeah, so I... there would be jobs initially, like I said, for the infrastructure, but not, A whole lot of jobs after.
- I just don't hear anything about... recycling...I guess the sense is that people... it's...it's, settled. Like, people recycle, whether it makes them feel good, or whether it saves them money with their trash disposal fees, and that's that. Like, it's not part of a serious... part of our community. You know, that that the garbage... dealing with garbage is a, serious concern of any... of anyone's, really. It just seems like it's a minor detail not to be...Really given too much thought to.
- I was just going to say that, you know, gosh, you know, recycling is supposed to be a feel-good thing, right? You know, you're doing your part and that sort of thing. But after being in the industry that I was in, it was a... it was just a mind blow to find out that recycling uses a lot of energy. A lot of energy, and then it's resold to companies, and they make things out of recycled materials, and then they can put a label on their product and say, oh, you know, we're being sustainable. And so, you know, it's... it's not their fault. I mean, they're... everybody has sold that story, you know, but...But recycling, I think, was really developed in large part, too, because it... it

makes their... there's more room in the landfills then, you know? There's... or there's less landfills, or whatever, but that hasn't been the case, as the you know, I mean, California is just one example, but there's lots of other states that are... that are in the same situation, where they're recycling more than 50%, and they're still filling their landfills. But, you know, I... you know, people would think I was being Silly to think that recycling isn't beneficial. And I... and I think there definitely is a place for it, but I think that, it's using up a lot of energy to recycle also, to process recycling, and so I would just, again, I just keep circling back, is why don't we just get it all done in one fell swoop? You know, turn it into something we can use, like energy and, you know... Materials for our road infrastructure. But, so if anybody's interested, I know there's...some... some of these, like I said in the beginning, are in Japan and France, and... the technology was developed in Switzerland, and, so, yeah, it's a... It's a thing, and it's just a shame that we haven't been incorporating it more than we... We just don't at all. Do it here, so it's just unfortunate.

Feedback from the Chat

- IWTonline.com will take you too an explanation of the Thermoselect technologies.
- If the % is for the region, it cannot be known if private collectors don't report. So planning goal 1 would need to be - collecting valid information to measure it at all
- Waste to Energy - I lived in Spokane WA for many years, and it was a good system, other than the occasional illegal activities = so again enforcement is key
- Is there any discussion yet about the concentration of poisons in plastics occurring in plastic recycling? These pellets created are loaded with pfas and nanoplastics, then made into polyester baby clothes. Gross.
- Producer pays is the watch word for pfas in drinking water even at the EPA, seems like an easy jump to solid waste with the right leadership
- Historically in Virginia, business FIRST has been the rule. This means protecting the hauler businesses has been the rule from the general assembly.
- Another scary topic is sewage sludge, another form of waste. which carries pharma, pfas, heavy metals. When localities discuss banning or regulating land spread of sludge, they are told "where will we put the sewage treatment by products?" Blue Plains in DC has a huge investment in waste to energy, but the smaller treatment plants have no money for it. Trump cancelled a 40M$ grant to Blue Plains to complete their project. .....

- There is interstate activity. Now MD has banned sludge spreading, so lots more is coming into the northern neck. Gen Assembly has bills to regulate and perhaps to authorize localities to do more. My fear is that all this work and reports goes on the shelf in DC and Richmond, never to be seen again.
- Citizens in Crozet have wanted a recycling center for 20 years. 14k residents could have an impact
- A goal suggestion for stimulating demand - prioritize business approvals for those that make use of waste stream - instead of data centers, tenaska, etc
- When I was little in the 50s, we had a bottle bill in Virginia. Kids made pin money picking up bottles on the roadsides. I have been trying to get this back to the legislature for 30 years

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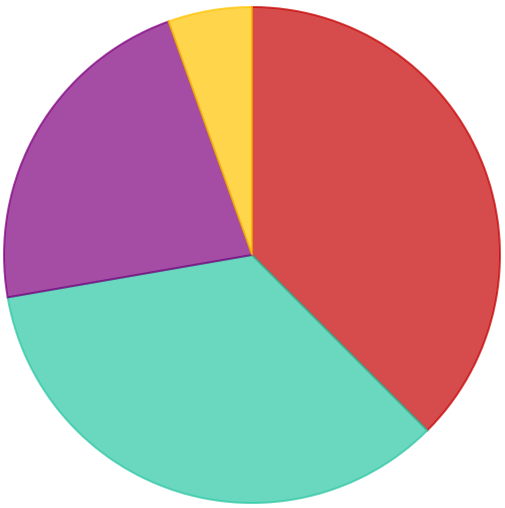
TJSWPU Solid Waste Management Public Survey
View Results Online: https://arcg.is/1THn5z1

Demographics

Where do you live?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Albemarle County	96	37.35%
Fluvanna County	89	34.63%
City of Charlottesville	57	22.18%
Greene County	14	5.45%

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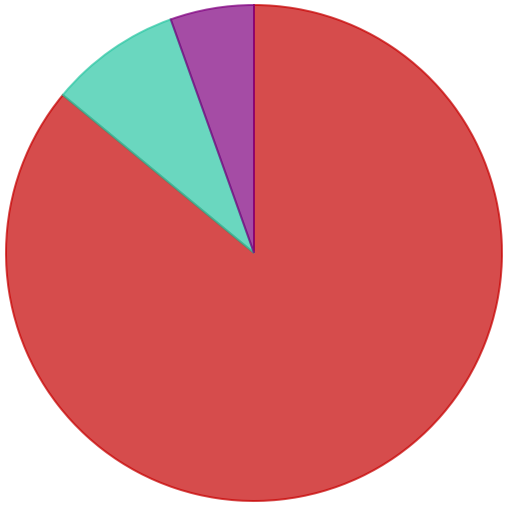
What type of housing do you live in?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Single-family detached housing (standalone house, mobile home)	221	85.99%
Multi-family housing (more than 4 units - apartment, townhome, condo, triplex)	22	8.56%
Single-family attached housing (townhouse, duplex, condo)	14	5.45%

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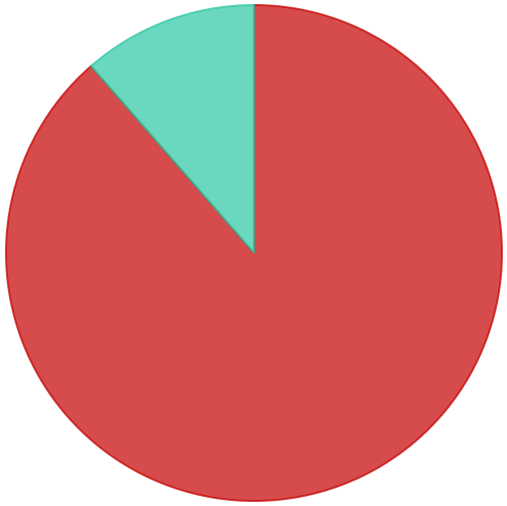
Do you own or rent your home?



Answers	Count	Percentage
I am a homeowner.	225	87.55%
I am a renter.	29	11.28%

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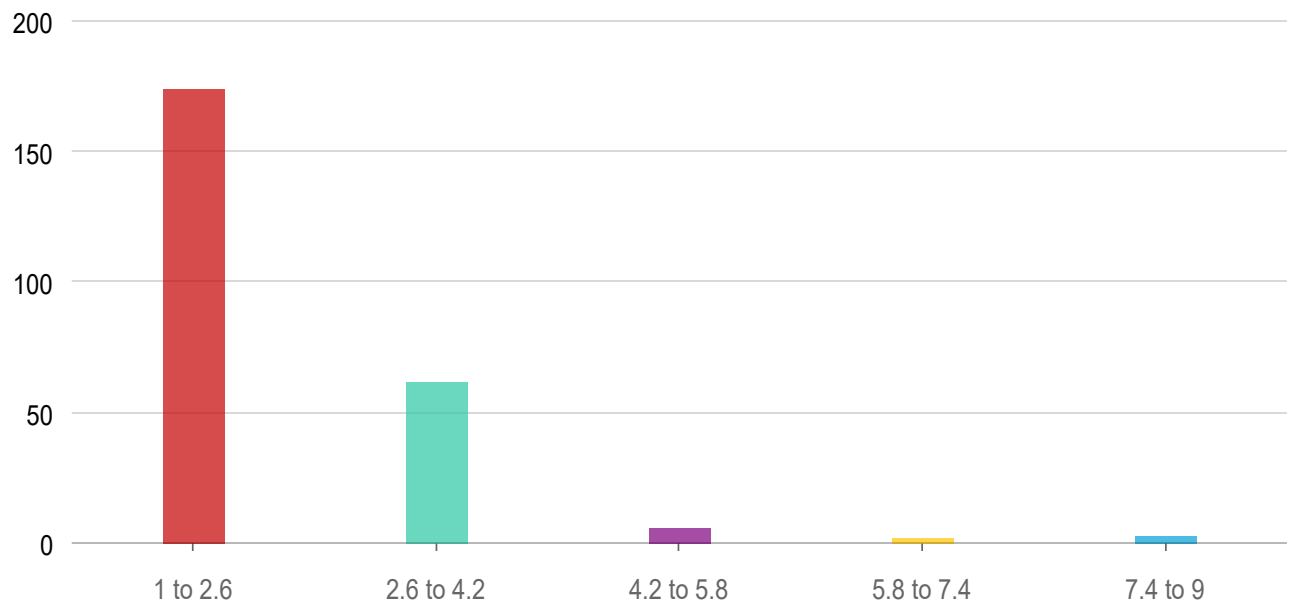
Including yourself, how many people live in your home?



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Min.	1
Max.	9
Avg.	2
Sum.	594

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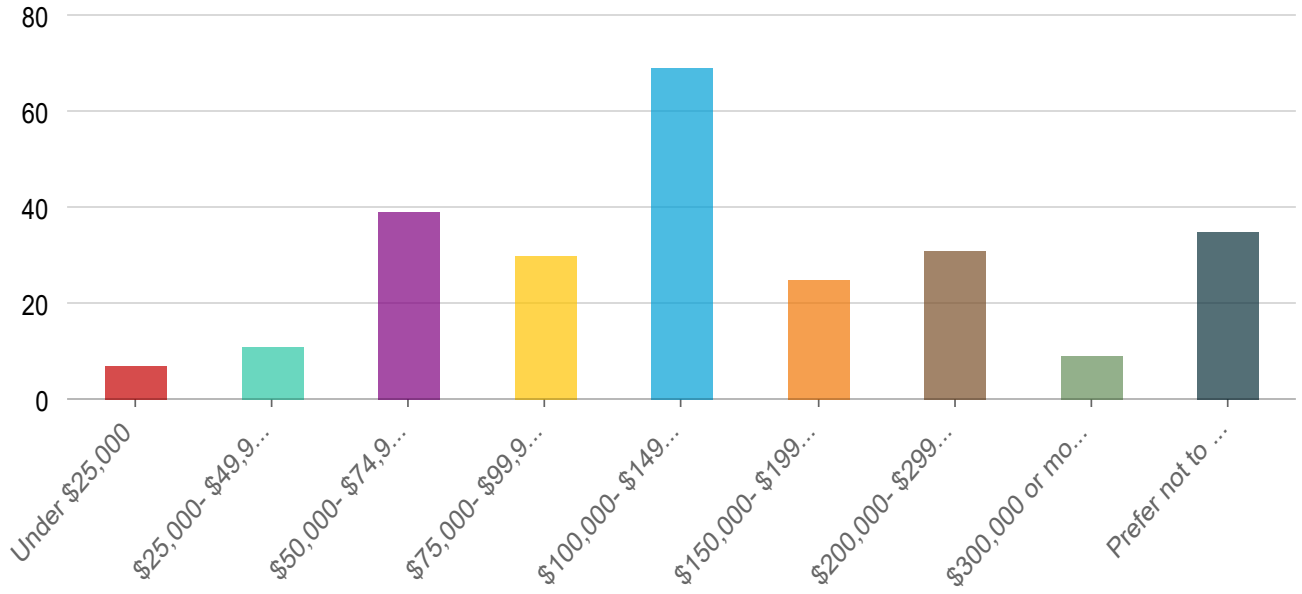
What is your annual household income?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under $25,000	7	2.72%
$25,000- $49,999	11	4.28%
$50,000- $74,999	39	15.18%
$75,000- $99,999	30	11.67%
$100,000- $149,999	69	26.85%
$150,000- $199,999	25	9.73%
$200,000- $299,999	31	12.06%
$300,000 or more	9	3.5%
Prefer not to answer	35	13.62%

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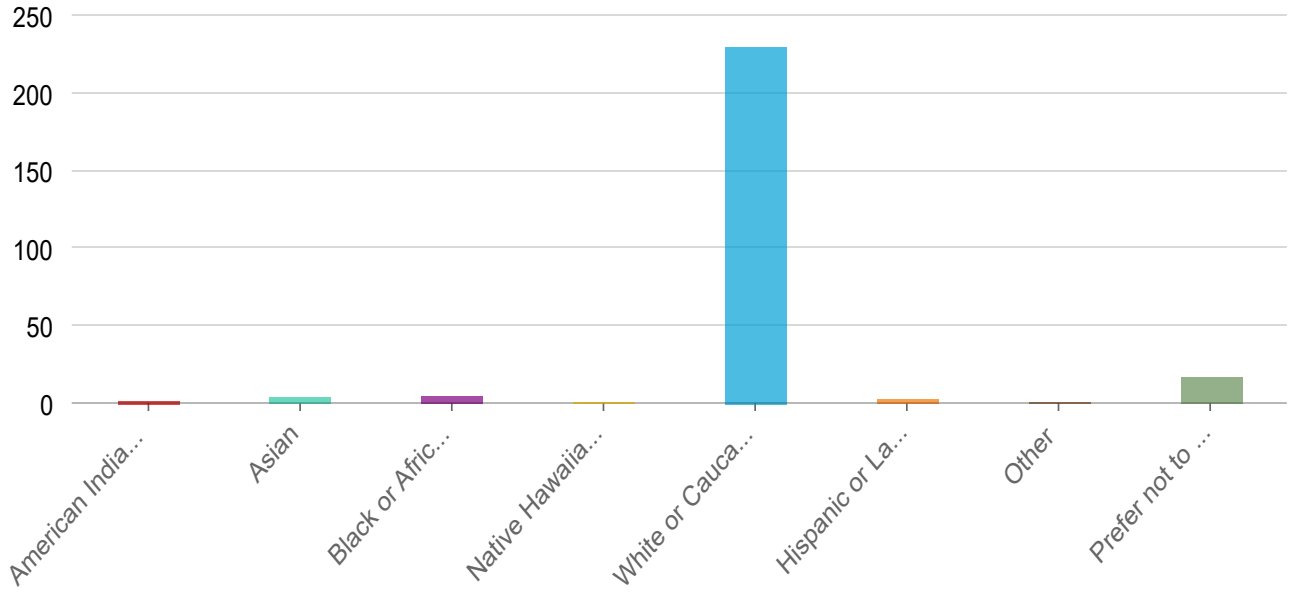
- **What race or ethnicity best describes you?**



Answers	Count	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0.78%
Asian	4	1.56%
Black or African American	5	1.95%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0.39%
White or Caucasian	230	89.49%
Hispanic or Latino	3	1.17%
Other	1	0.39%
Prefer not to answer	17	6.61%

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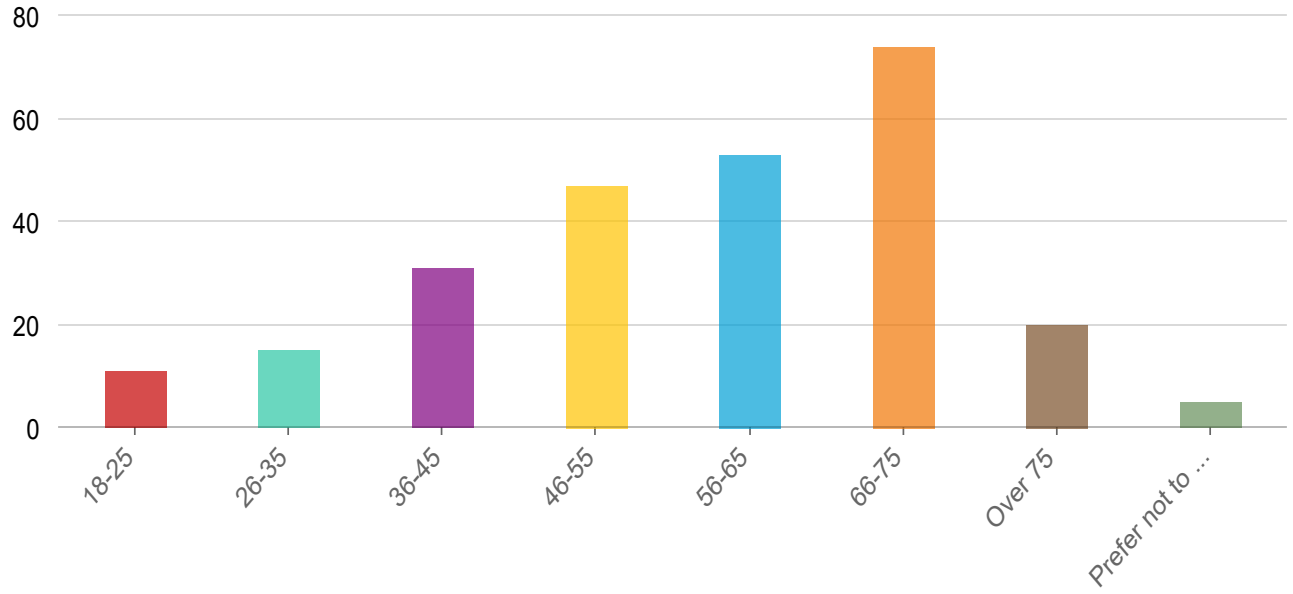
- **What is your age?**



Answers	Count	Percentage
18-25	11	4.28%
26-35	15	5.84%
36-45	31	12.06%
46-55	47	18.29%
56-65	53	20.62%
66-75	74	28.79%
Over 75	20	7.78%
Prefer not to answer	5	1.95%

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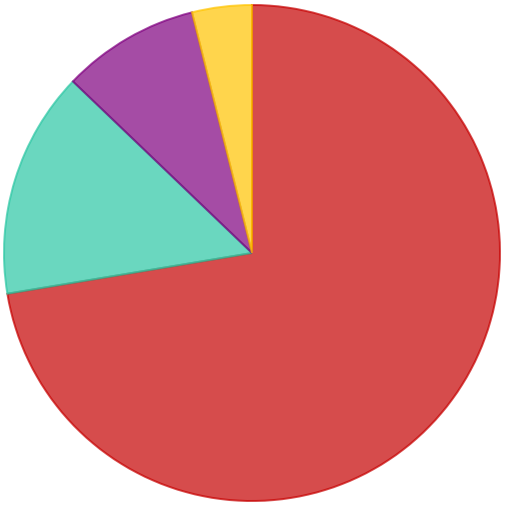
Let's talk trash!

Let's talk trash! > Trash Collection and Management

How is the trash from your home regularly collected?



Answers	Count	Percentage
A truck comes to your home and picks up trash at the curb	186	72.37%
You take trash to convenience centers	38	14.79%
You and neighbors drop materials in a shared dumpster for collection	23	8.95%
Other	10	3.89%

Answered: 257 Skipped: 0

If other, please specify.

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Word	Count
trash	3
ivy	3
make	2
Bag	2
private	2

center	2
landfill	2
250	1
arranged	1
put	1
occasional	1
neighbor's	1
can.	1
curbside	1
pickup	1
company.	1
times	1
year	1
trips	1
excess	1
yard	1
waste	1
trash.	1
service	1
weekly	1
due	1
frequent	1
bear	1

activity	1
intermittently	1
location	1
condo.	1
drive	1
wagon	1
bin	1
answer	1
Transfer	1
Station	1
Fluvanna	1
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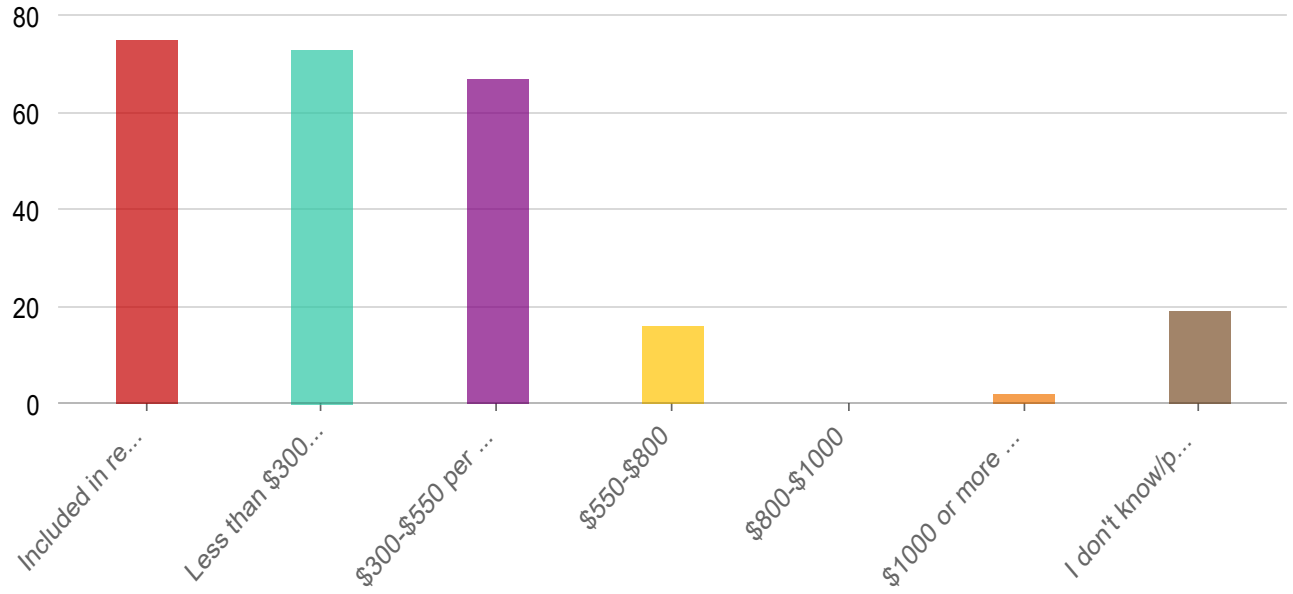
How much do you currently pay each year for waste collection services?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Included in rent/HOA fees	75	29.18%
Less than $300 per year	73	28.4%
$300-$550 per year	67	26.07%
$550-$800	16	6.23%
$800-$1000	0	0%
$1000 or more per year	2	0.78%
I don't know/prefer not to answer	19	7.39%

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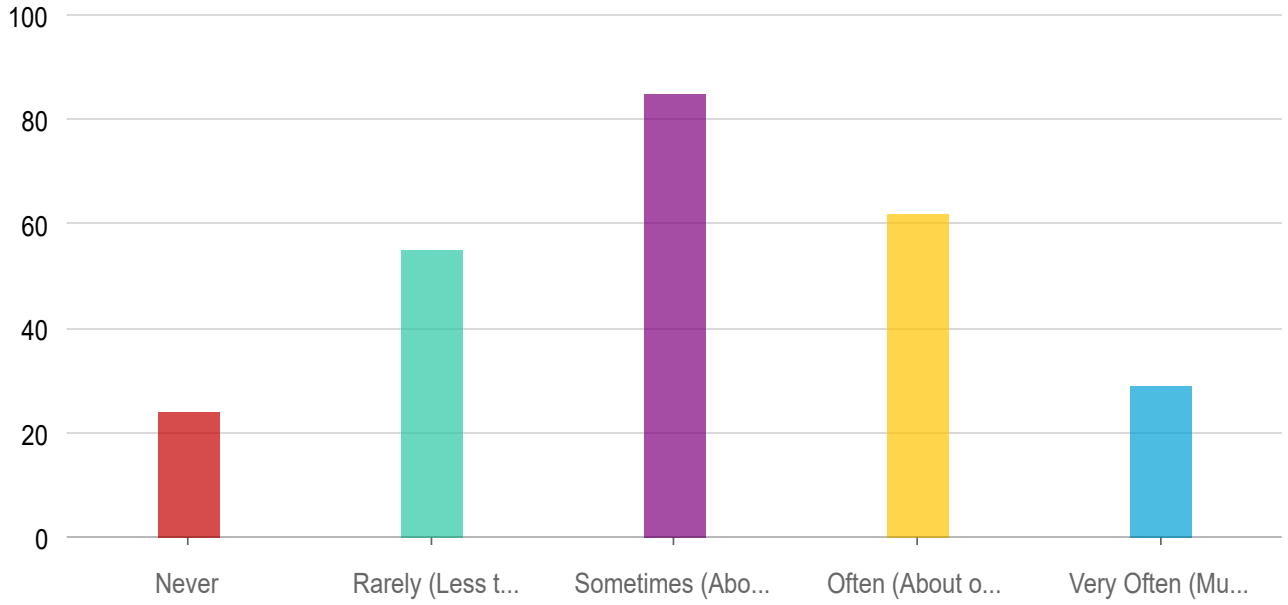
How frequently do you choose not to purchase a product primarily…



Answers	Count	Percentage
Never	24	9.34%
Rarely (Less than once a month)	55	21.4%
Sometimes (About once a month)	85	33.07%
Often (About once a week)	62	24.12%
Very Often (Multiple times a week or more)	29	11.28%

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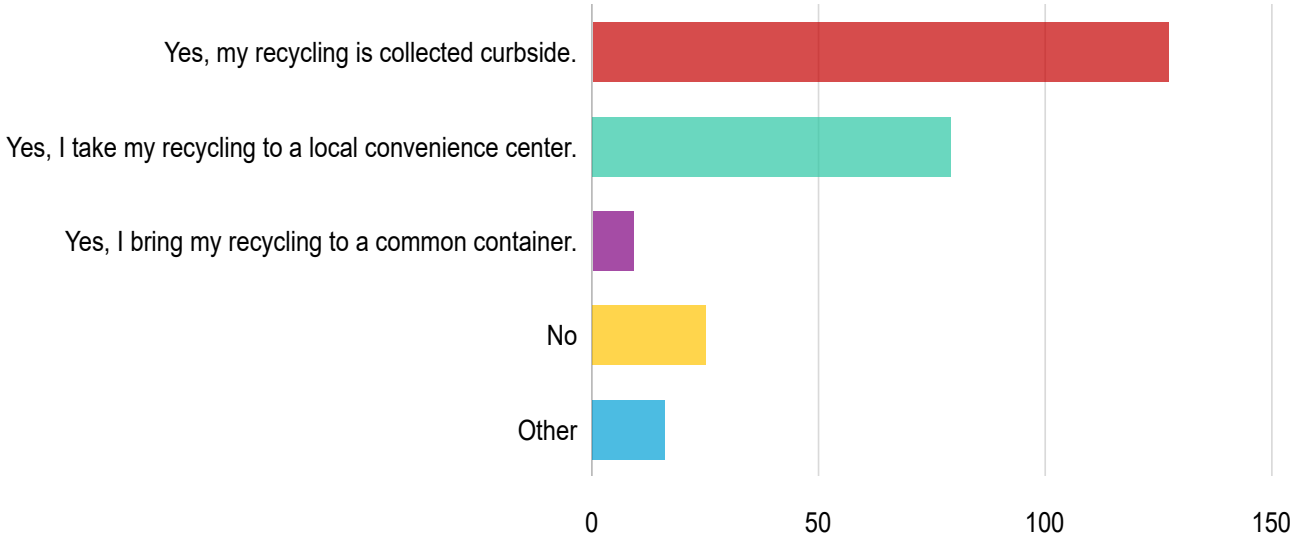
Let's talk trash! > Recycling Habits

Do you currently recycle at home?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes, my recycling is collected curbside.	127	49.42%
Yes, I take my recycling to a local convenience center.	79	30.74%
Yes, I bring my recycling to a common container.	9	3.5%
No	25	9.73%
Other	16	6.23%

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Word	Count
curbside	6
recycling	4
local	3
collection	3

center.	3
convenience	3
collected	2
plastic	2
bags	2
recycle	2
things	2
center	2
bring	2
2	1
Yes.	1
curbside.	1
recyclables	1
compostables	1
grocery	1
recycled	1
Treks	1
benches	1
-too	1
difficult	1
Separate	1
drive	1
county	1

recycle.	1
cardboard	1
aluminum	1
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plastics	1
metal.	1
paper/cardboard	1
/glass	1
trash	1
store	1
else.	1
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specific	1
materials	1
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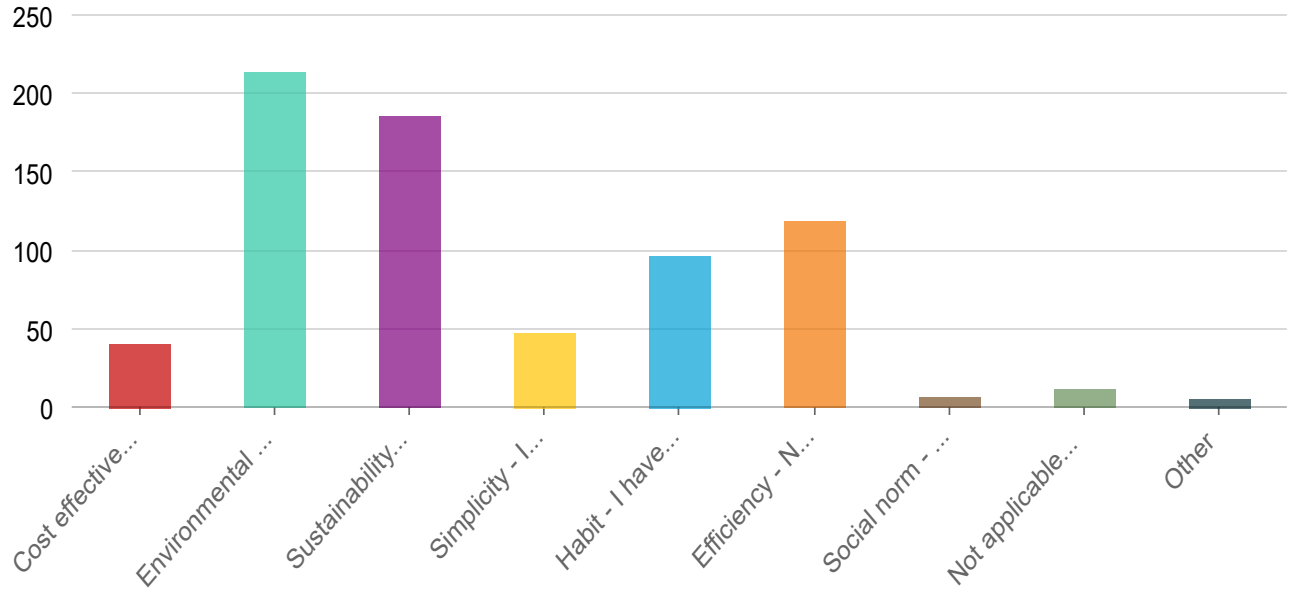
What are your primary motivations for recycling ?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Cost effectiveness - It saves me money to divert waste from the landfill	41	15.95%
Environmental protection - It protects the planet, recreation opportunities, etc	214	83.27%
Sustainability - It conserves resources for future generations	186	72.37%
Simplicity - It is easy to recycle so I don't mind doing it	48	18.68%
Habit - I have been recycling for a long time	97	37.74%
Efficiency - Not recycling seems wasteful and inefficient	119	46.3%
Social norm - Everyone seems to recycle, so I do too	7	2.72%
Not applicable - I am not motivated to recycle.	12	4.67%
Other	6	2.33%

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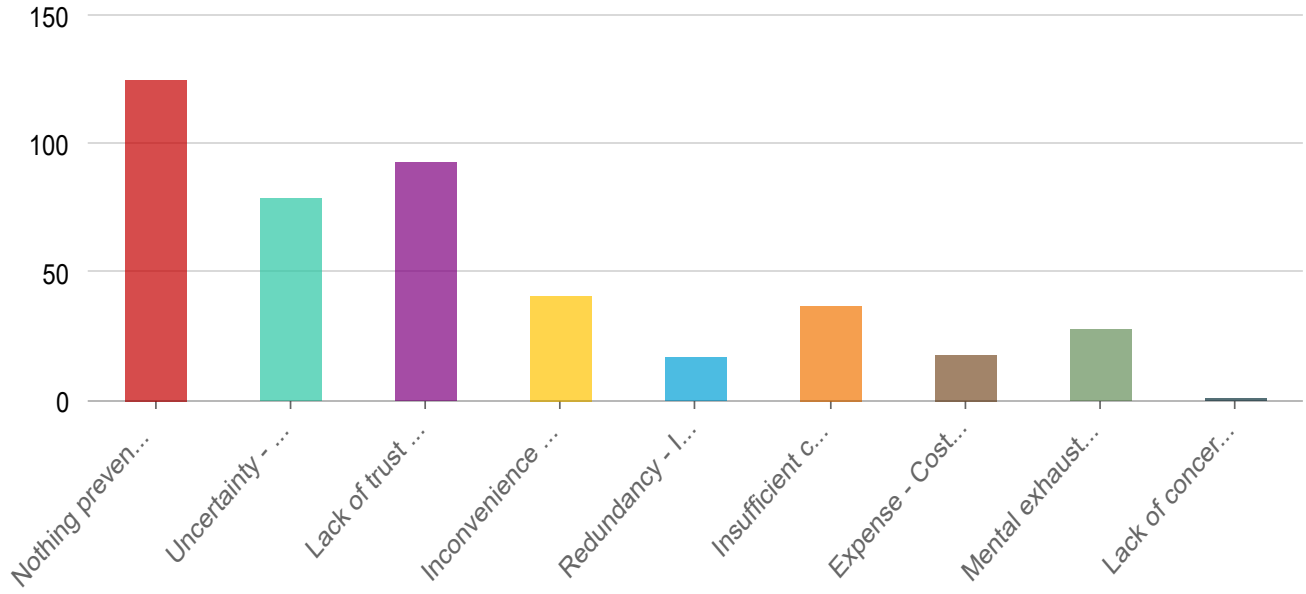
What stops you from recycling or makes it difficult for you to recycle more?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Nothing prevents me from recycling	125	48.64%
Uncertainty - I am not sure what items are recyclable and/or which bins to use	79	30.74%
Lack of trust - I have heard it all goes to the dump anyway	93	36.19%
Inconvenience - Lack of space to store materials to be recycled	41	15.95%
Redundancy - I have heard recyclables get sorted out of the trash anyway	17	6.61%
Insufficient collection - Recycling is not offered by a waste collector or landlord	37	14.4%
Expense - Cost of an additional cart for recycling	18	7%
Mental exhaustion - I have too many other things to worry about	28	10.89%
Lack of concern - I just don't care very much about recycling	1	0.39%

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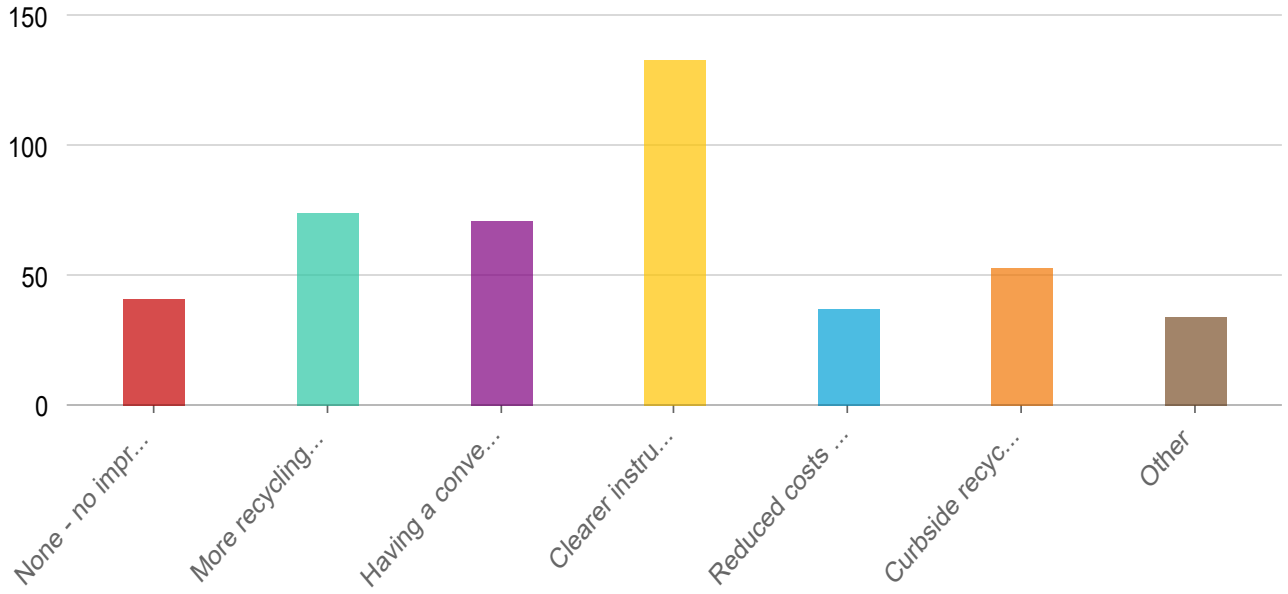
Which of the following might help you to recycle more?



Answers	Count	Percentage
None - no improvements necessary	41	15.95%
More recycling education programs and projects	74	28.79%
Having a convenience center or recycling drop off option closer to my home	71	27.63%
Clearer instructions and labeling on what can and cannot be recycled	133	51.75%
Reduced costs for recycling services	37	14.4%
Curbside recycling pick up	53	20.62%
Other	34	13.23%

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What reuse and recycling opportunities are you familiar with in your area?

Response	Count
None	7
Mcintire	2
We take our recycling to McIntire or Gordonsville (not our counties), since the recycling area for Fluvanna is too far away for us in a direction we rarely go.	1
We take many items to the Habitat Re-use Store, we have used Goodwill or Salvation Army, We have donated some items to the local shelter. We have an account with Black Bear Composting for food waste. I appreciate the areas where we can take our 1 & 2 plastics as well as glass, metal, cardboard. We have just gotten Ridwell to try to multilayer plastics. We have used "Trashy" for very worn clothing materials. We have used growlers or refillable bottles, but challenging to remember to put them in the car.	1
We recycle batteries to the Fluvanna county landfill. Flourescent bulbs and CDL bulbs recyled to Lowe's. Soft plastic taken to Tractor Supply, County library for Ruritan project. We take old or out of date Rx to CVS since Sheriff's office is no longer collecting these .	1
We pay for composting and take metal to McIntire.	1
We drive to McIntire and Ivy when needed. But they don't always accept e-waste and never any clothing / shoes.	1

We donate or repurpose many things that are not recyclable through our current provider….but it would be helpful to have a list of all places 8n the area and what type of items they recycle….ie electronics, what to do with #5 plastics…..although we try not to purchase anything with that type of plastic where ever possible….and reduce plastic use overall….	1
Ven der Linde recycles construction materials.	1
UVA seems like a reliable place to recycle because they sort their recycling and publish where everything goes. It's harder to trust curbside recycling in the city because it seems like a black hole.	1
Town dump; used oil recycling; plastic bag, battery, old computers & monitor recycling in stores,	1
Tire day, paint day,	1
Tire day Hazardous waste	1
Thrift stores, scrappy elephant, refill renew, tool library, habitat store. Recycling center, curbside recycling	1
Thrift stores	1
There are multiple thrift stores, consignment stores, and refillers around me. There is a recycling center near me.	1
The Scrappy Elephant creative reuse store (big fan!); Twice is Nice and other thrift/secondhand clothing stores; Habitat for Humanity + their store, Goodwill	1
The Refill store to allow filling existing bottles instead of buying new. Stores like Scrappy Elephant that take used craft supplies. Recycling - curbside and downtown convenience center.	1
The recycling convenience center at the county landfill and van der Linde's single stream facility. I wish there was a commercial glass crushing operation as that would create some jobs in the county, remove a lot of glass waste, and would generate a profit for the county (selling the aggregate).	1
THe real question is why Albemarle County continues to GOUGE citizens to have to pay pay pay to get rid of their waste. Even rural, poor Nelson County doesn't do that. Collections sites are manned 12 hours a day for citizens to drop off their trash and recyclables. Why can't Albemarle follow this model? Oh wait, the only goal of Albemarle county is to take as much money as possible from their citizens.	1
The McIntire recycling center, the ivy facility, and the Greene waste facility	1
The convenience center accepts common recyclables like paper, plastic, glass, and aluminum as well as certain hazardous materials. Local businesses accept oil, electronics, and clothes for recycling or reuse.	1

Take bags to library, saving for a new bench. Give small boxes and packing bubbles to local ceramics shop. Free libraries. Library annual sale... Donations to goodwill	1
Southern albemarle recycling center	1
Since it is picked up curbside, I don't know of others. I would like to know about the ability to dispose of batteries and tires.	1
Scrappy Elephant	1
Salvation Army of Charlottesville offers free donation pick-ups, which is extremely helpful to me since I don’t have a car. My housing complex offers cardboard recycling only but the shared dumpster is often overflowing and full of contaminants.	1
RSWA special collection days.	1
RSWA (McIntire, Paper Sort), curbside pickup, UVA recycling, Buy Nothing groups	1
Rivanna Solid Waste Authority has convenience centers in Albemarle that are great!	1
Refilling store where you can bring your own containers to fill with shampoo, laundry detergent, other liquid supplies—to decrease the need for large plastic containers	1
Refill store, thrift stores, ROSE at UVA, Habitat Store,	1
Recycling is picked up curbside but I bring cardboard to the McIntire Center.	1
Recycling drop off for my apartment, buying from local second-hand stores, recycling bins around Grounds.	1
Recycling Centers and Solid Waste Authority’s Collection activities	1
recycling center near county office building	1
Recycling center in Cville near the John Warner parkway	1
Recycling - People in the city have curbside pickup. We use McIntire for drop-off. Some people on our street use for-hire private haulers for curbside pickup. Reuse - I participate in my Buy Nothing neighborhood group, take things to Goodwill/SPCA Rummage/etc.	1
Private organizations hosting recycling opportunities to support local projects utilizing the recycled items.	1

Plastic bags can be recycled at the grocery store, batteries and electronics can be recycled at Staples or Lowe's. Unfortunately, my neighborhood recycling does not accept plastics except for #1 and 2 - other places I've lived have had more materials able to be recycled. The habitat store is great for demolition waste, and goodwill can recycle old clothing.	1
Plastic bag drop at Food Lion is the only one I'm aware of in the area.	1
Pick up by city contractors, but too many people pollute the bins with unrecyclable trash, so i think all just goes to trash. For that reason I take my recycling to McIntire.	1
paper, xmas trees, and pumpkins to convenience centers curbside for bottles, cans	1
Paper, plastic, metals	1
Only dropping recycling at the convenience center.	1
Not familiar at all with recycling in my area.	1
None. When I lived in Albemarle, I worked with a company that did both trash and recycling - single stream, though I've heard that's apparently not great? I don't know, life is already too hard.	1
None. It seems like the only recycling center is for City of Charlottesville residents only.	1
None that I am aware of	1
My HOA has recycling bins, but they are often full. I also go to the Ivy Recycling Center about once a month.	1
Metal collection services, thrift stores, Habitat ReStores, tire collection at Pleasant Grove in April, composting	1
McIntire, Drug Take Back, UVA Recycling - pretty much all as I ran Better World Betty for 10 yrs	1
McIntire Reduce Reuse store near Circa	1
McIntire Road Center GFL picks up our recycling for a fee. I do hope it is actually being recycled.	1
McIntire Recycling, Specialty recycling days at Ivy Resource Center	1
McIntire Recycling Facility is where I take my things, and occasionally use buy nothing groups to avoid sending items to any waste stream	1
McIntire recycling center, UVA ReUSE store, UVA ROSE store, Goodwill	1

McIntire Recycling Center, local grocery stores with plastic film/bag recycling, thrift shops and consignment shops for reuse.	1
McIntire Recycling Center, Ivy landfill.	1
McIntire Recycling Center, Ivy Convenience Center, Scrappy Elephant, Earlysville Exchange, Goodwill, Staples, Ivy amnesty days	1
McIntire Recycling Center, at Greene County Solid Waste Facility	1
McIntire Recycling Center & Ivy Landfill Recycling Center (with trash!)	1
McIntire Recycling Center	1
McIntire Recycle Center Batteries to Batteries Plus (ebike batties to Bike shops). Gerdau Recycling, Ivy Landfill. Best Buy (electronics related)	1
McIntire center	1
McIntire and Ivy recycling centers	1
McIntire (nearby), IMUC (inconvenient location and dates for special collections, as well as time-consuming to wait in long lines because the dates are so infrequent).	1
Lots. I typically take my mixed paper, cardboard, and plastic films to recycling center. Everything else I put in my curbside bin. I go to the Reuse/Refill store to buy products without packaging. I will also try and get things from other reuse stores as well as opposed to buying new. (Scrappy Elephant, ROSE at UVA, local consignment shops, or buying used online (thredup)).	1
Looking forward to the northern convenience center opening in Albemarle County. I hope the county plans to share widely and often information about the center and the importance of recycling.	1
Local dump and our trash company. The trash company charges way too much. The dump has limited hours and it just isn't convenient. I really wish I could recycle, I hate throwing away glass and cardboard in particular. We just don't go the way of the dump often and it is time consuming.	1
Lightbulbs and batteries at Lowe’s and Staples. Fluvanna landfill and Vandeleth on Rt 250 also for cardboard.	1
Landfill has opportunities to drop off some recycleables McIntyre recycle center Some electronics stores accept some appliances - wish the variety of items accepted was larger Some composting services that collect food and yard waste - i.e. Black Bear	1
Keene Convenience center Green for life pick up service McIntire recycling center	1

Keene convenience center is where we go, otherwise there doesn’t seem to be other options near me.	1
Just rivanna waste centers	1
Just curbside pickup.	1
Ivy Solid Waste and Recycling Center McIntire Recycling Center plastic bag recycling at grocery stores Re-Cork wine cork recycling Composting workshops offered by the Piedmont Master Gardeners.	1
Ivy location recycling center	1
Ivy Landfill, Charlottesville recycling center and compost	1
Ivy Landfill and Charlottesville recycling center	1
Ivy Dump Charlottesville McIntire Recyling Center	1
Ivy Convenience McIntyre	1
Ivy center McIntyre center	1
ivy and McIntire rd	1
In addition to city curbside recycling, we take plastic film and excess cardboard boxes to McIntire recycling center	1
I'm aware of the McIntire Recycling Center and am on the RWSA mailing list about periodic amnesty material drop offs.	1
I visit McIntyre Recycling Center every week. I am so appreciative of the composting availability and have reduced my landfill "trash" significantly. I wish more people would take advantage of it. The staff are terrific -- Kudos!	1
I use the recycling center on Macintire.	1
I use the McIntire Recycling Center.	1
I use the Greene County facility at the landfill.	1
I use Scrappy Elephant, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Twice is Nice. In addition to my biweekly sorting of recyclables at McIntire Recycling Center.	1

I thrift many items and repurpose many as well. I also donate many items as I am decluttering and preparing for downsizing in the future.	1
I strongly believe in recycling. I live near downtown Crozet. I have commingled recycling picked up biweekly, but I know that only a small percentage actually gets recycled. My only other option would be to take it to the Ivy MUC or the Waynesboro recycling center, as I did when I was younger. I wish there were a recycling center in Crozet, like at the old Acme visible records property.	1
I regularly use McIntire and Ivy for recycling. I take batteries and light bulbs to Batteries Plus. I avoid products packaged in plastic as much as possible by using refill options and bulk buying, available at Integral Yoga, WFM and the Refill Renew store.	1
I pay for GFL to pickup mixed recycling. I participate in the separate plastic film collection for park benches.	1
I pay extra for black bear compost in addition to GFL recycling	1
I know I can recycle cardboard but uncertain whether the collection company used by my apartment does any recycling.	1
I know about McIntire, but I don't have space to collect separate recycling in home and then make a trip to dispose of it. My HOA provides single stream recycling and so that's I use.	1
I go to the McIntire Road Recycling Center for plastic bag recycling and large cardboard box recycling. I try to send things that are still useful to the Habitat Store or to Goodwill.	1
I go to the IVY MUC. I am very grateful that it was put in a few years ago. Prior to that I went to McIntire.	1
I go to charlottesville.	1
I don’t use any at the moment, I would appreciate electronics recycling being made easier.	1
I do not live in a subdivision. There are very few opportunites to safely take recycling items. My curbside trash company takes recycling every other week in a separate, designated container. However, it is an additional charge, and I cannot afford to pay extra nor justify the expense when you have a family to support. Van der Linde is the closest place that I know of to take recycling free of charge. However, they accept construction debris and you run the risk of having a nail going into your tire tred or in the side wall. A very expensive fix and not worth the risk. Also, the business entrance/exit is not paved. When it rains the mud gets all over your and when it is dry the dust gets all over your car. You also run the risk of a rock flying up and hitting your windshield from other large dumpsters when they enter/exit the site and from the entrance/exit itself. Again, a very expensive fix.	1

I am familiar with the recycling center near my home.	1
I am familiar with the McIntire center and we visit there often - but it is not very convenient for people in the northern part of the county. I do not trust the local recycling pickup companies for recycling.	1
Home pickup and McIntire recycling center. Also compost food waste at home.	1
Hazardous waste collection, Van der linde recycling center, Buy Nothing groups, Refill Store, Habitat Restore	1
Habitat store takes construction materials and furniture able to be reused. Goodwill, Salvation Army take clothes, furniture, toys, other misc items. McIntire recycling center takes recycling. GFL picks up our recycling in the City at the curb.	1
Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill, Salvation Army, Circa, High Tor, Scrappy Elephant, etc.	1
Greene County Solid Waste Management. Local supermarkets receive plastic bags for recycling. "Another Time Around" (for reuse).	1
Good compost can be taken to the McIntire Recycling Center, also large cardboard boxes. We take advantage of this.	1
GFL curbside single-stream pick up doesn't seem as recycling friendly as service in Fairfax County. We take all glass and plastic film to Ivy about once a month because those are just problem items for single stream recycling. Also take metal cans and aluminum foil/pie tins, and whatever #1 and #2 plastic is on hand when go to Ivy because I think the sorted material is more likely to be recycled. Experience in Fairfax was that adding local recycling facilities were abused by residents if not monitored. Trash and bulk items often left at the area. County had to close those facilities because cost to maintain was too high.	1
GFL curbside recycling	1
freecycle.org earlysville exchange goodwill/salvation army	1
food, cardboard, paper products, glass, aluminum, newspapers, plastic 1 & 2, plastic film, office paper, The bi annual electronic and household hazardous waste drop off in Ivy including paint, bulbs. Bring back the old red building where you can pick up stuff at the Ivy Landfill. Habitat for reuse stuff along with all the other second hand shops	1
Food Lion will accept plastic wraps; Lowes will accept batteries; Target will accept glass but not much; Greene Co will accept metal and paper but the rest goes into trash and a land fill	1

Fluvanna sort of recycles at the dump but until recently roadway difficult to drive down. Hard to fit things into containers. Where does it even go?	1
Fluvanna Landfill and plastic recycling at almost a dozen locations in the county	1
Fluvanna County “convenience center”	1
Fluvanna Convenience Center, Community TREX plastic recycling	1
fluvanna convenience center, hazardous waste "days", merchants who accept recycling of products they sell (oil, batteries, etc.)	1
Facebook Buy Nothing group, second-hand stores, McIntire Recycling Center (materials, cooking oil, oyster shells, compost, etc.), Van der Linde for construction materials or to purchase recycled materials.	1
Facebook 'buy nothing' group	1
Drop off locations; subscription to curbside collection	1
Donate to Goodwill, free on BuyNothing Facebook group, Facebook Marketplace listing	1
curbside, recycling center in Troy near Zions Crossroads, county dump, store bins for certain household items and electronics	1
Curbside, drop off at McIntire or Ivy, and City compost	1
curbside recycling; McIntire center; for reuse - goodwill	1
Curbside pickup, McIntyre recycling center in Charlottesville	1
Curbside pickup in C-ville, McIntyre Road collection center, many options for donating useful items - from BuyNothing to Habitat.	1
Curbside collects aluminum, glass, and plastics 1 & 2. I collect aluminum beverage cans and give them to someone who turns them in for a charitable fund raiser. I take clear plastic film to the library, where it is collected for use in plastic lumber for benches.	1
Curbside collection, McIntire Recycling Center, Gerdau for metals, Ivy drop off for specific things, special waste collection events, large item pickup,	1
curbside city of charlottesville, mcintire center, staples and best buy and other places that take other items, buy nothing groups	1
County and city recycling centers	1

Convenience centers; certain retailers' recycling programs (Staples, Best Buy, etc.); online "buy nothing" groups; thrift/second-hand retailers (Twice Is Nice, Goodwill)	1
convenience center, collection at Pleasant Grove once a year.	1
City curbside program as well as RSWA services	1
center on McIntire and center out in Ivy.	1
Cardboard, milk jugs, aluminum, tin, newspaper, paper	1
Buy nothing, freecycle on Facebook. Goodwill. McIntire recycling. Convenience Center.	1
Bags and wraps are collected to be recycled at the library and Ew Thomas to make benches	1
Area landfill, public library collects bags for benches and projects, and individual requests or offers on Buy Nothing sites, as well as Market Place. It's not hard to reduce, reuse, recycle and renew in this area and we appreciate it very much. There is very little litter on area roads as well	1
Apparently there is not a vigorous market for recycled waste. I also try to recycle electronic waste and avoid buying plastic if at all possible.	1
All I know is the McIntire Recycling in Charlottesville. I will take large cardboard items there. I have added separating my glass out of my home recycling and taking it to McIntire Recycling Center to keep glass from breaking in the container.	1

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Let's talk trash! > Composting and Food Waste Management

How familiar are you with composting?

Answers	Count	Percentage
I am quite familiar and compost when I can	152	59.14%
I am sort of familiar, but I rarely or never compost	57	22.18%
I am quite familiar, but I rarely or never compost	42	16.34%
I never really knew what it was before today	6	2.33%

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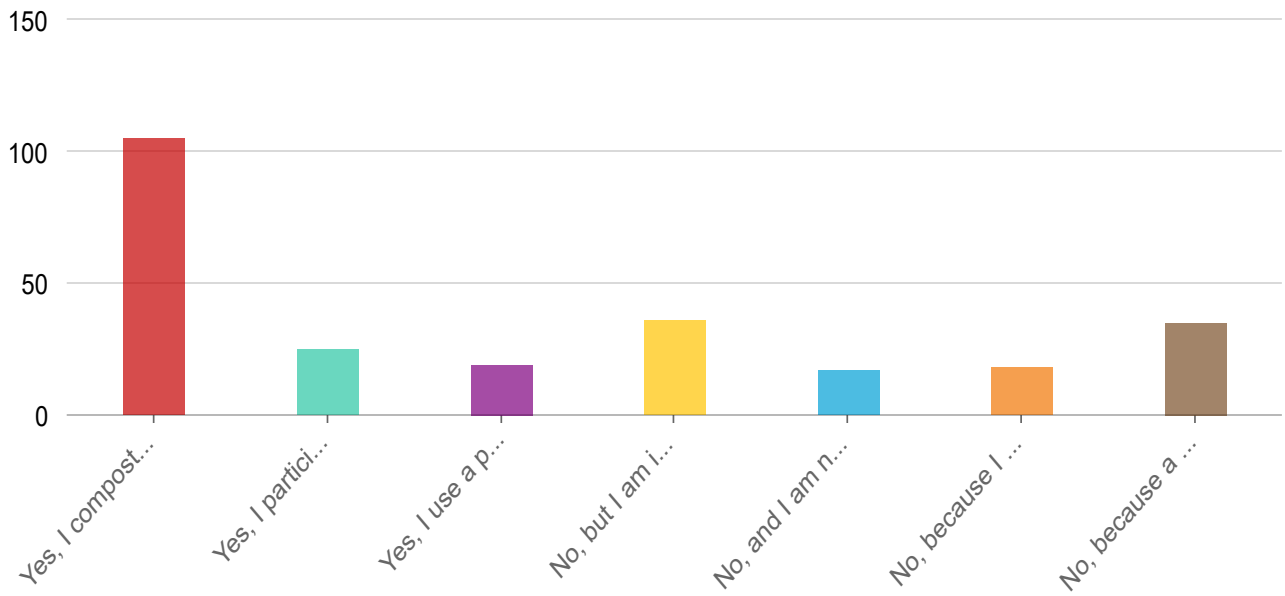
Do you compost at home or participate in a community composting…



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes, I compost at home (in a bin, pile, or tumbler).	105	40.86%
Yes, I participate in a community composting program (e.g., dropping off scraps at a garden, farmers market, or collection site).	25	9.73%
Yes, I use a private food scrap collection service.	19	7.39%
No, but I am interested in starting.	36	14.01%
No, and I am not interested.	17	6.61%
No, because I lack the space or equipment.	18	7%
No, because a convenient program is not available.	35	13.62%

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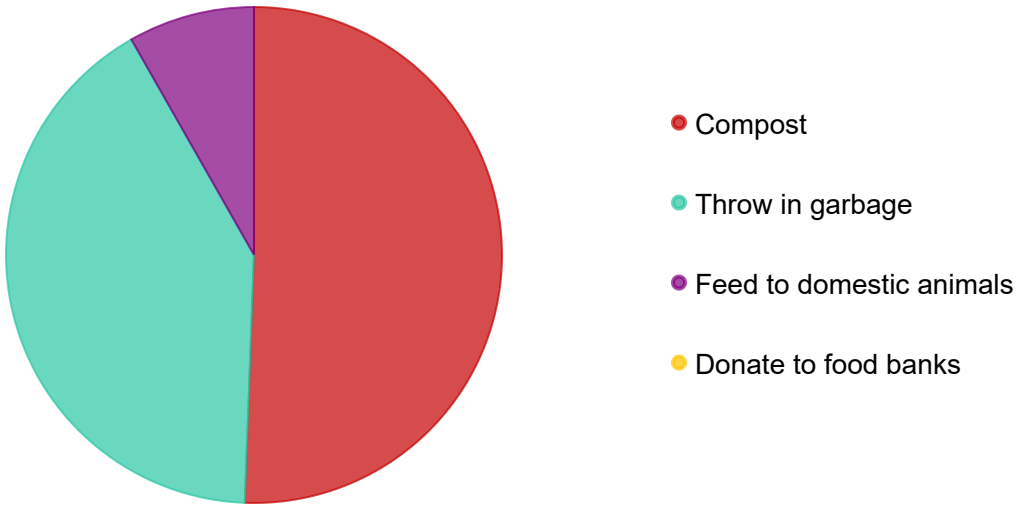
What do you do with food scraps that you don't consume?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Compost	129	50.19%
Throw in garbage	105	40.86%

Feed to domestic animals	21	8.17%
Donate to food banks	0	0%

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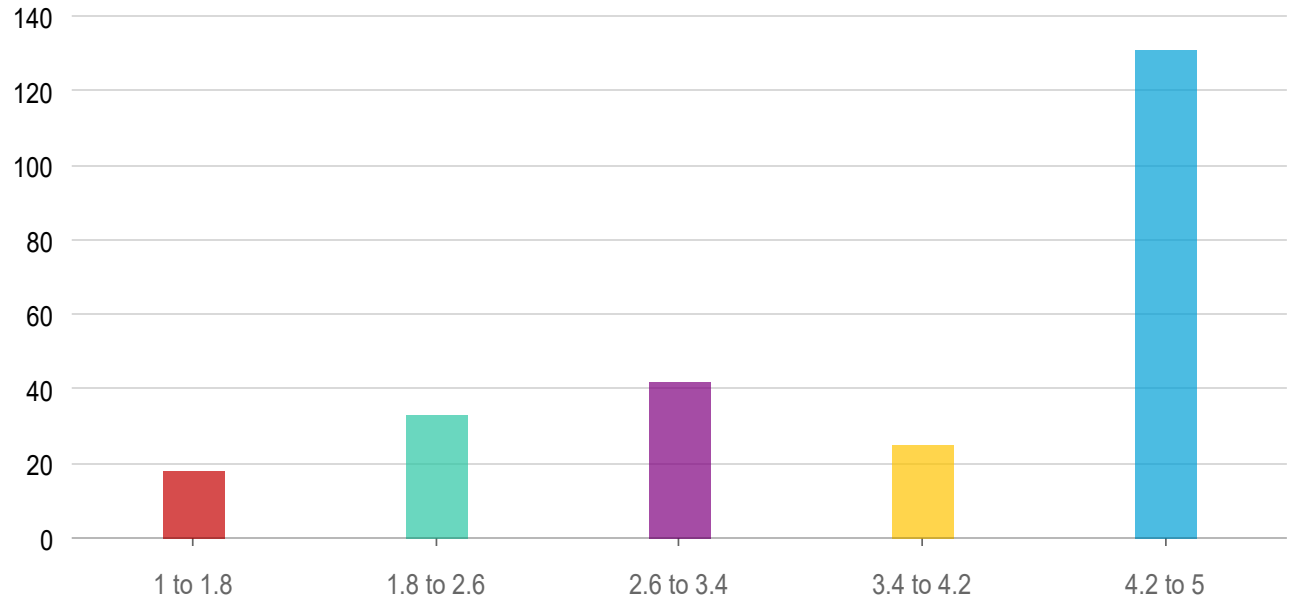
On a scale of 1 to 5, how motivated are you to compost?



Stats	Value
Min.	1
Max.	5
Avg.	4
Sum.	965

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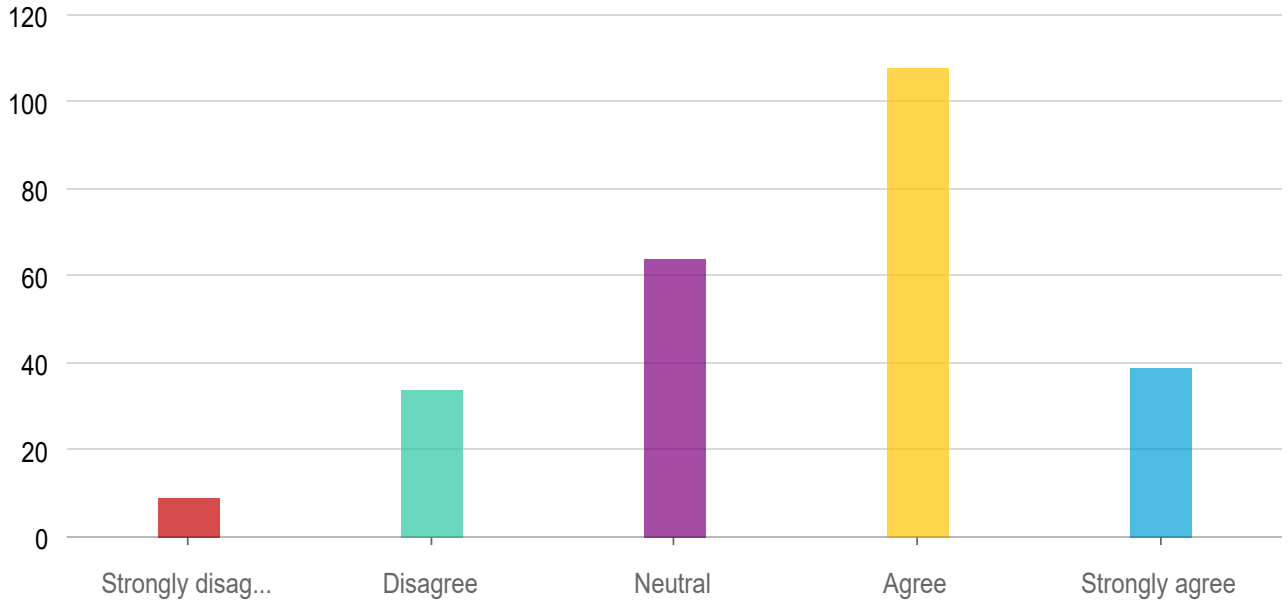
Let's talk trash! > Current Service Quality and Feedback

I am satisfied with the waste collection and drop-off services available …



Answers	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	9	3.5%
Disagree	34	13.23%
Neutral	64	24.9%
Agree	108	42.02%
Strongly agree	39	15.18%

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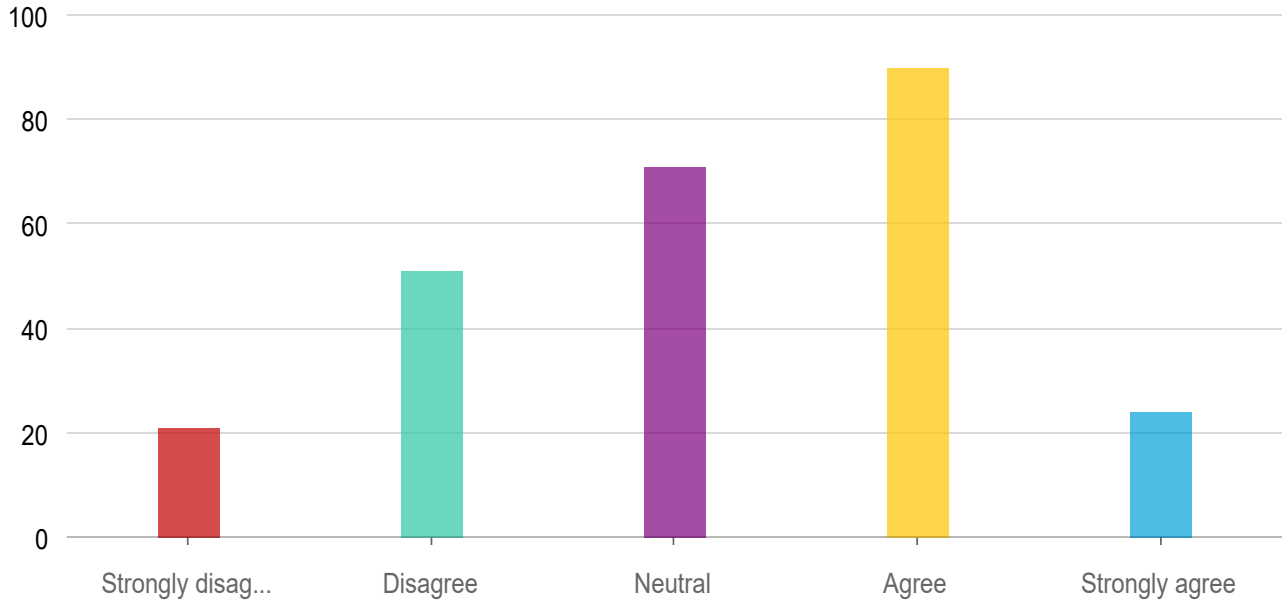
I am satisfied with the local recycling services provided.



Answers	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	21	8.17%
Disagree	51	19.84%
Neutral	71	27.63%
Agree	90	35.02%
Strongly agree	24	9.34%

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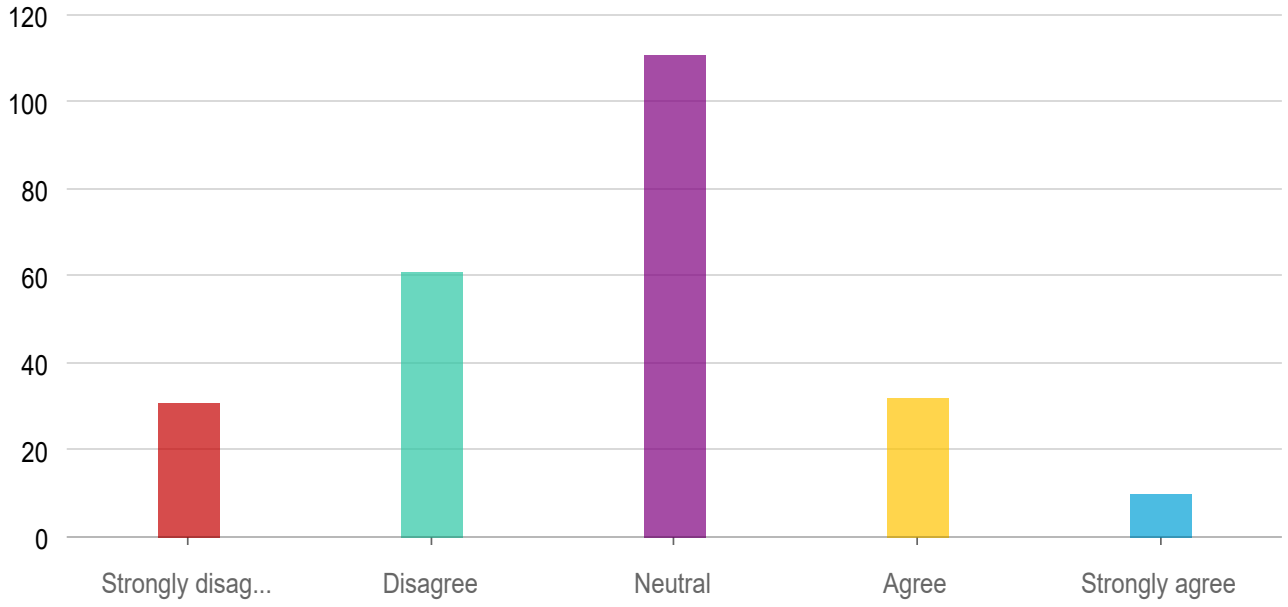
I am satisfied with the local composting services provided.



Answers	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	31	12.06%
Disagree	61	23.74%
Neutral	111	43.19%
Agree	32	12.45%
Strongly agree	10	3.89%

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What improvements would you suggest to enhance waste management services …

Response	Count
Would love to see collection of more #5 plastics. They seem to be everywhere.	1
Would like a too good to put in landfill table in covered area to put used items that someone else might like. In our old town, volunteers (retirees) monitored the table to organize the items and make sure trash was not left on the table.	1
Working more with organizations ...for example, Community Centers to have more education and more recycle and compost programs that they participate in. Maybe it needs to be incentive based.	1
wider area for Black Bear composting service	1
What is 'local'? Did you ask are in rural area, HOA, rural yet neiborhood subdivisions - how far out from locations such as PLank Rd. {Ivy Landfill) and McIntire Rd (McIntire Recycle Center). Disposal locations, near trailer parks, remote locations as in 'the hollows' to include, garbage. rec;ycle materials. fines for misuse (or public shaming - whatever). A more usefull survey.	1
We should not be paying to dump trash. All other counties are free. Also, my biggest peeve is that the dump is not open during convenient times.	1
We should have roadside pickup for composting. Many cities do this and we should be able to manage it. We should require the private companies that pickup trash to clearly state what can be recycled and where do they take the items for recyclying.	1
We pay a private service to compost more than we can manage at home. Would love for the city to provide a curbside service.	1

We need to find ways to make composting and recycling cheaper, easier, more convenient, and more "normal" than putting something in the trash. There are lots of ways to get there, but it takes intentionality from local elected leaders.	1
We need to continue recognizing and dealing with our trash and other pollution. It should be a clear part of public education with participatory projects and other activities. We're continuing to make a childish mess of the world. Many societies are doing better and far less harm than we are.	1
We need more opportunities for recycling small household applicances - things like clothes irons, coffee pots, kitchen hand mixers, and many others	1
We need access to glass recycling.	1
We need a place to recycle paints, chemicals, light bulbs, etc. As far as I know, these aren't accepted at the convenience center. So I have to wait for the once a year at Pleasant Grove. That absolutely doesn't work for people who are moving and need to get rid of that stuff immediately.	1
We could use compost to create biogas for heating or transportation. We could also make composting mandatory and offer free pickup.	1
We are unsure about how much of the curbside recycling is actually recycled. We frequently hear "most of it gets dumped as trash anyway, so why bother"	1
unsure -- more education about the importance.	1
Truth and affordability from trash hailers; pick up of recyclables.	1
trash bi weekly and recycle weekly would be a better schedule	1
Those indicated in earlier responses: More drop-off locations, a greater variety of accepted materials (e.g. ALL types of glass containers and #1 plastics), and clearer instructions. For example, sometimes it can be helpful to know *why* a particular type of an otherwise recyclable material isn't accepted, such as why "frozen food bags" are not accepted, even though they are often #4 plastic, which otherwise is accepted. Is the prohibition because the frozen food bags are chemically treated in a manner that other #4 bags are not, or is the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority simply assuming such bags are not #4 plastic? Knowing this information can help citizens determine whether or not their items are truly recyclable.	1
There is no recycling or compost services/programs at my apartment complex which is frustrating and creates more barriers for me to do so.	1
There are many in my area who don't care or don't know that it is costly to landfill everything. Somehow letting folks know that recycling might save them tax dollars might help?	1

There are local composting services provided?	1
The Ivy facility is relatively close to my home, so it is easy for me to take advantage of it. That is not the case for many people in Albemarle County. Having additional recycling centers in strategic locations would be helpful.	1
The Ivy dump is convenient for me, but there are too few trash and recycling locations in Albemarle County. Detailed lists with many more examples of what should and should not go into each recycling bin are needed. At the Ivy dump there is one trash can to accept composting for 30,000 people. I bring pizza boxes there but my pizza boxes alone fill the sole composting trash can.	1
The ability to recycle more items that can be recycled.	1
The ability to recycle more items at the Greene County Waste Management Facility.	1
The ability to collect and recycle chemical, oil,paint or other type wastes.	1
Tell me the recycling is NOT going into the landfill!!! Where can I take styrofoam and know it will be recycled.	1
Subsidized service for composting (or parallel trash discount) would allow more households to opt into Black Bear's great services. More clarity around what is and/or isn't recyclable on curbside recycling. Review and auditing of curbside recycling. People put all kinds of trash in them without any penalty - which makes the whole system less efficient and trustworthy.	1
Stop charging a fee for every single thing we already pay taxes to support.Other counties surrounding albemarle don't gouge their citizens to dispose of waste. Why must albemarle?	1
Start a community composting service. If there is one, advertise it.	1
Somewhere to take #5 plastics	1
Sometimes the cans for composting at Ivy are very full. Maybe an additional can. Maybe you could add other numbers or types of plastics that you accept - if they really get recycled.	1
Shared dumpsters in business areas such as Downtown Belmont to reduce "can clutter" on sidewalks and at the curbside. Damaged recycling cans without lids are resulting in empty wine boxes blowing around when it's gusty. Sure would be nice if City offices and schools recycled and composted. "Do as we say, not as we do." -City of Charlottesville	1
SERVICES are OK, it's lack of compliance by most people. Most people don't know the origin of the city's pay-per-bag. Initially it helped drive recycling. Now it's not costly enough to bother anyone. Between recycling and composting, i put out ONE light bag of trash about every 6 weeks.	1

require recycling and shared compost pick-up by local property management at properties with more than 2 residences	1
Reduce plastic containers for drinks	1
Recycling pickup opportunities need to be enhanced. Fluvanna could offer bins at Pleasant Grove and other locations throughout the county (not just the convenience center which is out of the way). Fluvanna should initiate ways to turn yard waste and compostable materials (sticks, leaves, etc...) into usable compost, wood chips, etc..	1
Recycling pickup	1
Recycling needs to be curbside for everyone, not just single-family homes. It needs to be available for multi-family dwellings, businesses, offices, restaurants, etc. Most people are not going to drive it to a recycling center unless they are really motivated. I live in the City. We had GFL as a private hauler until the City took over our street. Now that we have City recycling, we have more detailed guidance on what to recycle or not. However, GFL is still the hauler. GFL never provided any details or specifics on what to do with caps or plastic films or specific types of plastic containers. So were we putting nonrecyclables in the recycling bin the whole time.? That lack of communication with the customers is exactly what frustrates and confuses people about recycling. If GFL is doing the recycling, the recommendations should be consistent whether you are a direct customer or City resident. I will add that composting and yard waste (not just autumn leaves) should also be collectee.	1
Recycling center in Crozet. reduce cost of waste disposal/transfer center to reduce trash in the community	1
Recycle glass and plastic despite the cost.	1
Public trash drop off, recycling and composting in the Crozet/Whitehall and Barracks Rd area.	1
Proving that recycling works by showing us examples of new products/ideas created from recycled materials.	1
Provide a curbside recycling program that would save money for the customer rather than costing more.	1
Place to bring composting More recycling like plastic wrap	1
Our area is so much better at waste management than the area we relocated from. I would not mind seeing an area composting program for more families to participate.	1
old kitchen appliances	1

Offer separate collection for yard waste and compostables vs other trash. This would enable significantly higher composting rates. Offer pay per pick up amount (like the sticker system in the city). This incentivizes reducing trash generation, encourages recycling and composting	1
Offer larger recycling bins alongside smaller trash bins and compost collection, more regularly for restaurants.	1
Need leaf pickup!!	1
N/a	1
My family would like our building to offer recycling services. It's 2025 and we feel there is no excuse they can make to not participate in this program.	1
More/easier access to communal/municipal composting (we can't compost meat/dairy or things like citrus peels that break down too slowly, but this can be done in large scale composting) and education/outreach about its availability; regulations/incentives for businesses to reduce use of plastic & increase reusables	1
More viable means of recycling old paint and chemical fertilizers, any liquid not able to be placed in trash toters.	1
More recycling locations	1
More recycling education is needed, better access to recycling options for people living outside of the city would improve recycling rates, and free compost pickup would be a great addition.	1
More recycling drop off options	1
More recycling centers. The ivy center is a long ways from many residents, myself included. We use mcintire but even that takes 20-30 minutes to get to. Often the staff there is unfriendly (that has improved over the past year). Drop off locations throughout the county would be great. Maybe at parks or underused shopping centers	1
More recycling centers like McIntire	1
More recycling center to drop off items	1
More recyclables accepted (such as #5 plastics), though I'm overall pleased with what McIntire accepts. Uniform curbside recycling within the county's urban areas would be nice (versus different people on the same street contracting with different companies, so that there are trucks coming on different days - very inefficient.)	1

More places to compost - including grocery stores, restaurants. Make it easy, obvious (visible) and education everyone to the importance of composting, especially referring to the environment.	1
More numbers of recycling days for electronics, fluids , Flores ent bulbs, etc.?	1
More locations; McIntire facility is small and has limited parking or room to expand. Curbside options would also be nice.	1
More locations for recycling.	1
More localized compost drop offs throughout neighborhoods or curbside service.	1
More local recycling convenience centers.	1
More incentives and information. Knowing local goals and believing I can help make a difference	1
More frequent ability to dispose of paints, gas, oil, and such. One day a year with limited hours and limited quality, they have special days, but so many turn out that they end up turning people away	1
More education/information provided.	1
More education to start. I want my recycling to be as efficient as possible. Many of my neighbors need to know things like cutting up boxes.	1
More education is needed at every level of schooling; Marketing widely recycling information. For City recycling, make far clearer information about what cannot be put in curb bins to be recycled! More staff at McIntire to ensure people don't dump the wrong items in the containers! I do it voluntarily when it see it, but mostly cannot reach far enough in.	1
More education about what is most beneficial and helpful for the environment. Im happy to participate but I don’t truly know what’s best.	1
More days for hazardous waste! I have containers of paint thinner stored in my house--which is unsafe--but there are only a few days that the Ivy Center will accept them, and it takes more time, organization (pre-planning/calendaring) I have to track those days and to make the hour long round trip to Ivy to drop them off. Smaller centers closer to my (and other) neighborhoods to drop off recycling.	1
More convenient composting; better transparency about what happens to the materials; better options for green waste like big branches/etc (that's what I heard from folks)	1
More convenience center hours.	1

More access to composting resources and more recycling/waste management in businesses in my community.	1
Maybe motivate people to reuse by making community places to buy in bulk so there's less waste produced in the first place.	1
Mandatory curbside composting...(no food waste allowed to be sent to landfills)	1
Making composting more accessible would be a huge win, as well as more recycling education (I see a lot of wish-cycling in our neighborhood). Additionally, there should be an incentive for property management companies to have recycling available. We have lived in Cville apartments where everyone throws all their recyclables into the trash dumpster--dumpsters FULL of cardboard :(	1
Make the building owners aware about the trash/recycling/composting services. I have inquired about some specifics of the recycling and composting, but they were unsure how to answer or gave me a non-answer.	1
Make recycling easier by accepting more materials at curbside and requiring less preparation. Provide free big items pickups more frequently. Educate on how to handle and dispose toxic/dangerous waste such as batteries, compressed air cans, and sharp objects. Offer curbside compost pickup from the city.	1
Make it cost effective and convenient.	1
Looking forward to the northern convenience center opening to make it easier for me and my community to recycle glass, etc. and compost food. I would like to see the convenience centers expand services to accept leaves and garden debris. Too many households in my community are sending plastic garbage bags full of leaves and garden debris to the landfill. We need a strong county communication effort to educate citizens about mulching leaves with their lawn mowers. AND, when the leaves are too plentiful, the county needs to expand services to accept paper landscape bags full of leaves and compost them. Thank you!	1
know more about the area composting processes	1
It would be really helpful to know if our recycling efforts are actually being recycled. Also, the company we use for recycling doesn’t take Glass downtown. They take Glass so his glass recyclable. No one seems to know.	1
It would be great to have public composting opportunities available. I compost at home to keep food wasteout of the landfill, but would like to have it be able to be collected periodically.	1
It would be good if there was easier access to recycling and trash options in the County. Plus, the center on Route 6 doesn't seem to take much recycling.	1

It was difficult to find a company to serve our rural area but GFL finally did.	1
It really bugs me that we have to pay to take trash to the dump. I think it encourages people to litter and burn trash instead. The property we recently moved to is covered with broken glass and metal scraps because the previous owners burned everything instead of paying to take it to the dump. Nowhere else I've ever lived has charged for the dump.	1
It isn't fair to compare Albemarle to more densely populated Fairfax, but also unavoidable because of experience. Our trash/recycling company had a MRF and worked hard to educate folks on how it worked so that it was easy to understand why glass and plastic bags should not go in the recycling bins, and why only #1 bottles could be efficiently separated (vs flat items). "When in Doubt;Throw it Out" messaging to prevent "wishful recycling" that contaminated the stream. Great program for Fairfax County glass collection on West Ox--glass first used as a gravel substitute in construction projects; then sold as cullet to glass manufacturer. Not sure whether part of success was economies of scale.	1
Increase recycling locations (maybe add one near food lion) but you will have to educate people as they don't know or can't read what they can recycle. Work with farms to create compost drop off points. .	1
Include it in our taxes and do household pickups so more people would recycle and compost	1
In San Diego the city provides 3 bins for trash pickup - organic waste, recycle, and trash for landfill. Residents are required to sort their trash and eventually, after a period, will be fined if they do not separate their trash. I am concerned that here is Charlottesville/Albemarle the kitchen and yard waste go into the landfill where it creates methane gas, a potent Greenhouse Gas. I encourage the city/county to educate the public and provide a city/county wide organic waste service,such a the program in San Diego. I applaud the city for the plastic bag program in stores which seems to be discouraging single use plastics. Can we encourage grocery stores to stop wrapping fruits and vegetables in plastic?	1
If we had more information on composting or a local program, I might participate.	1
If we could recycle glass and plastic!	1
If there was a waste management pickup service that truly recycled items (and didn't just pay lip service to the idea) I would engage that service.	1
If composting were as easy as recycling curbside, then we'd probably try it.	1
I’d love to have a public composting service. We used to compost in the backyard but this attracted rats. (I live in downtown historic district) so we went to private pick up service. I think more people would do it if it were more readily available	1

I would suggest working with adjoining towns to mirror their operations to start. Mcintire Recycling in Albemarle offers more plastic options, glass and compost collection all at there current facility. Working with Recycling vendors like Sonoco or compost companies like Black Bear, panorama paydirt, or NOPE would also be advised. I worked at UVA's Recycling department for over a decade and worked through some of these same issues. If I can be of assistance, please let me know.	1
I would suggest more waste infrastructure in my community (for every trash dumpster there should be a clearly labeled cardboard dumpster and plastic/metal/glass recycling dumpster and compost tote within a few steps of each other). If that is not possible, as someone without a car, I'd wish that there be some way to schedule curbside compost and recycling pick up from the McIntire recycling center since taking public transportation is not convenient at all (pick ups don't have to be every week but maybe every 2-3 weeks and you can halt service if it's clear a participant is not sorting waste accordingly).	1
I would love it if my recycling authority was able to accept more types of plastics.	1
I would love better opportunities for composting. I know we have black bear and panorama, but I don't use them because it's an extra cost on top of what I already pay for trash and recycle. It would be nice to have something where the bill is combined and cheaper. Right now, I will compost in my backyard and take the compostable plastics / meat products, or tableware to a drop-off location. This isn't ideal, and there's a lot I throw away because of the inconvenience of doing this.	1
I would like to see the county run the trash and recycling program for the entire area. And for them to charge by volume. I would also like a county-wide composting program. And places to drop off compost and recyclables at shopping centers, workplaces, and other convenient locations. With the results of the programs published, we can see our success (the results) in composting and recycling.	1
I would like to see something other than single stream recycling at curbside - I don't trust that it really sorts well. I would like to see the county provide composting curbside.	1
I would like to see better access to curbside recycling. I would like more transparency about what can and can not be recycled from the waste hauler and an option to pay less for producing less trash...right now, my only option is to pay for 90 gallon garbage bin. I don't produce that much trash every week.	1
I would like to have single-sort curbside recycling pickup by the City of C'ville. I currently bring all my recyclables to McIntire because I have seen that my curbside recycling gets dumped into trucks along with trash and I don't believe that they get sorted and recycled once they are co-mingled with trash. I would also like to recycle more types of plastics besides the number 1 + 2 plastics that are currently recycled (if possible).	1

I would like to have compost collected regularly in addition to trash and recycling. I am not able to compost all of my food scraps and yard waste	1
I wish the Greene County facility would accept more materials types, and stay consistent.	1
I wish curbside composting were integrated into the city curbside collection. I wish for help with recycling items like dehumidifiers that contain refrigerants and electronics. I wish other programs, like toxic material, didn't require a trip to the dump. I wish batteries were easier to recycle - I don't usually go to the stores that accept them.	1
I want to compost, but my wife isn't interested. I have house plants and I've heard that we would have a smell problem in the house as well as the garage where I might keep a container.	1
I think it would be beneficial to have more recycling bins closer to UVA campus, as this is where a lot of littering takes place often due to parties and students going out. Additionally, I would like to see a stronger drive to recycle surrounding the UVA 'block party.' During this event, the streets are filled with recyclable materials and yet as far as I am aware, everything is swept up and thrown away. This could be done through volunteers or through more recycling cans placed throughout the area. Additionally, there must be a push to have recycling bins in every home and have recycling pick-ups normalized. By making recycling more accessible, it becomes easier and second-nature. This, too, should be done with compost. Certain incentives might be offered to encourage recycling drop off (for example, to take from the German system, receiving money back for recycling cans and bottles).	1
I take my recycling to Ivy Convenience Center because I think much of single stream gets thrown out because people put trash in with recyclables. I am interested in a compost system but find it hard to manage and I don't want large trucks using/damaging long gravel driveway.	1
I recycle tin cans, aluminum, glass, and paper. I do not recycle plastic b/c it's too confusing and I've heard it doesn't actually get recycled anyway. So if that changed, I would start recycling plastic.	1
I noted above that any sort of confidence that the plastics and wet paper were actually getting recycled would be good. I'd also appreciate a compost program being run.	1
I need more explicit instructions on what can be composted and what cannot. Neither Black Bear nor the Rivanna Solid Waste websites offer any specifics.	1
i like the service. they send a trash truck and a recycle truck each week	1
I know the convenience center offers recycling, but it's intimidating to use. More information online (like maps, pictures, and instructions and guidance) and more signage on-site would make me a lot more likely to use it. Also, if there were single stream recycling offered there for paper, glass, and aluminum, I would use that a lot more.	1

I have heard talks about composting food waste but there is no mention of what the cost of the service is and they should provide the buckets/bags and signup to start the service right then and there.	1
I don't do any of the above that's why the questions are blank. Most food scraps go in a place in my yard, but it's not exactly composting.	1
I can compost, and have a nice composter.... but the bears think it is nice, too.	1
I am unable to recycle # 4 and 5, otherwise just about everything else works	1
I am satisfied with waste collection, drop-off servuces, local recycling & composting services FOR MYSELF, not for the community in general. More outreach, education, convenience, and reinforcement needed for the general public.	1
I am content to save money, "self haul" my trash, compost my food waste, and source-separate my recyclables through RSWA's well run community facilities. Improvements I would suggest: many people in Albemarle do not understand why it is important to recycle and compost; more public education is needed. Composting and recycling should be taught and practiced in our public schools so that good composting and recycling habits are formed early. Right now, Albemarle has the opportunity to develop its own curbside compost collection program for the urban ring. We should provide that service, and not only reduce our methane emissions significantly, but also extend the use of our landfills. Although we can't force people to recycle, we can help to encourage more recycling by ensuring that free recycling service is provided to all residents alongside trash services, through mandatory recycling policies like those in place in other VA counties.	1
Home pick up available for composting services- for all city residents	1
Having a city-run curbside compost service in Charlottesville would be great. We could also use it for yard and garden debris. The city could turn it all into compost for us to pick up and use. My brother's town in Pennsylvania, Oreland, does this.	1
Greater clarity about what can be recycled- up to what number? Things which have the recycling symbol but no number - toothpaste tube, smart balance spread tub, etc?	1
Free weekly curbside city composting Weekly curbside recycling pick up Leaf and garden compost collection More frequent large item pick up	1

Fluvanna County should have a neat, clean, safe place for residents to bring trash & recycling items. Van der Linde is not it. The landfill in Fork Union is too far away to utilitize, 20+ miles. Makes it difficult when you live closer to and work in Charlottesville. Trash facilities on Route 250 cater to contractors & resid. trash haulers. Nothing is available for individual households to drop off trash, recycling, and home renovation that is affordable. Each locality should take care of their own residential & construction debris. Fluvanna County should not be the sole location for City of Charlottesville and surrounding areas. Ivy location has reopened which has helped. Fluvanna facilities accepts trash originating outside of Fluvanna & from Waynesboro and Staunton. This should not happen. They should have their own location to take care of their own debris. This would cut down on traffic & the burden of trash disposal & recycling locations on Route 250.	1
Fluvanna County dumpsters and recycling collection nearer my home in the northern part of Fluvanna	1
Expand access to recycling and composting resources to county of Albemarle instead of just City of Charlottesville.	1
Either curbside or more convenient drop-offs for composting	1
Education on composting and recycling, reducing and reusing. Easier to do so. Few people I know recycle.	1
Education is crucial to improving recycling and is the biggest hurdle to expanding composting efforts. Incineration in a waste-to-energy facility would go a long way to reducing municipal solid waste being landfilled -- it is easier to implement than widespread composting and effectively deals with all the non-recyclable items. Best of all, sale of the energy produced offsets the cost of the facility.	1
Easy to find lists that show what can and cannot be recycled and the locations where items can be dropped off Not just limited to government services but also places that take electronics and other hard to recycle items…. Create more convenient locations for residents to drop off their recycling (downtown is too busy and too much traffic) and even trash if they choose to do so….many people cannot afford commercial trash collection services and they are expensive for everyone. Specifically , the urban ring needs a recycling location that does nor require having to go downtown or way out into the county.	1
Easier recycling opportunities and education for people who don’t even THINK of recycling. For those with curbside pickup, possibly a lower fee for their non-recyclable trash if they utilize curbside pickup for their recyclables.	1
Due to wildlife, composting is not a good option at our hoa. Most home have a kitchen disposal for scraps. Leaves go in paper bags, not plastic and sent to county compost facility.	1

Definitely need more options for e-waste and the likes. These seem limited to special days and that does not make it convenient at all.	1
Curbside recycling would be great.	1
curbside composting with designated bear-proof container	1
Curbside composting should be offered alongside curbside recycling and trash. For those with curbside recycling (and perhaps someday composting), an informational one-pager should be shared/mailed annually with information on what can and cannot be recycled (or composted). An annual information sheet could also be used to educate residents on any changes to their waste programs in the last year as well as other waste diversion opportunities/programs available to them.	1
Curbside composting and clearer guidelines for what can be recycled. Also, I'd like to know where my recycling goes.	1
Curbside compost or a convenient compost drop off area is desired. it is hard to store compostables until a pickup or drop off event.	1
curbside compost collection in Urban areas	1
Curbside compost and recycling pick up weekly; Landfill pick ups to every two weeks should cost much more. Recycling should be sorted to help avoid contamination. Engaging education programs are needed as very few people know what is offered.	1
County contracted curbside with reasonable taxpayer cost.	1
Composting sites within the county that are open to the public and free retrieval twice per year for residents to use.	1
Composting being available at the Ivy Landfill Educating people to know that single stream doesn’t work. Curbside recycling would encourage more people to recycle	1
Community composting opportunities	1
commercial hauling options are too few and very few people use them and probably too expensive for many. I am happy with Rivanna Solid Waste authority's runs the available centers but the county needs to pay for more centers. We need more convenience centers that collect composting. We need a convenience center on 29 north.	1
closer sites, more accessibility, more services offered at one site, more advertisements as to where and what services are offered	1
Closer recycling of items not taken by GFL - fabric, etc.	1

clear, accurate, and updated (as needed) information what is actually being recycled in our area/market (Neighborhood trash/recycling service is who we use and I don't know if I can trust the processer where they take their recycling)	1
clear signs on collection containers, local/close to home drop off locations, no/low fee recycling options, providing materials, boxes, instructions on how to recycle, how to compost, etc. offer low fee or free days to pick up large items	1
Clear labeling of the kind of material that will be received. More possibilities to receive materials to recycle.	1
Clear info on what material is being collected, has a market value, and is going to market. We don't need to clean and collect material just to FEEL like we're doing something. There are a lot of rumors - like the collection bins in front of Food Lion on Turkeysag are taken directly to the dumpsters in back. People in my nhood Lake Monticello stuff all kinds of unrecycleable junk into their recycle bins, and those are picked up by the recycling truck anyway, so no one knows they are doing the wrong thing. People like to tell the rumors that all of it goes into garbage anyway so save themselves from taking responsibility or giving thought to their waste. I want there to be a surcharge on unrecycleable packaging, and for the producers to reclaim the material.	1
Clarify whether recycled items are actually recycled and encourage ways to make recycling legitimate honest communication about positive uses of recycled items.	1
Bulk bins in grocery stores/co-op to cut down on single-use plastic; get rid of plastic wrap on individual potatoes, for goodness sake. Get rid of all single-use plastic.	1
Build recycling centers closer to folks in the county so it is more convenient. Offer more special collection dates at Ivy - instead of just the one in spring and one in fall.	1
Better organization, labeling, accessibility of recycling bins/containers	1
Better communication when curbside pickup dates change due to holidays, snow, etc. Better information on where to take things like batteries, light bulbs, electronics.	1
Additional recycling in other parts of the county	1
Adding affordable curbside recycling. Even if it's just glass and cardboard!	1
Add composting services to LMOA homeowners' options. I use compostable coffee pods, but those require industrial composting facilities which we apparently don't have nearby.	1
access days/times at convenience center in Fluvanna.	1

Ability to recycle	1
Ability to have one set day every couple months when items can be picked up that are not allowed in regular trash pickup.	1
a recycling center in or near downtown Crozet.	1
A larger tote for recycling that is equal in size to our trash tote.	1
1.) Clarify what is recyclable or not. 2.) offer city compost pickup. Potential partnership with Black Bear Composting? That's is who I currently use.	1
1. A local recycling center 2. Assurance that the stuff is really all being recycled such a knowing who purchases/receives our recyclables and what they are doing with them. 3. More info on composting.	1
1) Reassure me with data that materials I recycle (and which specific ones) are actually being recycled. 2) Put a recycling collection area somewhere near the intersection of Rts 616 and 600.	1
*It is not clear to most residents that much of what is put in the recycle bin is not actually recycled, rather is put in a landfill. *There is a lot of misinformation about the recycling of plastic. Most ends in landfills and is harmful to environment ultimately. *Also, folks put things in recycling to avoid paying directly for trash pickup, and thereby less incentive to not buy packaging, etc. *City could provide kitchen and yard waste collection, with commercial composting, which would decrease the amount of methane produced by landfills. This is done in San Diego.	1
**Would love if we had a CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials) drop off location within Charlottesville city limits. **Would love if their were subcategories when you schedule a large item pickup. Like if I have a bunch of yard waste, I would love to be able to schedule a specific "limbs, leaves, and clippings" pickup and know that those items would be composted. Additionally, maybe there could be special pickups for scrap metal only, wood only, drywall only, etc. ** Would love if there were a verified construction waste recycler I could use with confidence (van der linde seems to be less transparent than they used to be, which makes me wary.	1

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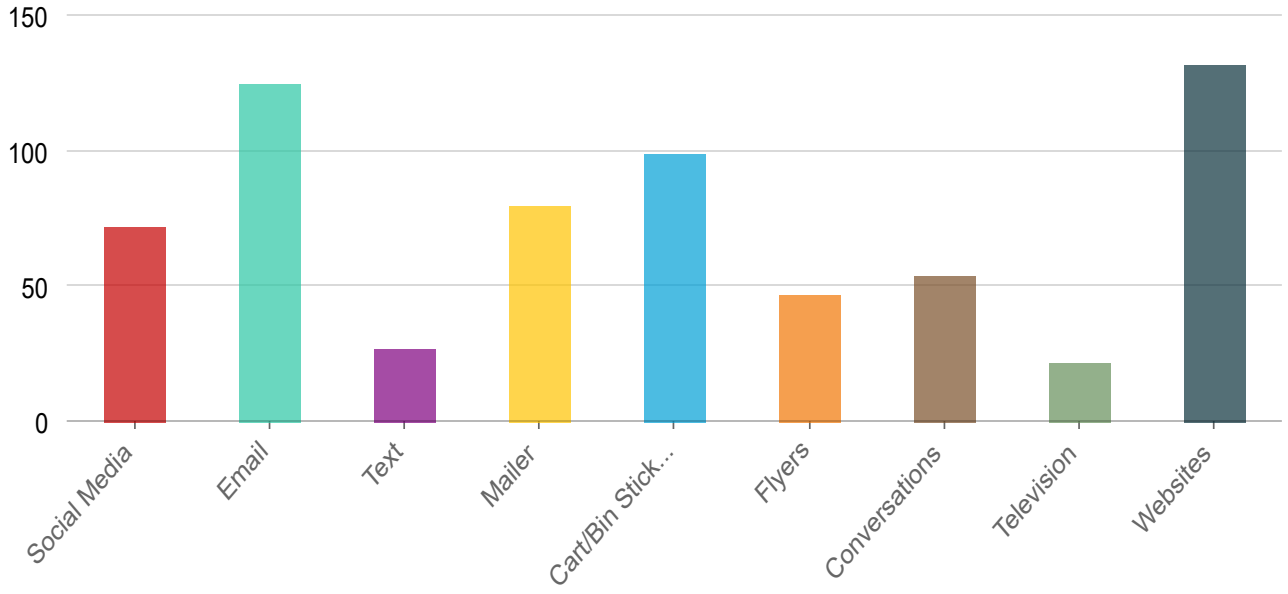
Communication Preferences and Final Feedback

- **How do you like to get information about what and how to recycle and reduce waste?**



Answers	Count	Percentage
Social Media	72	28.02%
Email	125	48.64%
Text	27	10.51%
Mailer	80	31.13%
Cart/Bin Sticker	99	38.52%
Flyers	47	18.29%
Conversations	54	21.01%
Television	22	8.56%
Websites	132	51.36%

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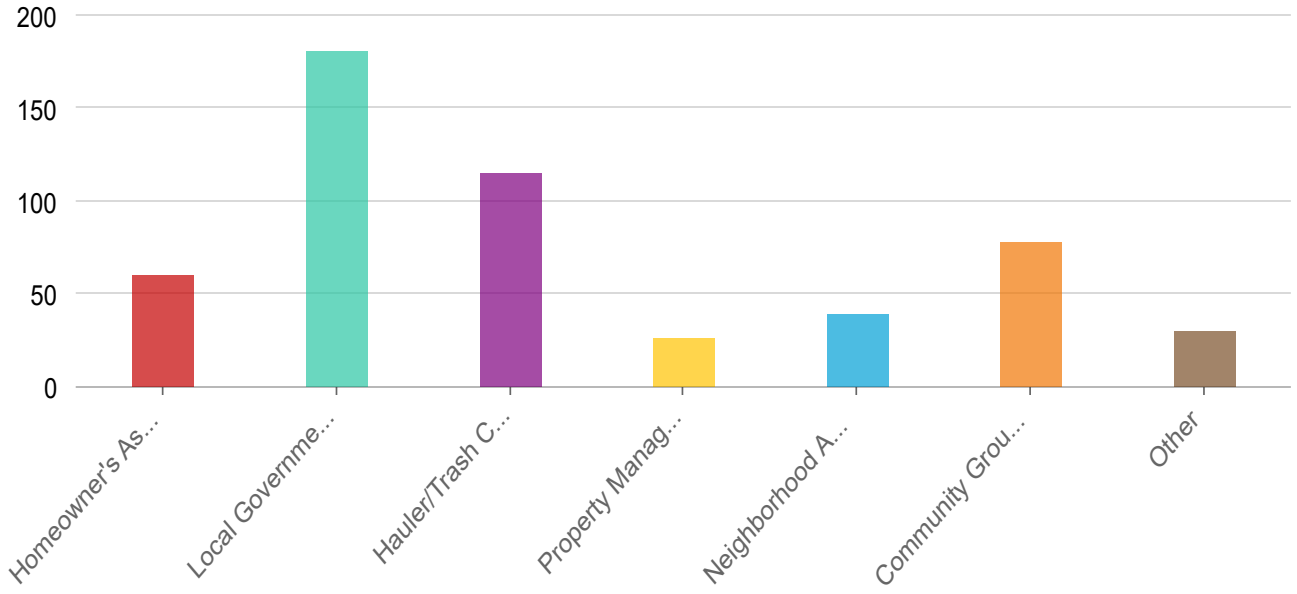
Which organizations do you consider resources for information about what and how …



Answers	Count	Percentage
Homeowner's Associations	60	23.35%
Local Government	181	70.43%
Hauler/Trash Collector	115	44.75%
Property Manager	26	10.12%
Neighborhood Associations	39	15.18%
Community Group	78	30.35%
Other	30	11.67%

Answered: 240 Skipped: 17

- **Please provide any additional comments below.**

Response	Count
You are awesome! I really appreciate all you've done so far to make recycling/composting work effectively in the Cville area Thank you for caring, for providing convenience centers and curbside services, for teaching us, and more.	1
While we are doing better in Charlottesville/Albemarle than many localities in terms of recycling, composting, and solid waste management, we can still improve! Black Bear does a terrific job with composting. We are able to compost so much with them that we produce very little trash.	1
When I had an office job in Charlottesville, I ran the office composting system. It was as simple as putting a compost bucket near every coffee machine, all of which I took home daily to empty and wash. I did have to pick out bits of plastic sometimes (plastic tea bags -- horrible!) but it was well worth it to get all of that material for my garden. If you can make people feel good about doing something & make it simple and easy to access, maybe more would compost and recycle. Or pay people to recycle and compost -- in some New England states you can return bottles for cash. And if the carrot method doesn't work, maybe the stick would -- some cities fine individuals and businesses for not recycling.	1
What is the difference between a local convenience center and a common container? The options for answers to that question were not clear.	1
We used to recycle more in Greene. Let's get back to it.	1
We try to be conscientious about what we throw away , usually only have 1 small bag of trash per week.	1

We need to have a landfill that is open more often with better Hours and should not charge. If you can't be open, place free dumpsters some place where we can dump easily.	1
We have too many waste haulers on our roads. I would like to see consolidation of routes and better customer service. Some companies still make claims that they pull the recycling out of the trash. There is a lot of false information and no oversight is it is hard to trust the waste haulers. I also have waste haulers who do not cover their trucks so the trash blows out. More oversight is needed.	1
We do not receive information from anyone in Fluvanna County about recycling. We do receive info. about separate residential recycling from our private hauler. Nothing about disposal of debris when you are renovating your home or recycle other items. RSWA has special events for recycling electronics, tires, and applicances. Since we do not live in the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle, UVA, Scottsville, or Nelson County we cannot utilize these services. That policy is not fair because GFL and Van der Linde are located in Fluvanna County and they accept trash and construction debris from these areas and beyond that have access to RSWA services.	1
We can all do a better job of limiting the amount of compostable waste going to landfills. Please launch an initiative to educate the community about what each of us can do to make a difference.	1
Use Art and creative means to encourage increased compost and recycling. Thank you!	1
Too many people do not bother to recycle because they believe it does not accurately happen and does not matter.	1
The Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee (SWAAC), with the support of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, should take the lead in public education campaigns.	1
The information should be available at the point when people have to make the decision on trash or recyclng, which is when they are standing at their bin. A magnet or sticker for the home trash bin in addition to outdoor trash bin is ideal.	1
the county should give something back to the citizens and stop charging for every single thing.	1
The City of Charlottesville does a fairly poor job on communication on LOTS of issues, so I do not trust them to provide the most updated or clear communication. That is better left to other groups.	1
Thanks for asking.	1
Thank you! I am very proud of this region's commitment to Sustainability.	1
Thank you!	1
Thank you for taking the time to study this topic.	1

Thank you for sending out this survey! As someone who works in the waste diversion space, I'm cheering you on!	1
Thank you for offering the survey and hope it encouraged more to participate.	1
Thank you for doing this!!!	1
Thank you for doing this survey and working to save our planet!	1
Thank you for asking. I think the recycling services are solid, but it's always important to look for ways to improve and especially to encourage more people to recycle.	1
Thank you	1
Shout out to our local compost company- Black Bear Compost. They provided our family the opportunity to reduce a ton of waste very easily.	1
Referencing the last question, it would be ideal if all of those entities were information resources. They just aren't currently.	1
Please work with Lake Monticello on resources. There are SO many people here.	1
Please keep working on saving our environment . There's so much to be done and things are getting steadily worse especially in terms of national "leadership."	1
Never thought about neighborhood associations as a resource for waste information. If there's any way that I could be deputized to help raise waste awareness in the Fry's Spring neighborhood, please feel free to let me know - danacs90@gmail.com	1
My name is Jason Snow and Im happy to assist further if needed. Please reach out at jes5sy24@gmail.com	1
More clarity would be great. There are all types of rumors about what is or is not recyclable and its incredibly hard to find that information.	1
Master gardeners compost presentations	1
Local recycling services need to communicate specific rules and what to look for on items that are appropriate to recycle.	1
Let's get better at this!	1

It's a little confusing that last I knew, curbside pickup takes #5 plastics (like yogurt containers), but the McIntire recycling center doesn't. It would help to confirm and/or clarify this (and any other things that should or should not be put into the unsorted curbside bins picked up by GFL). I worry I and others "wishcycle" more with curbside bins than the sorted bins at McIntire. It's a great resource to have in the area.	1
It would be nice to have a recycling drop off in the northern part of the county - considering all of the development out 29. We should have more e-waste and hazardous waste collection days and do them in the northern part of the county, in addition to at the Ivy Transfer station. That location is a LONG ways from the Hollymead area, for example. We should improve our composting efforts in the region. Many other communities are doing this.	1
It would be great if GFL would provide a financial motivation for recycling	1
It needs to be a systemic change. Read Chip and Dan Heath - people do widespread adoption when you make it work with their lives, not through little education campaigns.	1
It could be helpful to proactively share recycling and compost info with neighborhood associations (e.g. Greenbrier, Fry's Spring, Fifefville neighborhood associations, etc.)	1
It appears that many people feel that if they 'throw away' trash in the recycling bin then they are free to buy plastic and other things that are harmful to the environment, mistlenly feeling free of doing harm If people had to pay for disposal of plastics and other things that go in the recycle bin but are not actually recycled they might shop more carefully and create less pollution.	1
Incentivize independent trash haulers to participate for data collection	1
If nothing is being done in fluvanna, why would I contact anyone?	1
I would really like to recycle, but with no local collection and it not being clear how to do it at the convenience center, it's too difficult to do it at all.	1
I would appreciate better understanding of plastics recycling so I could purchase products more responsibly.	1
I wish you could buy sheets of trash stickers at the county office building, grocery stores, or other location in town. It's inconvenient to have to buy them from the transfer station, especially when there's a long line (like on Saturdays, when I'm usually there).	1
I want to avoid "wish-cycling" so if the recycling haulers could regularly communicate what they can and can't recycle, or as there are updates to that list, it would be helpful.	1

I think the City should do more to get restaurants and other food businesses (like Market Street Market) to compost. City has Black Bear bin in the alley behind my apartment. It used to be locked and only residents given the code could access. Before they put it there, I would take it to McIntire.	1
I think stickers on bins are fine, but a lot of people fail to read them and still load up their bin with other stuff. I think any organization CAN be a good source for info. But my HOA does not make this an important topic, does not enforce rules, does not follow up on reports of noncompliance. So if they have good info they don't care enough about it and neighbor s don't get the message that it is important. It is very depressing since I learned about recycling and conservation as a child around the first Earth Day, and here we are decades later still not sure about how to get people to recycle their own household waste. Enforcement and fines, like anything else that is important!	1
I support all efforts to reduce trash and waste and to efficiently recycle! I would love to learn more. Thanks!	1
I rely on Local Government as my source of information as I am not a part of the other organizations. Many of such organizations could be helpful sources of information for those involved in those categories.	1
I know we all can do better, if there were incentives to recycle. We need to go back to era of paying a deposit for every plastic bottle of any liquid puchased. A deposit for every aluminum can. It is worth it, for these change habits where they have been applied. Such as Michigan. Everyone lines up to put their bottles and cans to get the cash back. We need that for every plastic bottled item sold to encourage people not to buy things in plastic!	1
I i'm grateful that the BOS approved the plastic bag fee. I wish single use plastic were banned altogether in Albemarle County. I also wish that all grocery stores were encouraged to use compostable produce bags, like Trader Joe's. I wish that Styrofoam containers were banned from restaurant takeout. Thanks for asking!	1
I have lived in Albemarle county for over 25 years. Not until the last 8 or 9 years has the county government put any money into trash. I do recognized that going from shameful to minimal investment takes a while and there are competing needs, however it is time to put more money into infrastructure. Having adequate infrastructure also helps with education. Once someone sees how easy it is and how much their children often enjoy the sorting effort, it becomes easier.	1
I have been recycling for many years but each area has its own things it will or will not take so it causes doubt and I'd rather throw away than put wrong items in recycling and possibly cause problems with outcomes.	1
I do run a group called Silver and Gold here at Lake Monticello if you would like to present. Please feel free to call me at 434-962-2762 or email me at peggy.shanklin@lnf.com	1

I am happy that leaves get collected by the City of C'ville and composted at Panorama! I buy their compost for my shrubs and flowers as well as mulch with leaves that I shred with my mower.	1
For people that choose NOT to use curbside pickup, more user friendly drop off sites for recyclables drop off. My concern is lack off supervision at those sites, contributing to abuse and failing to follow instructions.	1
Compared to other areas, Albemarle could do so much more. Starting with a bottle bill would help.	1
Because HOAs are common in the Development Areas, residents are at least one step removed from their trash/recycling provider. Accurate information is hard to obtain also because the contractor often does not manage the MRF. I think the Rivanna.org website is very good. Use both McIntire and Ivy Recycling areas, which are great. Love the free mulch at Ivy! Glad to see the meadow at Ivy too. Hope the solar array is working well. Several years ago, there was a publication that listed how each type of recycled material was handled after collection -- that helped give people confidence that efforts to sort material were not wasted and that materials did not go to the landfill. Unfortunately, private contractors do not provide that information so there is little confidence.	1
As retired empty nesters, it is easy for us to adopt sustainable waste management practices. That's not the case for busy families or single moms with kids and other responsibilities. We need systems that make it less complicated for busy people to compost, recycle, and reduce what they send to landfills. Making it easier to avoid over-packaged products and processed food is also important.	1
Almost impossible to eat without plastic containers notrecyclable… laws to chug yogurt plastic for instance	1
Again, please institute organic kitchen and yard waste pickup, such is done by Black Bear Composting. Stricter guidlines on "recycling". Since so much already ends up not being recycled, where is the incentive to reduce consumptionnof plastics? If there was some clear restriction of what is allowed in recycle bins, perhaps folks would avoid plastic packaging.	1
A quarterly reminder email of what can be recycled at each location with detailed allowed and disallowed lists in my county would be helpful.	1

Answered: 65 Skipped: 192

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Thomas Jefferson Solid Waste Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (#1)

September 26th, 2025, 10:30 A.M., *Hybrid Meeting*

TJPDC Water Street Center, 407 East Water St, Charlottesville

Microsoft Teams **Join the meeting now**

Meeting ID: 240 967 609 193 4 Passcode: a8xs2oW6

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Regulatory Requirements
3. Scope & Timeline
4. Draft Public Survey Review
5. Next Steps
6. Adjourn

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Thomas Jefferson Solid Waste Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (#2)

November 13th, 2025, 10:30 A.M., *Hybrid Meeting*

TJPDC Water Street Center, 407 East Water St, Charlottesville

Join **Zoom Meeting**

Meeting ID: 817 6656 3372 **Passcode:** Hhd=2J

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Public Survey Review & Continuing Outreach
3. Present Background Data and Analysis
4. Solid Waste Plan Resolutions Discussion
5. Review Goals and Objectives
6. Next Steps
    a. Complete Homework: Data Worksheet
    b. Next meeting: January 8th, 2026
7. Adjourn

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Thomas Jefferson Solid Waste Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (#3)

January 29th, 2026, 2:30 P.M., *Virtual Meeting*

Join **Zoom Meeting**

Meeting ID: 883 7500 4576 **Passcode:** %5KjBm

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Public Survey Results
3. Community Workshop Results
4. Review Draft Goals
5. Discuss Implementation Planning Process
6. Next Steps
    a. Complete Homework: Implementation Plan Worksheet
    b. Next meeting: March 12, 2026
        - APP Presentation
        - Share Draft Implementation Plans
7. Adjourn

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TJPDC Solid Waste Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (#4)

March 26th, 2026, 10:30 P.M., TJPDC Water Street Center

Join **Zoom Meeting**

Meeting ID: 890 8511 4147 Passcode: 2^zyaG

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. APP Presentation – *MaeEllen Megginson, UVA Batten Master Student*
3. Process/Timeline Review
4. Next Steps
    a. Homework: Return any remaining items (Implementation Plan Worksheet) by June 1st
    b. Next meeting: July 9th, 10:30am
5. Discussion
6. Adjourn

TJPDC Solid Waste Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (#5)
July 9, 2026, 10:30 P.M., TJPDC Water Street Center

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Review Draft Solid Waste Management Plan
3. Process/Timeline Review
4. Next Steps – Public Comment, Public Hearing, Local Presentations and Adoptions
5. Discussion
6. Adjourn

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WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON THE LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Learn more and review the draft plan at:

TJPDC.ORG/OUR-WORK/SOLID-WASTE/

Review the Draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and share your feedback during the public comment period, August 1–31. Your input will help inform future solid waste and recycling programs for Albemarle, Fluvanna, and Greene counties, as well as the City of Charlottesville.

Thomas Jefferson
Planning District Commission

Public Comment Period: August 1 – 31, 2026

Comments Received and TJPDC Responses

Hello Isabella,

I've read over parts of the Plan (not all since it is rather extensive). I live in Fluvanna and currently have GFL pick up my trash and recycling. The capacity I have for trash pick up is way over what I need. Since I recycle and buy minimal packaging I could probably get by with monthly pick up of trash since the carts are very large. And also for the recycling I could get by with only monthly pick up. But I am paying full price with my carts being only about 1/5 full each week (bi-weekly for recycling).

My suggestion/request is to find a way to require or incentivize trash companies to offer financial incentives to customers to recycle. This could be done by providing an option of smaller carts at a cheaper price, or providing more pickup day options for varying prices. I realize that GFL is all automated and likely set up to only use that size cart, but somehow the system needs to change. (Their trucks pick up the carts with a big arm; the driver doesn't leave the truck)

Also, I noticed the photo of the Fluvanna "re-use" location. Where is that located?

Thank you,

Susan Beachy
104 Terre Haute Ln
Palmyra, VA 22963

Hi Susan,

Thank you for taking the time to review the draft Solid Waste Management Plan and share your feedback. Your comments were included as part of the public hearing process at the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission meeting on September 3.

Thank you for your suggestions. Some communities have taken different approaches to address this challenge, including offering multiple cart sizes, pay-as-you-throw programs, or other pricing structures that better reflect the amount of waste generated and give residents a financial incentive to reduce waste. Decisions about waste collection services and pricing are made at the local level, and the Solid Waste Management Plan itself does not establish rates or service requirements for private haulers. I appreciate you sharing this perspective, and I have passed your comments along to Fluvanna County staff for their awareness and consideration.

What page did you see the Fluvanna Reuse station (https://tjpdc.org/wp-content/uploads/TJPDC_SWMP_2026-2031.pdf)?

The photo was included in the previous five-year plan but not in this update. If it is the image I am thinking of, I believe it was a picture taken at the Fork Union Solid Waste and Recycling Convenience Center, though I am not certain whether the reuse area is still active.

Best regards,

Isabella O'Brien

A plan is supposed to say what will change. This document is mostly a description of what already exists.

The main report is about 55 pages. Only a small part — roughly the future-needs pages and the implementation section — says what the region intends to do through 2046. The rest is history, current facilities, past recycling rates, and process. Appendix D adds a list of local actions, but most of those actions are education, reporting, and studies. They do not change where trash goes.

That matters because the physical system in this plan is "keep using the current transfer stations and send disposal out of the region." If that is the decision, say so plainly. If the Commission wants the public to treat this as a plan for change, the document should state the changes, the cost, who pays, and by when.

I am left with a basic question: what did this process decide?

The answer appears to be that the region will continue the current disposal path through 2046. Appendix D then lists mostly outreach, reporting, studies, and a few local site or fee changes. That may meet the state filing requirement. It does not give the public a clear, accountable plan.

I do not know the exact staff cost. I do know this: a required five-year update should not need this much paper to say so little about future action. Please either state plainly that "no major system change is planned," or come back with the missing pieces — specific projects, dollars, deadlines, and who is responsible. Otherwise this looks like process for its own sake.

Michael Aquilino
Fluvanna County

Hi Michael,

Thank you for taking the time to review the draft Solid Waste Management Plan and share your feedback. Your comments were provided to commissioners as part of the public hearing process at the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission meeting on September 3 and will be included as part of the plan's comment section when it is submitted to DEQ. I have also shared your comments with Fluvanna County staff for their awareness and consideration. If you have specific suggestions related to local solid waste programs or services, I encourage you to continue the conversation with them, since local governments are responsible for the development and implementation of their solid waste management systems and related plan actions.

The contents of the plan are guided by Virginia regulations and informed by the work of an advisory committee made up of local government staff and community stakeholders. The plan helps the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality evaluate solid waste management capacity and projected waste generation across the Commonwealth. The plan is required to be maintained every five years.

Thank you for your feedback and participation in the process.

Best regards,

Isabella O'Brien

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Notice of Public Hearing on Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission will hold a public hearing on the new Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for the Thomas Jefferson Solid Waste Planning Unit, which serves the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Fluvanna County, and Greene County. The plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC20-130-120 and a copy of the draft plan is available for public review and comment at tjpdc.org/our-work/solid-waste/. All interested persons are encouraged to review the draft plan and submit comments to iobrien@tjpdc.org in advance of, or during, the public hearing. The public hearing will be held during the regularly scheduled TJPD Commission meeting on September 3, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING: September 3, 2026 at 7:00pm

In Person: Water Street Center, 407 East Water Street, Charlottesville VA

Virtual option via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85918646792

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Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission
Thursday, September 3, 2026, 7:00 pm
In Person Meeting
Water Street Center
407 E. Water Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902

AGENDA

Guests - Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85918646792
Meeting ID: 859 1864 6792 **By call-in:** 1 (301) 715-8592

1. **Call to Order**
   a. Call to Order, Roll Call – *Chair Payne, David Blount* 7:00 – 7:05
   b. *Vote to Allow Electronic Participation, if needed – Chair Payne*, *David Blount*
2. **Matters from the Public** 7:05 – 7:10
   a. Comments by the public are limited to no more than two (2) minutes per person.
   b. Comments provided via email, online, website, etc. *(Read by David Blount)*
3. **Administration**
   a. Appointments: 7:10 – 7:15
      i. Central Virginia Regional Housing Partnership – TJPDC Member
      ii. TJPDC Corporation – Fluvanna Member
4. **Presentations and Public Hearings**
   a. **Presentation:** Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) Six-Month Update – *Joe Klodzinski* 7:15 – 7:25
   b. **Presentation:**
      i. Watershed Improvement Program (WIP) Annual Funding Update – *Isabella O'Brien* 7:25 – 7:35
      ii. * Resolution for Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Funding - *Isabella O'Brien*
   c. ***Public Hearing:** Solid Waste Management Plan – *Christine Jacobs, Chair Payne* 7:35 – 7:40
   d. **Presentation:** 7:40 – 7:55
      i. HOME and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Presentation – *Laurie Jean Talun*
      ii. ***Public Hearing:** CAPER
      iii. *Resolution Adopting the 2025 HOME-CDBG CAPER
   e. **Presentation:** Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) Pre-Application Statement of Activities and Intergovernmental Reviews (IGR) – *Christine Jacobs* 7:55 – 8:10
      i. ***Public Hearing:** Housing Preservation Grants
      ii. *Resolution of Intergovernmental Review and Project Support for Housing Preservation Grant – Disaster
      iii. *Resolution of Intergovernmental Review and Project Support for Housing Preservation Grant
5. ***Consent Agenda** – *Chair Payne* 8:10 – 8:15
   a. *Minutes of August 6, 2026, Commission Meeting
   b. *July Financial Reports
      i. July Dashboard Report
      ii. July Consolidated Profit & Loss Statement
      iii. July Balance Sheet
      iv. July Accrued Revenue Report
6. ***New Business**
   a. FY28 Draft Projected Operating Budget, Revenues, and Local Contributions– *Christine Jacobs* 8:15 – 8:30
7. ***Old Business**
   a. none 8:25 – 8:30
8. **Executive Director's Report**
   a. Monthly Report – *Christine Jacobs* 8:30 – 8:35
9. **Other Business**
   a. Roundtable Discussion by Jurisdiction 8:35 – 8:55
   b. Next Meeting – October 1, 2026, 7:00 pm
      Items for next meeting: