

Recycling and Waste Diversion Grant

Bleckley County

FY23 Awardee

Bleckley County was awarded \$5,180 to begin a residential drop-off recycling program. Prior to this project, the county did not have a residential recycling program for residents, and all materials were sent to the landfill.

Though the RWD grant, the county purchased four recycling bins for residents to drop off their recyclables. The county provided a match of \$3,469, including the use of a third party to haul the collected materials to the recycling facility, staff time for educating the public, and signage.

In September 2023, Bleckley County opened the drop-off site to the public and transported the first load to the recycling facility. In the first few months, the Bleckley County Recycling Project collected 2,320 pounds of cardboard and 1,200 pounds of plastic. The county will continue to receive plastic, glass, cardboard, and paper at their public drop-off and divert the materials from landfills.

To learn more about the RWD Grant, visit <https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/recycling-and> or contact swtf.grant@dnr.ga.gov

