



**MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN**



Recycling is good for the environment and for the economy.

In 2015, the City of Buffalo provided recycling collection to over 74,900 households and close to 4,000 commercial establishments.



The City of Buffalo continues to send less waste to the landfills. Nearly 26% of waste is diverted from the landfill. Instead it is recycled, reused or composted.



## **CITY OF BUFFALO RECYCLING REPORT — 2015**

The City of Buffalo Department of Public Works is responsible for solid waste management systems. The City of Buffalo has a population of almost 260,000 residents. The solid waste system services 74,900 housing units of which over 50% are multi-dwelling households.

Solid waste that requires disposal is processed at the city owned East Side Transfer Station located at 793 South Ogden Street, Buffalo, New York. The City contracts with Waste Management of NY to operate the facility and transport solid waste to the Waste Management's landfill in Chaffee, New York.

Disposal of solid waste results in increased costs to the City of Buffalo. Landfill disposal is an integral part of a solid waste system, but it is the most costly. Recovery programs such as waste prevention, recycling, reuse and composting of organic material are more cost effective and sustainable than disposal.

The City of Buffalo has remained committed to increasing its recycling and recovery programs. The City of Buffalo switched to single stream curbside recycling in 2012 for all residential structures as well as commercial entities in the designated commercial districts. Overall the landfill diversion rate, waste that was reused, recycled or composted in 2015 was 26%. This continued progress stems from recent additions to the recycling program such as textile recycling, increased yard waste collection and a strong educational outreach component.

Mayor Byron W. Brown has set an aggressive goal of 34% landfill diversion (reuse, reduce and recycling) to match the national average. We will need every resident participating in the solid waste diversion program to be successful!

## CITY OF BUFFALO

### RECYCLING HIGHLIGHTS:



DPW staff delivering totes.



Yard waste waiting to be composted at the DPW Engineering garage.



Electronic/Universal and Yard Waste Recycling Drop off site located at DPW Engineering garage 1120 Seneca Street.

Hours of Operation: Monday—  
Friday 8:00AM—3:00PM  
First Saturday of the Month  
8:00AM—2:00PM

- City of Buffalo contracts with Republic Services to collect and process single stream **curbside recyclables**, 14,943 tons in 2015!
- City of Buffalo contracts with Lardon Construction to process **yard waste** collected by the Department of Streets and Sanitation. In 2015, the City extended its curbside collection from six to eight weeks. Over 11,000 tons of material was converted to compost which is available for residents to use.
- City of Buffalo continues to lead the Western New York Coalition for Donated Goods, a consortium of non profit organizations whose mission is to increase **textile recycling** and prevent textiles from going to the landfill. Over 4,800 tons were diverted in 2015! This year, a workshop was held for construction material reuse.
- City of Buffalo continues to operate its award winning **Electronic Waste Recycling Facility** located at 1120 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY. Residents can drop off e-waste for recycling at no charge to the resident. New this year — the city will pick up e-waste for senior and disabled residents. Over 427 tons were collected in 2015!
- The City of Buffalo launched its **34 and More Buffalo Recycles** marketing and education campaign.
- The City of Buffalo sponsored two Household Hazardous Waste Collection events in 2015. City-sponsored Household Hazardous Waste events allow residents to safely and properly dispose of common household chemicals at no cost to the resident.
- The City of Buffalo sponsored two community paper shredding events for the safe disposal of confidential documents.

# PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT

The City of Buffalo Department of Public Works, Streets and Sanitation division is responsible for:

- CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE
- CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF 2 LARGE ITEMS PER WEEK
- CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF YARD WASTE
- BULK TRASH PICKUP
- SPECIAL EVENTS, GARBAGE AND CARDBOARD COLLECTION AND EVENT CLEAN UP.



City sanitation crews collecting cardboard for recycling at the Taste of Buffalo.



City streets crews cleaning up after the St. Patrick's Day parade.

The City of Buffalo partners with private companies to manage many of our recyclables and special wastes.

## MATERIAL

RECYCLING COLLECTION AND PROCESSING  
YARD WASTE COMPOSTING  
ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING  
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION/PROCESSING  
UNIVERSAL WASTE RECYCLING  
TEXTILE RECYCLING

## COMPANY

REPUBLIC SERVICES  
LARDON CONSTRUCTION  
ELECTRONIC RECYCLERS INTERNATIONAL  
MXI  
NLR, INC.  
GOODWILL  
THE SALVATION ARMY  
HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS  
THE BUFFALO CITY MISSION  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
AMVETS



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Any successful recycling and waste reduction program needs to have a strong outreach program to increase interest and participation. In 2015, the City of Buffalo launched the 34 and More—Buffalo Recycles outreach campaign. The City contracted with Block Club Inc. to develop simple, clean messaging to educate the public on the City's recycling program. The main components seen this year are as follows:

### 34 and More—Buffalo Recycles Education Campaign

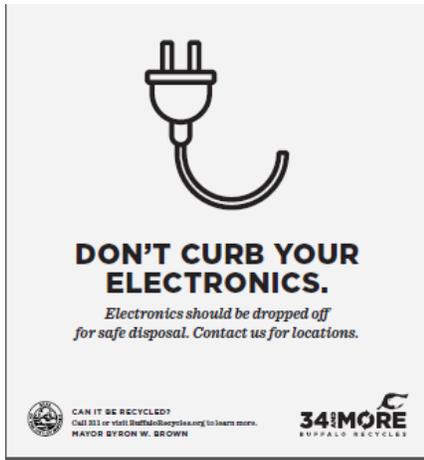
#### Truck Wraps



#### Billboards



## Print Ads



Panorama Hispano  
Criterion  
Riverside Review

Challenger  
Buffalo News

## Sidewalk Stencils



**Webpage** featuring a drop-down menu "Can it be Recycled? [www. buffalorecycles.org](http://www.buffalorecycles.org)



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

**Special Event Recycling**— the City of Buffalo requires recycling at all Special Events held in the City. Recycling took place at 229 events in 2015. City of Buffalo also provides recycling programming including “Recycling Rangers” to encourage participation and tables at the larger events.



Juneteenth 2015

**Community Recycling Initiatives**—the City of Buffalo participates in Block Club meetings and the award winning “Operation Clean Sweeps” program. Over 6,000 households were reached at 30 Clean Sweeps events in 2015. In addition, the Buffalo City Clerk’s office distributed doorhangers to over 10,000 households! And recycling inserts were inserted into 70,000 water bills.



Doorhanger

**Community Recycling Events**—the City of Buffalo held many special recycling events throughout 2015. Our residents enjoy the convenience of dropping off recyclables at locations throughout the City. Events included:

- Community Paper Shredding Events (2)
- Household Hazardous Waste events (2)
- Saturday E-Waste Collections (12)
- After Holiday Recycling Event—xmas trees, xmas lights, E-Waste and used clothing (1)
- Clothing/Textile collection days (5)



Community Shredding Event—UB South



Christmas Tree-Cycling

**Keep America Beautiful Grant Award**—The City of Buffalo received a grant for 75 special recycling bins designed specifically for placement at City of Buffalo Special Events as part of a national recycling bin grant program made possible by Keep America Beautiful (KAB) and The Coca-Cola Foundation.

Clear Stream recycling bins were used by Block Clubs and Community Groups for special events throughout the city. The City of Buffalo already has mandatory recycling at its special events but these additional Clear Stream recycling bins were used as a lending program to smaller special events. In 2015, Canalside added 20 to their summertime recycling program.



**Western New York Coalition for Donated Goods** — Mayor Byron W. Brown

continues to direct the Western New York Coalition for Donated Goods (WNYCDG). The WNYCDG includes Goodwill, The Salvation Army, Buffalo City Mission, Amvets, Hearts for the Homeless and St. Vincent de Paul. The mission is to educate the community on the benefits of recycling and donating goods and provide easy access to donation opportunities.

HERTEL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION presents **HERTEL HOLIDAYS** **NEW & USED CLOTHING DRIVE** **Saturday, DECEMBER 5TH**

**Donate new or used clothing, Help our Environment and Help Fund Programs that Feed, Clothe, Shelter, Educate & Employ WNY Residents in Need!**

Look for donation trucks and collection bins throughout the Hertel Avenue shopping district from 11:00am—4:00pm

For more information visit [www.hertelholidays.com](http://www.hertelholidays.com)

Donors receive a coupon for \$5 off a \$25 purchase at WNYCDG member stores

MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN NEW YORK COALITION FOR DONATED GOODS

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**Buffalo Public Schools Outreach**— the City of Buffalo provides both operation and educational support to the Buffalo Public Schools. In 2015, the City of Buffalo worked with Buffalo Public Schools to ensure that all schools had a recycling program. The City of Buffalo provided single stream green tote recycling to 16 Buffalo Public Schools. The remainder of the schools recycle paper and cardboard with Cascades Recovery or Republic Services. The City of Buffalo also worked with two schools to conduct a Waste Audit to determine additional materials that could be diverted from the waste stream. Additionally, the City of Buffalo Recycling Coordinator provided classroom programming to over 20 classrooms.



For 2015 Earth Day, the City of Buffalo working with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, held a district wide Earth Day Clothing Drive. Thirteen schools participated and over

Students from Riverside High School researched the effects of recycling on climate change as well as interviewing community members to find out why they don't recycle. The students presented their findings to Mayor Byron W. Brown and Commissioner Steve Stepniak.



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