

Support Your Local Recycler

Washington County

Environmental Affairs

Fayetteville

Drop-off Established: 2001

Curbside Started:

Accomplishments:

I'm proudest of the Washington County Environmental Affairs' Education Program because we reach thousands of citizens in Washington County every year through community outreach and classroom programs or



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Challenges:

Our electronic waste collection program is constantly challenged by the cost of recycling electronics. Many people still choose to improperly dispose of their old and broken electronics by dumping them or using a fraudulent recycling organization rather than pay the \$5 fee to properly recycle these items. We have been able to alleviate this challenge with funding from ADEQ's Computer and Electronic Waste Recycling Grants, as well as educating our public about the environmental and health hazards associated with electronic waste .

Plans:

We are currently working to improve visibility for our Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off, which encompasses our electronics recycling program. Although we have been operating our collection program for more than 15 years, many citizens are still unaware of this service and unsure of how to properly dispose of hazardous household items.

