

**HAULER SURVEY RESULTS
ATTACHMENT**

In July, 2012 the Consultant team of Nittany Engineering, EfficientC and Barton & Loguidice (B&L), representing Blair County, developed hauler survey questionnaires to distribute to the local refuse haulers who collect waste in Blair County. The following information is a summary of the hauler survey information received in Blair County:

General Survey Information

Twenty-three (23) of twenty-nine (29) haulers responded to the surveys.

The service areas of the haulers varied greatly. Waste Management reported collected refuse in all of Blair County.

Refuse and Recycling Collection & Disposal

Some haulers reported collected both refuse and recycling, while others reported only collected refuse. Roll-off service is provided by some haulers.

The following residential customer totals were reported by the haulers:

- C.M. Matko Refuse: 1,000
- Dutch’s Hauling: ~700
- Eberhart Hauling: ~130
- Glunt’s Hauling: 80
- Herbert L. Decker: 1,200
- J. Righenour’s Hauling Cleanout: 85
- Jim’s Hauling & Cleanup Division, LLC: 5,500
- Joe’s Hauling Service: 3,000
- Lee’s Disposal: 20
- Lingenfelter’s Hauling: 900
- M. Righenour Hauling: 1,200
- Miller Sanitation: 35
- Pro Disposal, Inc.: 550
- Scarangella Disposal: 2,000
- Shade’s Hauling & Lawn Care Services: 1,450

- TLD Ent. Inc.: 1,000 +/-
- Vaughn’s Hauling: 1,069
- W. Righenour’s Hauling: 290
- Waste Management: 1,800

The reported average collected waste tonnage varied among respondents from 1 ton per week to 800+ tons per week.

Only Burgmeier’s and Waste Management reported collecting and hauling “other wastes”, i.e. hazardous waste, recycling, etc.

Wastes were reported to be disposed of at the following facilities:

- Blair County Resource Recovery Facility (Burgmeier’s Transfer Station)
- Waste Management’s Altoona Transfer Station
- Sandy Run Landfill
- Laurel Highlands Landfill

Costs of Refuse Disposal

Residential rates varied from \$4.00/month to \$30/month (Vaughn’s Hauling). The average range among other respondents was approximately \$14-\$24/month.

Commercial rates varied from \$40/month to \$600/month with the average range among respondents as approximately \$42-\$290/month.

Recycling

Sixteen (16) haulers reported that they provide Blair County residents with residential curbside recycling services. Three (3) haulers reported providing drop-off services for recyclables collection.

Ten (10) haulers reported offering commercial recycling services. Six (6) of these haulers reported offering curbside collection of recyclables to commercial facilities, while eight (8) of these haulers offer dumpster recycling services.

Burgmeier’s reported offering a toter for “other” recycling services.

Cost of Recycling Collection

Most haulers reported offering recycling services for free. One (1) hauler reported a fee of \$3.00 per bag at their drop-off facility. Waste Management reported the cost is included in the MSW/ton rate if the customers are in the mandated community or within the recycling service area.

Potential Services to be Provided by the Private Haulers

Fourteen (14) haulers reported they would provide recyclables collection to private subscription areas.

Thirteen (13) haulers reported they would provide recyclables collection service to municipalities if the collection was included in a municipal contract.

Eight (8) haulers reported they would submit bids to service multiple drop-off sites throughout Blair County.

Potential Needs Observed by Haulers

Disposal Facilities need to be open longer

Delinquent accounts have been an issue; as well as curbside pick-up efficiencies

Haulers would like Blair County to share grant money for recycling

A closer electronics drop-off site would be beneficial

Ensuring ALL haulers are abiding by current County and State rules and regulations

A single hauler would be beneficial in mandated communities due to safety and liability issues with many trucks on the road