

**Blair County Solid Waste Plan
Plan Priorities
Derived from the SWAC Survey of Winter 2013**

Plan Requirements & Recommendations	Rating	Require	Recommend
Require businesses to report recycling totals	3.50	75%	25%
Ban the burning of recyclables	3.50	63%	25%
Intermunicipal cooperation and programs	3.13	13%	88%
Recycling at all special events & public venues	3.00	50%	50%
Make recyclable items uniform from municipality to municipality	3.00	25%	50%
Recycling in municipalities over 5000 or 300 people/mile ²	3.00	13%	75%
All households should have waste service	2.88	13%	63%
Require corrugated cardboard recycling in all businesses with 10+ Contracted or municipal collection	2.75	38%	63%
Volume based pricing for trash (to encourage recycling)	2.63	13%	50%
Recycling receptacles where beverage containers are generated	2.63	0%	63%
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Full recycling programs (just like mandated municipalities)	1.75	0%	88%
Composting		Now	Soon
Christmas tree composting	3.63	75%	13%
Maintain satellite composting facilities	3.50	75%	13%
Encourage/reward backyard composting	3.13	38%	38%
Research food composting	2.88	13%	75%
Provide food composting to large food waste generators	2.88	13%	75%
Promote grasscycling, let-it-lay mowing practices	2.88	50%	0%
Yard waste composting in "suburban" areas (not just mandated ones)	2.50	13%	38%
Transfer station for yard waste (to reduce costs for transport)	2.50	25%	25%
Special Recyclables		Collect	Explore
Electronics	3.50	88%	12%
Tires	3.00	75%	25%
Non-curb side rigid plastics	3.00	61%	0%
Drop-off closer to population center	2.63	38%	50%
Freon-containing appliances	2.50	50%	38%
Educational Priorities		Crucial	Important
1. Publicize benefits of recycling	3.75	75%	25%
Publicize bin availability & use as an educational opportunity	3.75	75%	25%
3. Continue an educational campaign that uses print & electronic media	3.63	75%	13%
Pursue PSAs and other free publicity	3.63	63%	38%
5. Enforcement of noncomplying haulers	3.25	38%	50%
6. Raise awareness of special recyclables (beyond the curbside bin)	3.00	13%	75%
Enforcement in commercial & institutional buildings	3.00	25%	50%
Youth education & competitions	3.00	29%	43%
9. Enforcement of residential curbside requirements	2.63	13%	38%
Promote reuse & waste minimization	2.63	13%	63%
Reward good recyclers	2.63	0%	63%

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Overall Goals		Importance	
		Extremely	Important
Make recycling convenient	3.88	88%	12%
Capturing data from processors and other recyclers	3.75	75%	25%
Oversight of recyclable processors	3.25	38%	50%
Explor/encourage more efficient collection	3.25	50%	25%
Encourage/require Pay As You Throw (to increase incentives)	3.00	13%	75%
Add additional materials curbside/drop-off	2.86	14%	57%
Pursure food waste composting to accelerate compost process	2.75	25%	50%
Reward haulers for recycling to encourage more recycling	2.63	13%	38%
Have IRC take more active role in processing material	2.25	25%	25%