

# Chapter 8

## Public Ownership and Operation

### The Role of the County and Municipalities

Public and private sector services operate within Cumberland County. The private sector primarily controls waste and recycling collection, processing and disposal. The public sector has a greater vested interest in yard waste collection and processing. The Cumberland County Recycling & Waste Authority plays an important role in the advancement of recycling and waste diversion technologies and programs when they are not made available by the private sector. The Authority fulfills the public function on behalf of the County. The Authority also supports the efforts of private industry through open communication, education, and enforcement of proper waste management practices.

This chapter summarizes the operational role of local government in municipal waste management. It describes the functions and assets of both County and municipal entities. Future plans are also discussed.

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#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY WASTE AUTHORITY SERVICES

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Cumberland County and the Cumberland County Recycling & Waste Authority are not engaged in the day-to-day operations of collecting and processing recyclable materials, nor does it collect or process organic materials. The County does own yard waste processing equipment, which it acquired through a series of Act 101, Section 902, Program Development and Implementation Grants. For a nominal fee, the County leases this equipment to municipalities and other nonprofit organizations and institutions that operate composting facilities. Use of the equipment is available to these entities on a countywide basis. The County maintains and repairs the processing equipment. Neither the County nor the Authority owns or operates a municipal waste disposal facility. Neither are involved with the collection of municipal waste.

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## MUNICIPALITIES WITH PUBLIC SECTOR FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

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Shippensburg Borough is the only Cumberland County municipality that utilizes public works crews to collect and transport municipal waste and recyclables. Shippensburg's public workers also service select commercial accounts.

In some instances, municipal public workers collect leaves, leaf waste and yard debris. For the most part, these materials are delivered to local compost sites for processing and composting.

### COMPOST SITES

Table 10-1 lists the public methods used for yard waste management.

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## FUTURE PROGRAMS AND FUNCTIONS

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Developing or investing in a public sector municipal waste infrastructure is not currently a consideration in Cumberland County. There is no indication from any of the municipalities that such interests or plans exist. It is anticipated that these roles or attitudes will not change during the Plan's implementation period.

TABLE 10-1 PUBLIC SECTOR YARD WASTE COLLECTION AND COMPOST SITES

Municipality	Residential Leaf Waste	Residential Brushy Waste Collection	Residential Leaf	Residential Brushy Waste Drop-Off	Compost Available at Processing Site	Mulch Available at Processing Site
<b>Camp Hill Borough</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Carlisle Borough</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>East Pennsboro Township</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Hampden Township</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Lemoyne Borough</b>	X		X	X	X	X
<b>Lower Allen Township</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Mechanicsburg Borough*</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Middlesex Township**</b>			X	X	X	X
<b>New Cumberland Borough</b>	X	X				
<b>Newville Borough</b>	X				X	
<b>North Middleton Township**</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Shippensburg Borough***</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Shiremanstown Borough</b>	X					
<b>Silver Spring Township*</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>South Middleton Township</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Upper Allen Township</b>	X	X			X	X
<b>Wormleysburg Borough</b>	X					

\* One site is shared by Mechanicsburg Borough and Silver Spring Township. \*\* One site is shared by Middlesex Township and North Middleton Township.

\*\*\* Shippensburg Borough's site is open to residents of Shippensburg Borough, Southampton Township (Cumberland and Franklin Counties), Shippensburg Township, Newburg Borough, and Hopewell Township. Site users must show an identification card to gain entry to the site. Township residents must buy an ID card to the Shippensburg Borough office for \$20. The card is renewable annually. Shippensburg Borough residents already pay for use of the site in their quarterly sanitation bill

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