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## **Hamilton County Revising Recycling Plan – Public Input Needed**

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (District) is beginning the process of updating its Solid Waste Management Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to outline how the County is to reach State mandated recycling goals and to ensure adequate disposal capacity. Ohio's recycling goals include a 25% recycling rate for the residential/commercial sector and a 66% recycling rate for the industrial sector.

During the course of this process, all of the District's programs will be evaluated. A key component of this process is public input. Residents, businesses, teachers, community leaders and others interested in providing input during this process are encouraged to complete a brief survey found at [www.hamiltoncountycycles.org](http://www.hamiltoncountycycles.org).

The current Plan contains such programs as:

- The Household Hazardous Waste program which, last year, collected over 585 tons of hazardous chemicals from County residents.
- Yardwaste Collection sites which accept yard debris, free of charge, from over 30,000 residents each year.
- Computer Collection events which, in 2008, kept over 61 tons of used computer equipment out of area landfills.
- Grant programs which provide over \$1 million to local communities to help finance curbside and drop-off recycling programs.

For more information about the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District, or the Solid Waste Management Plan, please visit [www.hamiltoncountycycles.org](http://www.hamiltoncountycycles.org) or call 946-7734.

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