

# DUPAGE COUNTY

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## 2021 Waste & Recycling Annual Report

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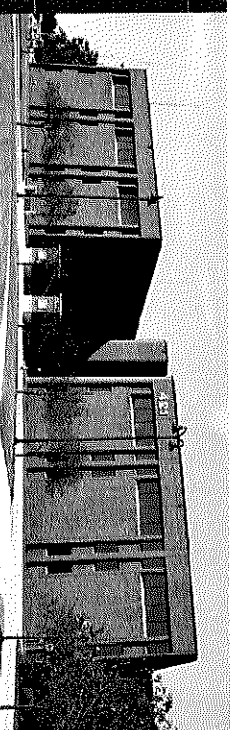
# Highlights

## National Level

- U.S. EPA released the National Recycling Strategy
- Set goal of 50% diversion by 2030
- Investment in infrastructure
- SWANA survey new recycling capacity – additional 15 paper mills and recycling value increased since National Sword

## State Level

- Materials Management Advisory Committee Recommendations
- Landfill diversion targets 40% by 2025; 45% by 2030 and 50% by 2035
- Increase state investment into recycling and composting
- Develop data management systems for measuring diversion



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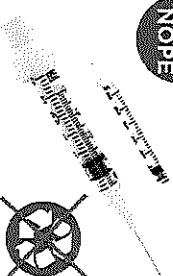
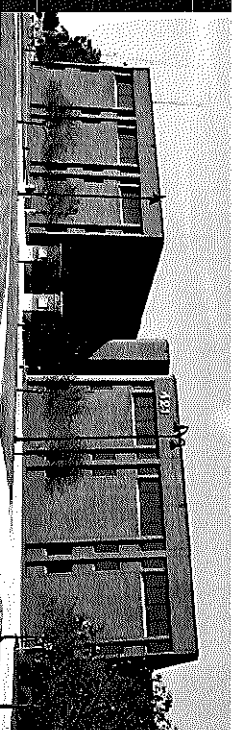


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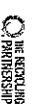
# Community Survey

Number of municipalities included	Refuse collected in tons	Recycling collected in tons	Overall Recycling Rate
28	239,408.07	79,605.07	32%

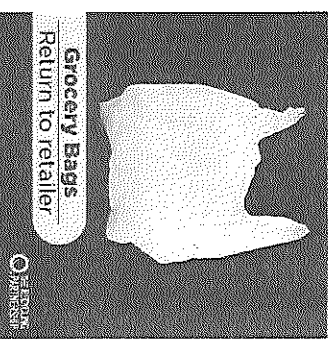
- Hauler education on acceptable items varies between digital media and printed flyers
- Food scrap composting service increased from 8 to 11
- 15 community special collections collected various items including items such as paint, electronics, eyeglasses, flags, bikes, paper (for shredding) and propane tanks



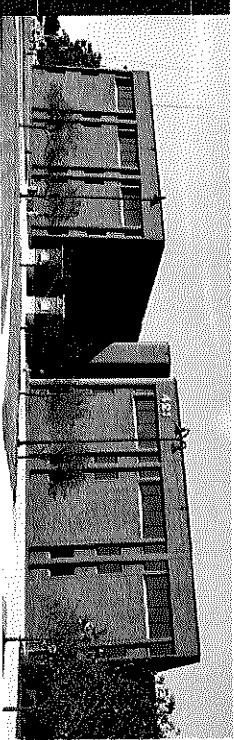
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**BATTERIES CAN SPARK OR EXPLODE**  
They don't belong in recycling or trash!



# Participation & Volumes



## Regional HHW Facility


- 23,061 vehicles
- Of those 13,904 DuPage County
- 69,980 gallons collected
- Increase of 399 vehicles and 3,875 from 2020

## Electronics Recycling

- 21% increase in lbs. from 2020
- Collected more than 1.4 million lbs.


## Rx Box Program

- 11,510 lbs. (>2020)



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#### Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility



156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville  
**Hours of Operation**  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Saturdays and Sundays (excluding holidays)  
For more information, call (630) 420-6095  
or visit [www.dupageco.org/waste](http://www.dupageco.org/waste).

DuPage County partners with the City of Naperville, Will County, Kane County, Aurora, and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to fund a facility that collects hazardous materials that may be difficult to properly dispose elsewhere.

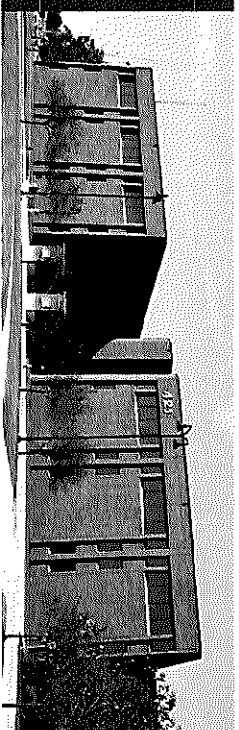


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# Summary of 2021 Data

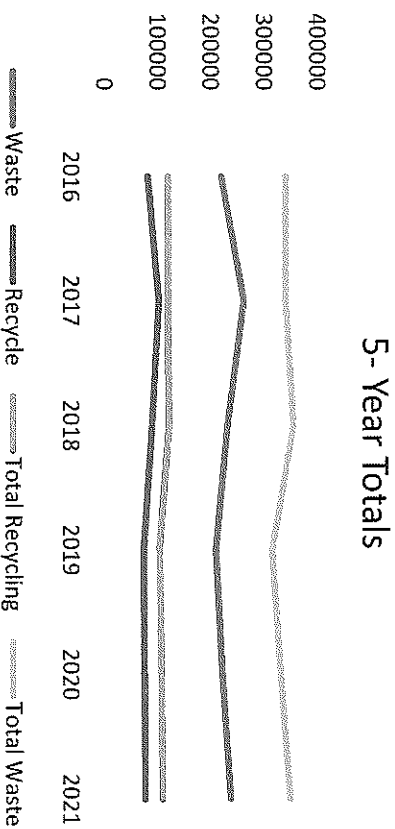


## 2021 Summary

- Volumes of waste increasing
- Recycling trending upward
- Overall rate 32%

### Future

- Review methodology for calculating rates
- Continue and expand contamination outreach
- Support IL Recycling Task Force
- Monitor IL EPA opportunities & goals



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