

Survey Executive Summary

McDonough County Recycling Survey

General Federation of Women’s Clubs

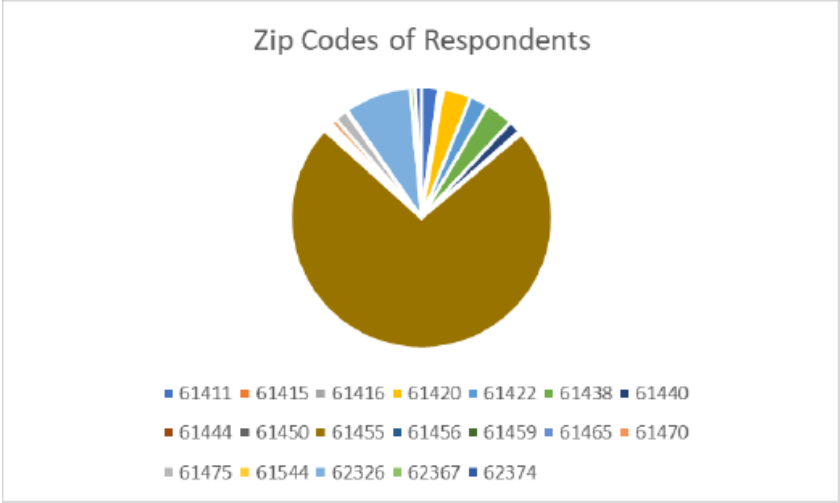
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As the survey results regarding rural recycling in McDonough County are reviewed, several factors need to be considered. The first factor is the methodology of the survey. The survey was conducted as a convenience sample survey, distributed through social media, in person events, survey cards with QR Codes or press releases to local media. While over 525 responses were received, the sample was not random, so results may be skewed.

A second factor that may have impacted results is the timing of the survey. The survey was launched on May 1, 2021, as community events began resuming after over a full year of pandemic restrictions. While the two issues may not seem related, online purchases increased dramatically during 2020 and 2021, leading to more household recycling, especially cardboard. According to the World Economic Forum, the pandemic accelerated changes in consumer behavior, and it is apparently a permanent shift-- (<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2021/07/global-consumer-behaviour-trends-online-shopping/>) How additional packaging is being handled is unknown at this time.

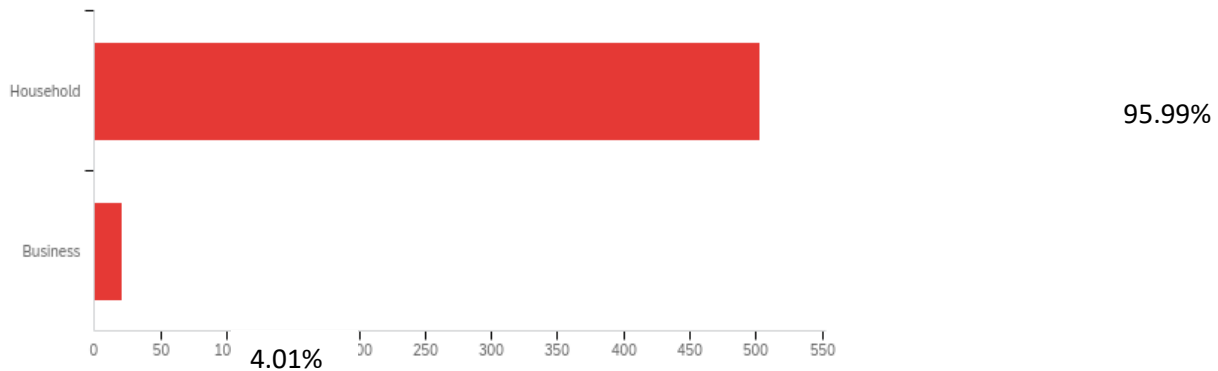
Other factors influencing survey results may include similar opinions at events, the times of year when the University is out for the summer, and general political polarization over the past several years. With all these considerations taken into consideration, it does appear that recycling is viewed in a positive light in general, but several considerations did arise. The following section will look specifically at results of questions and any inferences that seem apparent from those results.

Zip Codes



The predominant zip code of respondents was 61455, which is Macomb. While this is not surprising, as Macomb is by far the largest community in the county, it is impossible to determine how many residents reside in city limits vs. rural Macomb.

Are you answering on behalf of your household or business?



Clearly most participants were responding to the survey as householders rather than business owners. It may be worthwhile to develop a business specific interview and engage directly with business owners to determine their recycling needs.

Does your household or business currently recycle? (Either curbside pick-up or haul to recycling center)

As can be seen by the table above, over three quarters of the respondents indicated that their household or business currently recycles in some fashion. Since this is a self-reported response, it is difficult to determine what the respondents considered “currently recycling”, so this question might be looked at in tandem with the question regarding what people currently recycle.

Yes	76.76%	403
No	23.24%	122
Total	100%	525

What traditional materials does your household or business recycle? Check all that apply.

As can be seen from the following table, many of the survey respondents do current recycle some of the more common items, including aluminum, plastic, cardboard and glass. Unfortunately, the market for these items as recycling is either non-existent (glass) or less than profitable at the current prices. To create a local program including either pickup or drop-off of recyclables, these issues must be considered and addressed.

As can be seen, only 55 respondents indicated they did not recycle at all, but due to the fact the survey was conducted as a convenience sample, this may be a misleading number. It is clear from the answers from the “other” comments that many of the respondents are trying to do their best with recycling efforts.

Current Recycling

#	Answer	Count
1	Aluminum cans	425
2	Plastic containers or bottles	407
3	Magazines/junk mail	362
4	Newspaper	354
5	Tin Cans	351
6	Cardboard	392
7	Green yard waste	104
8	Glass bottles	352
9	Other	32
10	None	55
	Total	2834

“Other” Comments from Current Recycling Question

Very toxic batteries and other e-waste

Electronics

Plastic bags (5 More)

we recycle plastic caps through the Macomb Bench Project and prescription bottles through local pet clinics, and plastic bags through HyVee collection bin.

hazardous waste as appropriate/allowed at facilities

I bring plastic bags to the grocery store.

tennis shoes

Sneakers, electronic, Batteries, Christmas lights, extension cords, athletic shoes, egg cartons, plastic bags, recycled by taking it to work

Batteries

Paper

Won't pick up glass bottles

I would recycle if there was a service.

food scraps

Other plastics

plastic wrap/aluminum foil containers

We can't recycle now, but I would recycle all the above if there was a source for it.

Batteries

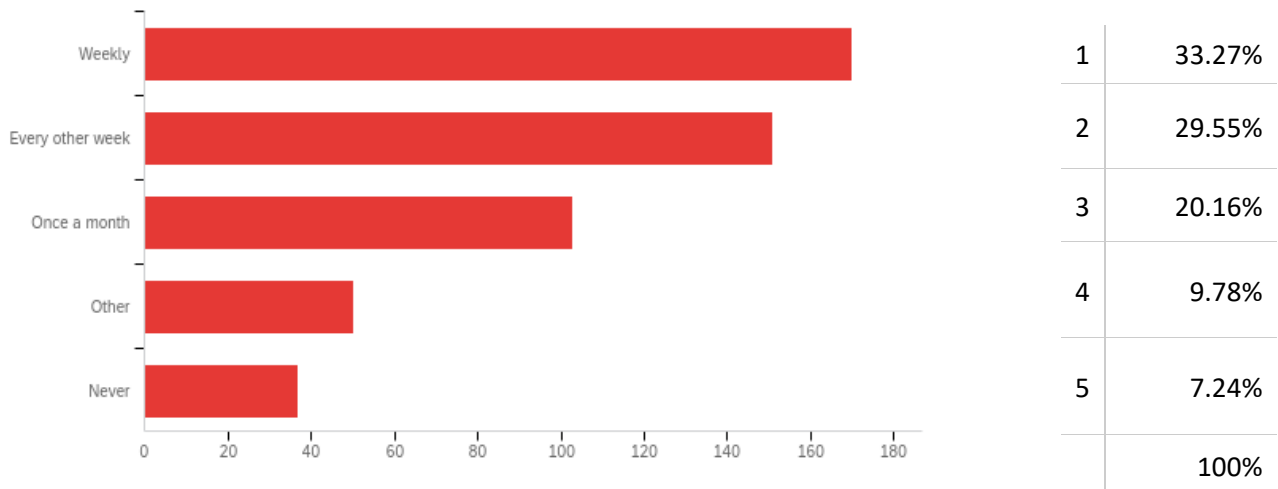
Paint and electronics

Electronics to local recycling. Metal for All-Trash pickup (scavengers come around for it). Paint and other spare building materials to local Habitat

Batteries, electronic equipment, paint cans,

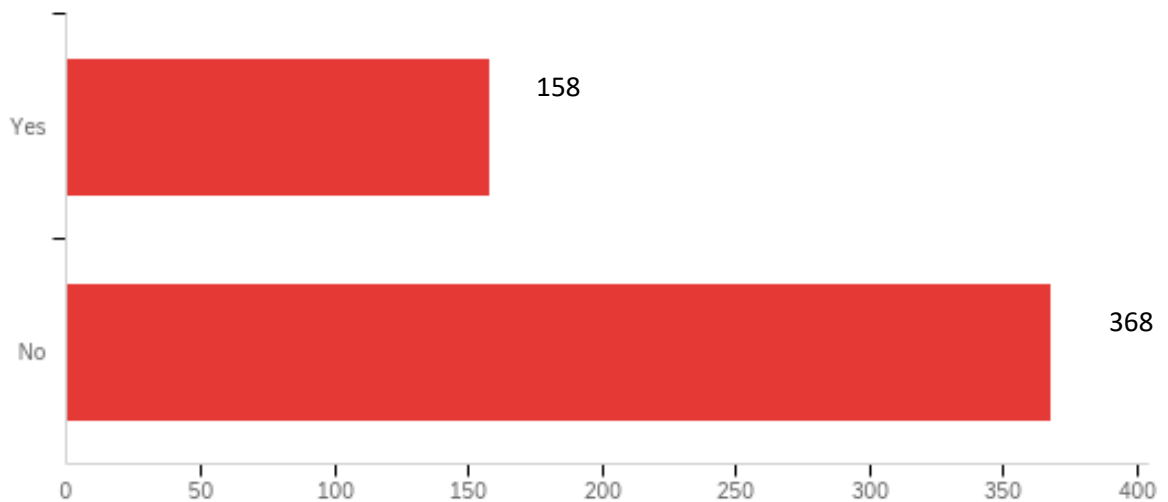
compost all unused non-meat, non dairy

If a recycling drop-off facility was available, how often would you utilize this service?



In response to drop-off usage, roughly 83% of respondents indicated they would use such a facility at least monthly. While these numbers may only represent intentions, they are encouraging as drop-off locations would be the most cost-effective manner to implement a rural recycling program. Further study would be needed to determine most likely types of drop off as well as locations that would be conducive to the types of vehicles and traffic that would be generated by a drop off site.

Does your household or business currently compost (food/yard waste) on your property?



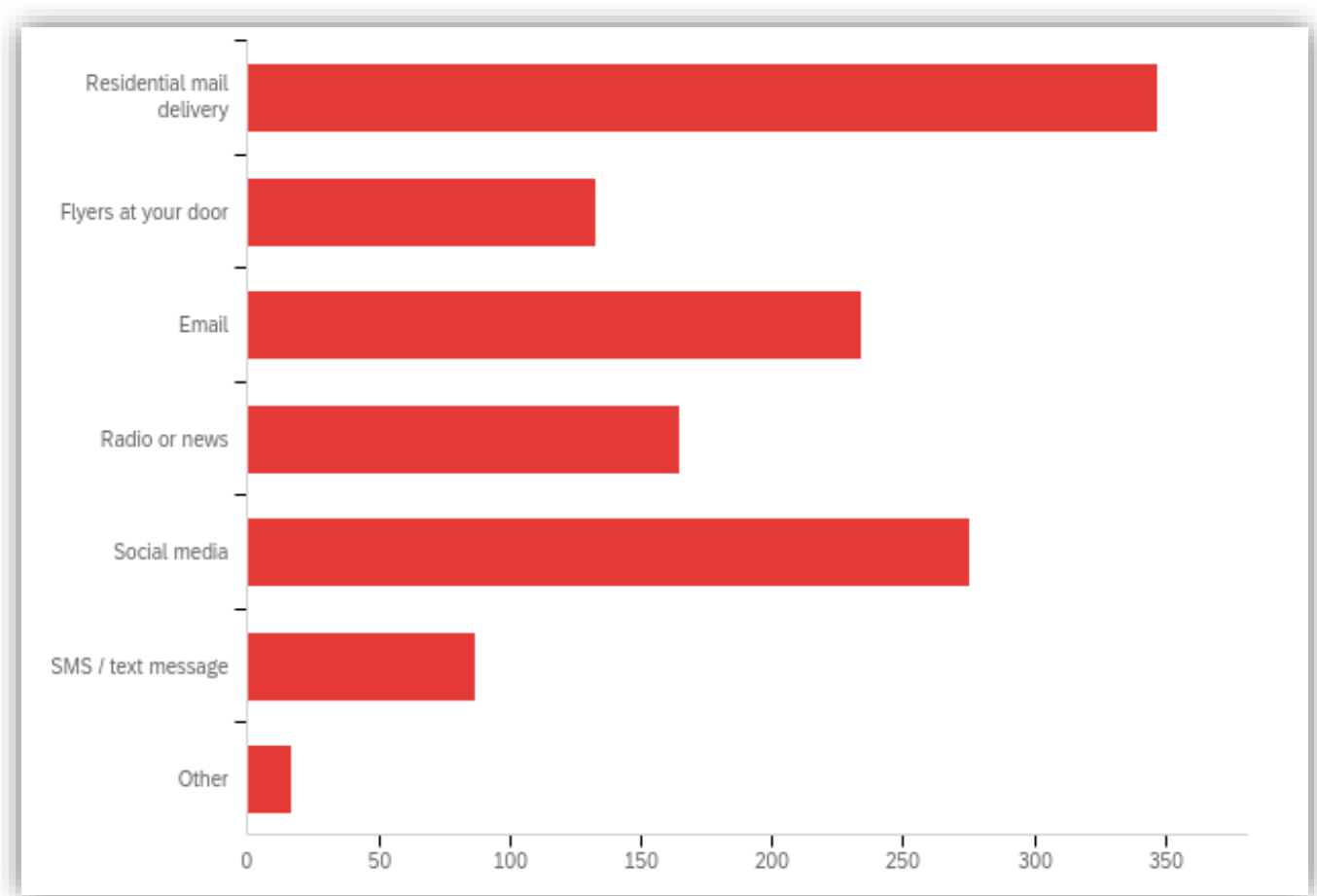
As can be seen from the response illustrated by the above chart, only 30% of respondents (158/526) currently compost. While this is probably a far greater number than the population as a whole, it does show a potential area for education and expansion. Composting workshops and collaborative may present an opportunity for both outreach and environmental sustainability initiatives.

Do you feel like you have the information you need about your recycling options?

Answer	%	Count
Yes	45.65%	231
No	54.35%	275
Total	100%	506

Despite decades of work by environmentalists and educators, the changing nature of recycling processes, materials and markets has left even those budding environmentalists confused. With over 50% of respondents indicating they do feel like they have the information they need about their recycling options, an opportunity exists for community education pieces in multi modal approaches.

What are the best ways to communicate information on how to recycle properly? (Please check up to THREE)



By reviewing the responses above, clearly most respondents would prefer communication regarding recycling to be delivered via mail, social media or e-mail. "Other" responses had some creative comments, but none that appear as frequently as the three methods indicated. While Residential or "Snail" mail may have been the most popular choice, this may be tied to the age or location of the respondents. It should be noted that if messages were crafted to send via "snail" mail, the same information may also be posted on a static website or become the topic of a blog, expanding the visibility of the message and creating the much-needed repetition of the messaging.

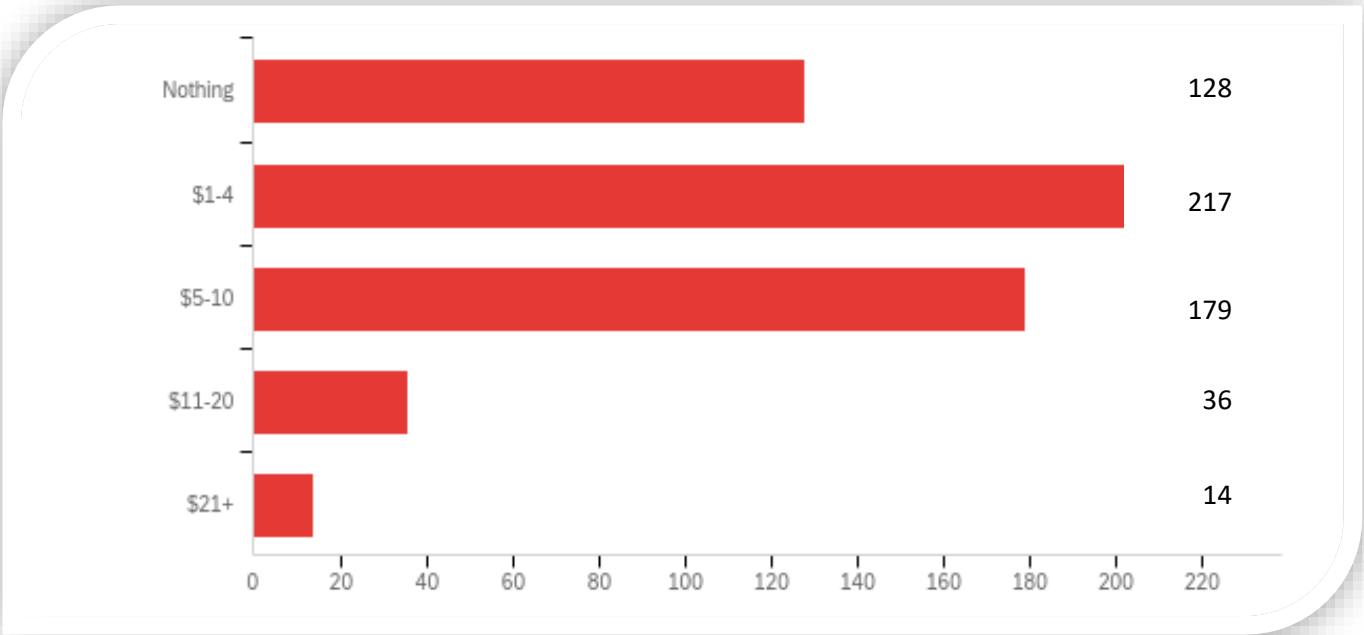
Please select your level of agreement with the following statements:

Question	1 - Highly Disagree		2 - Disagree		3 - Neutral		4 - Agree		5 - Highly Agree		Total
Recycling saves me money	2.81%	14	12.22%	61	50.50%	252	20.64%	103	13.83%	69	499
I want to be socially responsible	1.78%	9	0.40%	2	3.17%	16	26.34%	133	68.32%	345	505
I want people to think of me as responsible	2.59%	13	2.59%	13	27.54%	138	28.14%	141	39.12%	196	501
Recycling is good for the environment	1.59%	8	0.40%	2	2.78%	14	16.50%	83	78.73%	396	503
Recycling does not benefit me	60.12%	297	30.36%	150	6.88%	34	1.82%	9	0.81%	4	494
Recycling does not benefit the community	68.20%	341	26.00%	130	3.80%	19	0.80%	4	1.20%	6	500
It is difficult to know what items can be recycled	6.24%	31	25.55%	127	18.31%	91	43.46%	216	6.44%	32	497
Recycling takes too much time	44.51%	219	41.46%	204	10.77%	53	2.24%	11	1.02%	5	492
I do not have enough recyclables	49.90%	247	37.78%	187	9.29%	46	1.62%	8	1.41%	7	495
It is too difficult to find room for temporary storage of recyclable items	32.60%	163	35.80%	179	12.40%	62	15.00%	75	4.20%	21	500
I don't know where to take recyclables	13.56%	67	20.24%	100	15.38%	76	31.17%	154	19.64%	97	494
I don't want to take recycling to a drop-off location	22.83%	113	24.44%	121	25.86%	128	18.38%	91	8.48%	42	495
I do not recycle because I do not have curbside recycling	39.39%	193	18.57%	91	17.96%	88	13.27%	65	10.82%	53	490

While most respondents seem to agree that recycling is good for the environment and they want to be socially responsible, a large number (over 24%) indicated they do not recycle since they do not have curbside pickup. While this is simply a convenience sample, this number should cause some concern, since in a rural area, curbside pickup may prove to be cost prohibitive. Further research into the conscience factor may be needed to find solutions workable for rural residents. Another response to note is that over 50% either agree or strongly agree with the statement “It is difficult to know what items can be recycled”. This factor once again begs for ongoing, multi modal educational efforts to fill knowledge gaps.

The statements in the above table might also serve as springboards for educational pieces and initiatives for public consumption. Blog posts and informational pieces about each topic could also be rotated throughout social media pieces, etc. and added to websites, etc. of various community partners.

I would be willing to pay any of the following monthly fees for a recycling service:



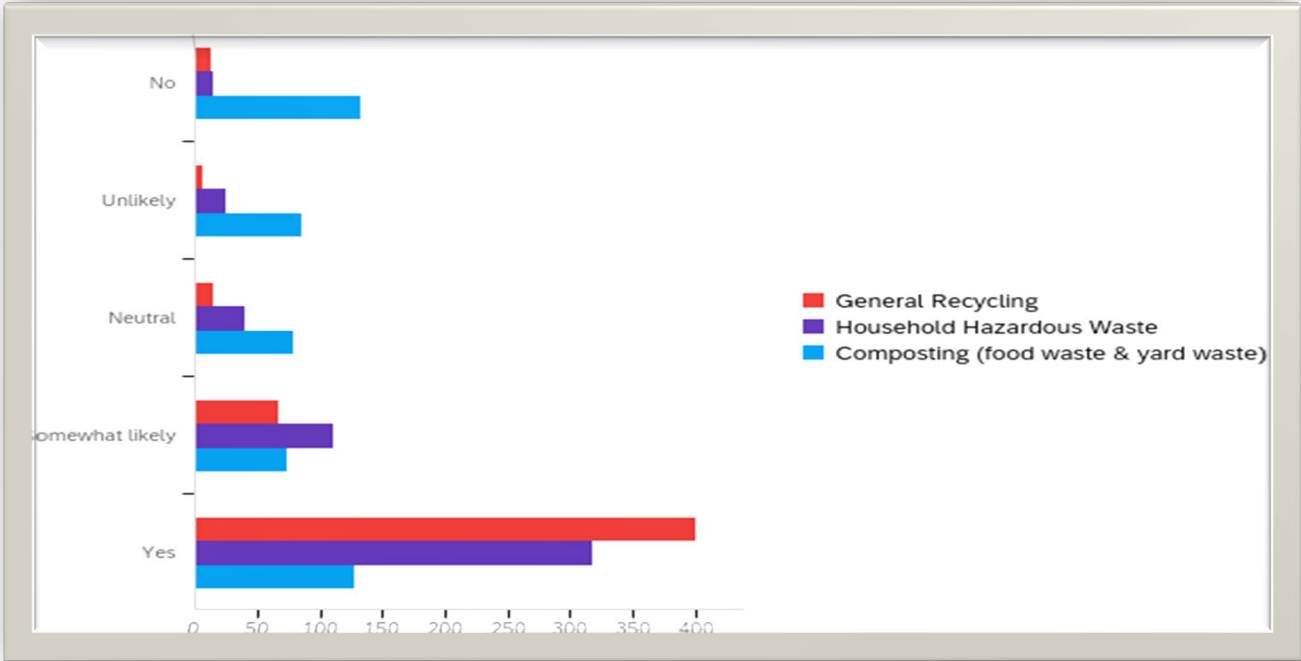
Respondents seemed generally willing to pay for recycling pickup, but when the price point tipped over \$10 per month, reticence increased. This factor may have an impact on curbside pickup options for private vendors. Models utilized for rural recycling initiatives will need to be cautious regarding end user fees, as the price point seems rigid once the monthly fees exceed a relatively nominal fee of \$10 per month. Given the potential bias of survey respondents in a convenience sample, the price point may be lower than this survey suggests.

I would be willing to pay the following per load to ensure quarterly recycling of household hazardous waste collection (batteries, paint, herbicides, insecticides, oil, CFL bulbs, solvents, etc.) in McDonough County:

Answer	%	Count
Nothing	18.36%	92
\$1-4	34.73%	174
\$5-10	34.73%	174
\$11-20	8.58%	43
\$21+	3.59%	18
Total	100%	501

In hindsight, this question needs to be totally discarded as the information provided was too vague for meaningful analysis, were this a representative sample. Specific load size and waste types may be addressed at a further date with business and household entities.

Would you utilize services for the following items?



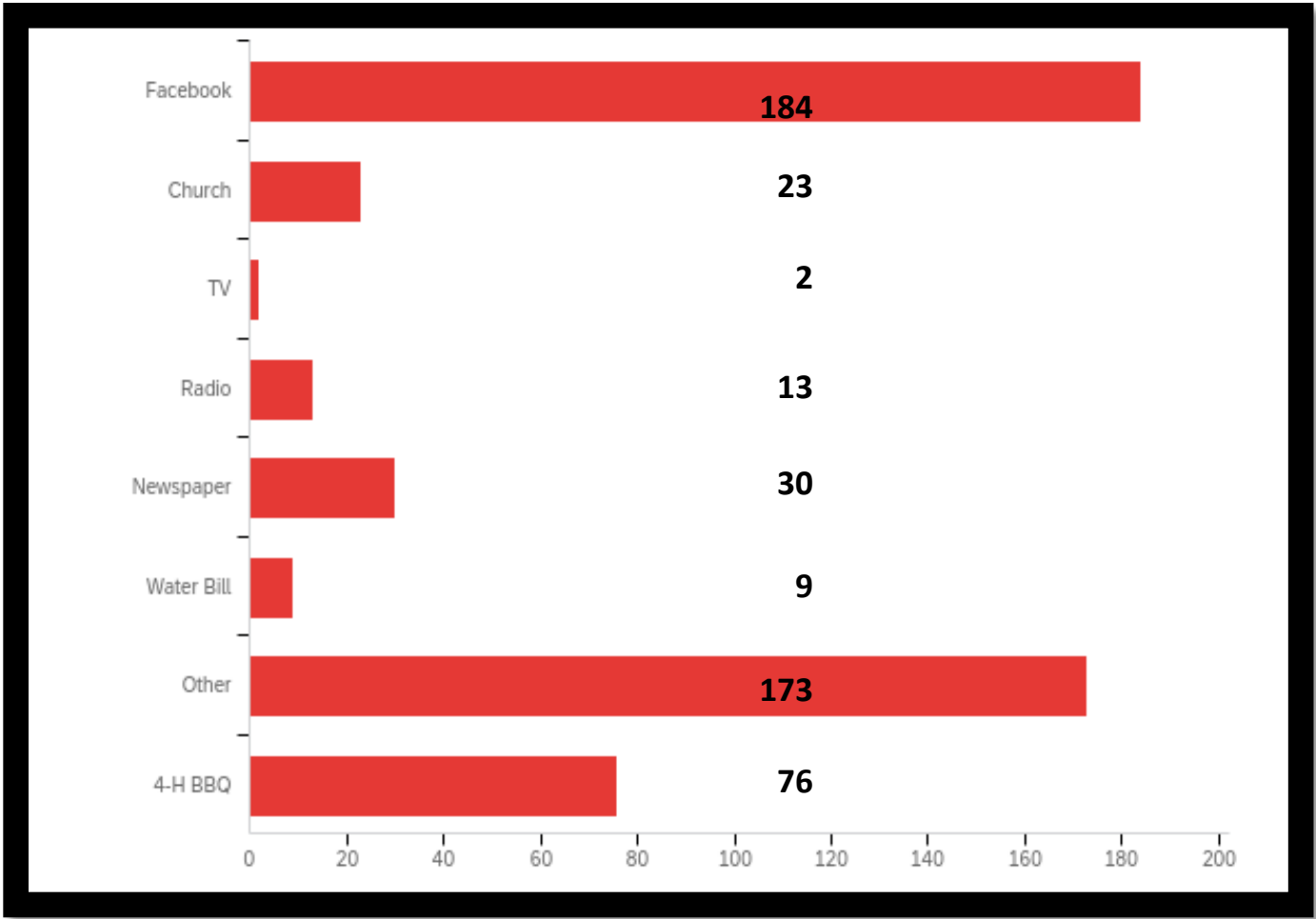
Consistent with previous questions, most respondents seem willing to utilize services for general and household recycling, with composting hovering around 30% of respondents.

Would you utilize a large item disposal service? (washers, dryers, furniture, mattresses, etc.)

Answer	%	Count
Yes	49.68%	234
No	14.86%	70
Unsure	35.46%	167
Total	100%	471

It appears from the answers to the question regarding large item disposal, less than 15% of respondents would not use a large item disposal service, while over 35% are unsure. This could be due to the rural nature of the county where nearly 15% may have access to a vehicle and labor that could remove and dispose of large items without a service.

How did you find out about this questionnaire?



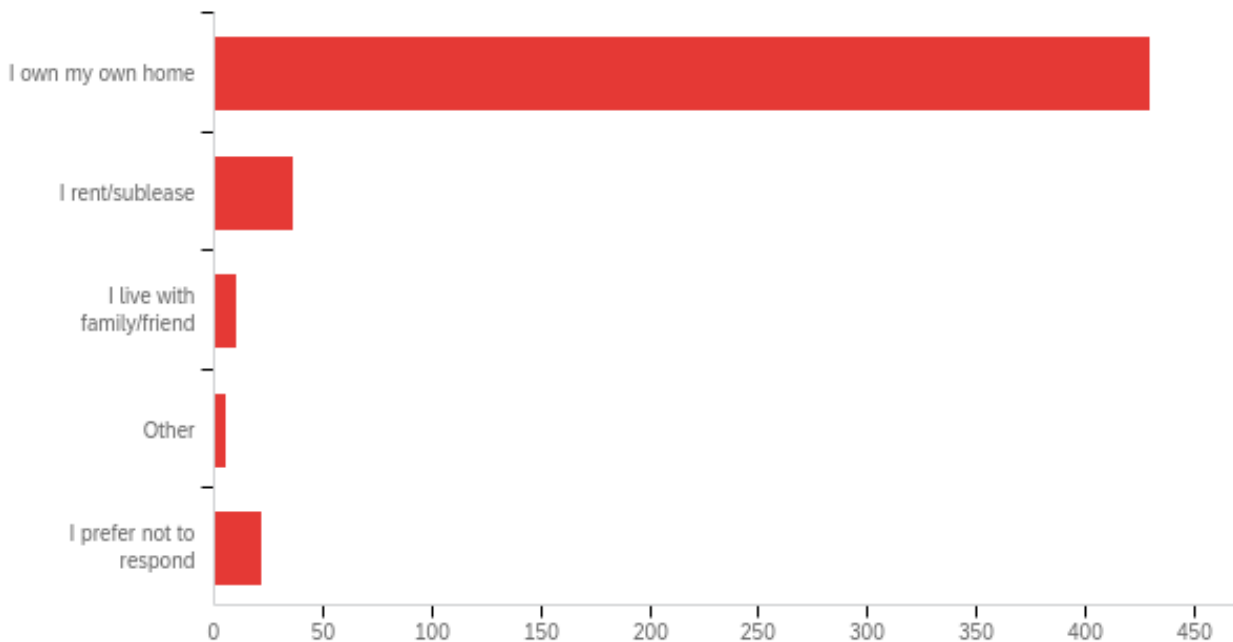
While the predominant response was “other” those answers rested firmly in three categories: 1) Heritage Days, 2) Women’s Club or friend. As is the case in any convenience sample, the distribution methodology may have a great impact on the results. The final few questions below also give insight as to those who completed the survey.

What is your race?

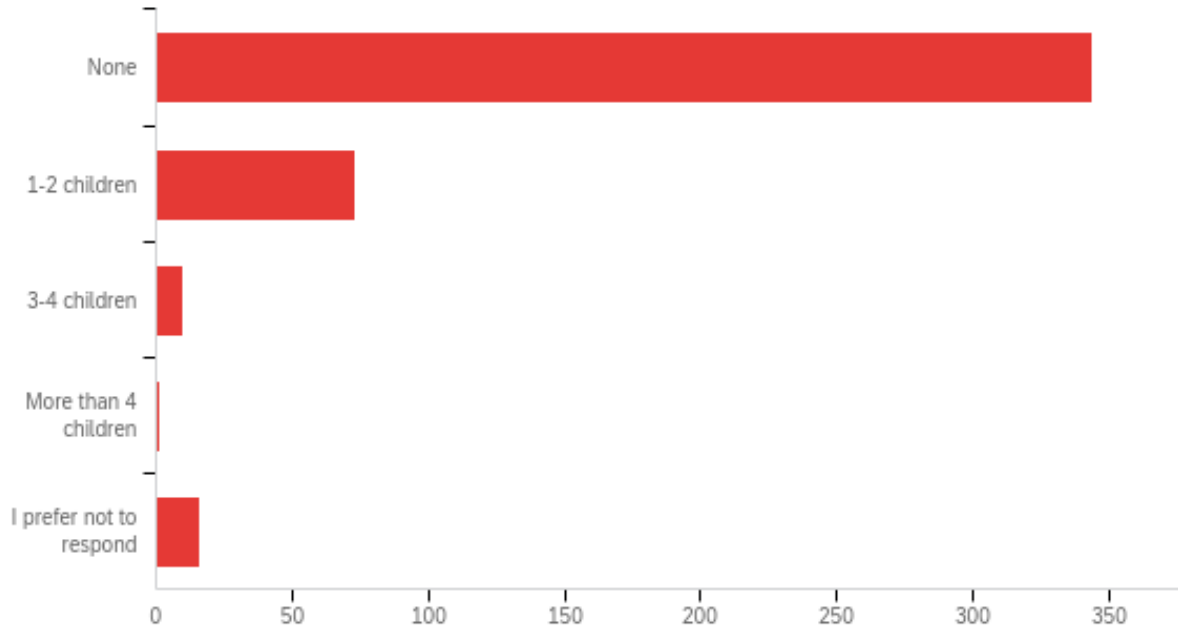
What is your ethnicity?

Answer	%	Count	Answer	%	Count
White	90.22%	452	Hispanic/Latino	0.21%	1
Black	0.80%	4	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	88.91%	417
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00%	0	I prefer not to respond	10.87%	51
Asian	0.40%	2	Total	100%	469
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%	0			
Other	0.00%	0			
Two or more races	0.60%	3			
I prefer not to respond	7.98%	40			
Total	100%	501			

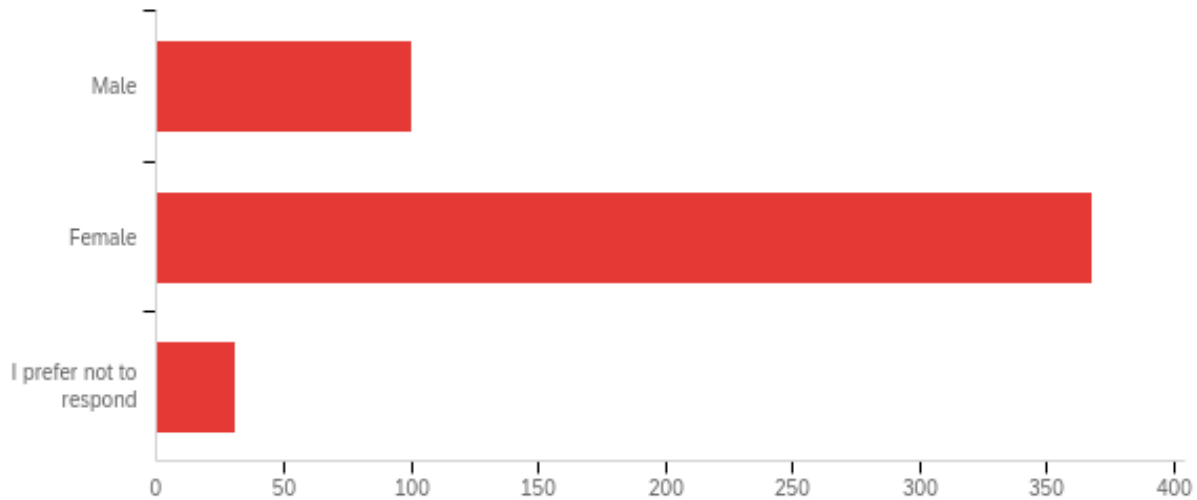
What is your home ownership status?



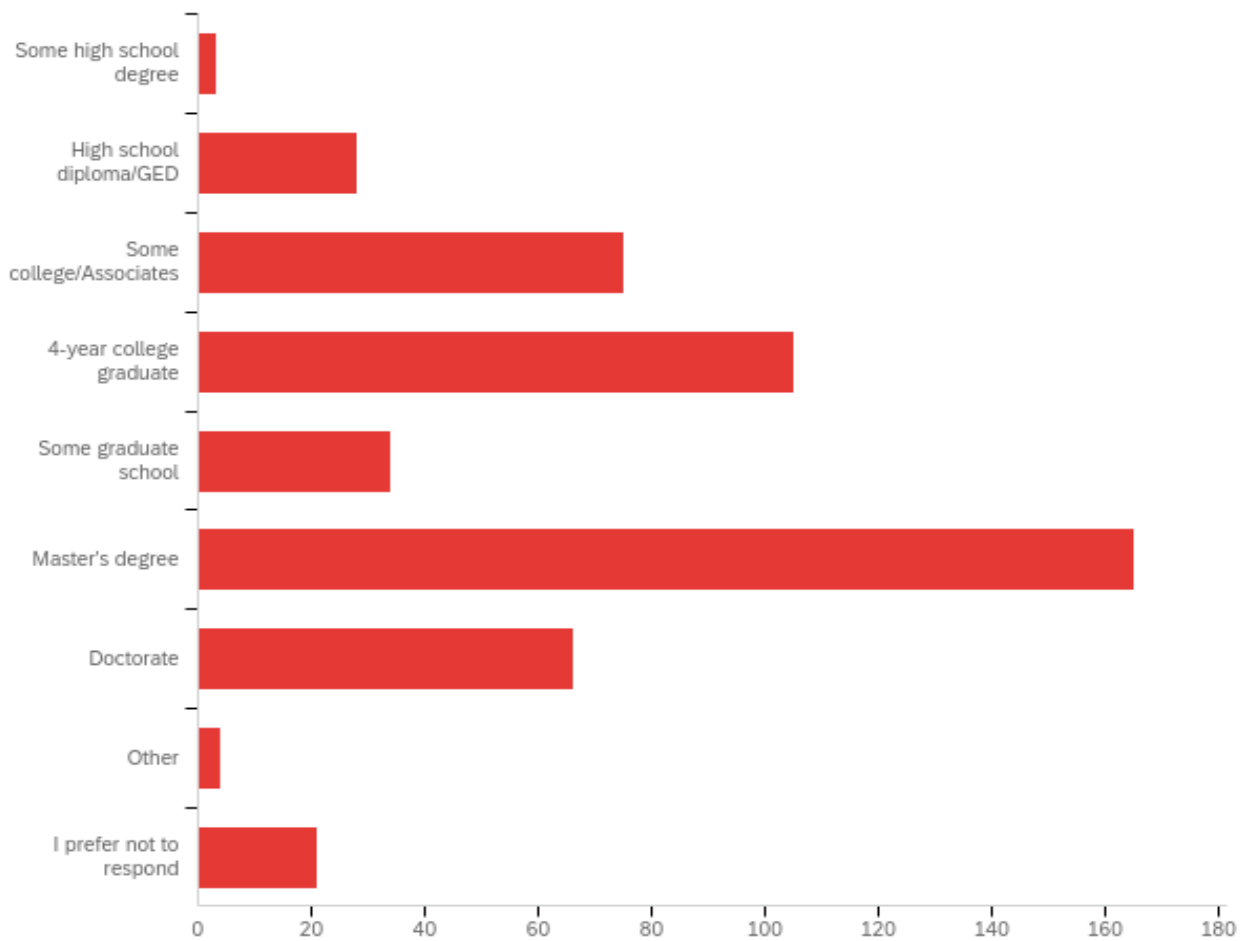
How many children under the age of 16 live in your household?



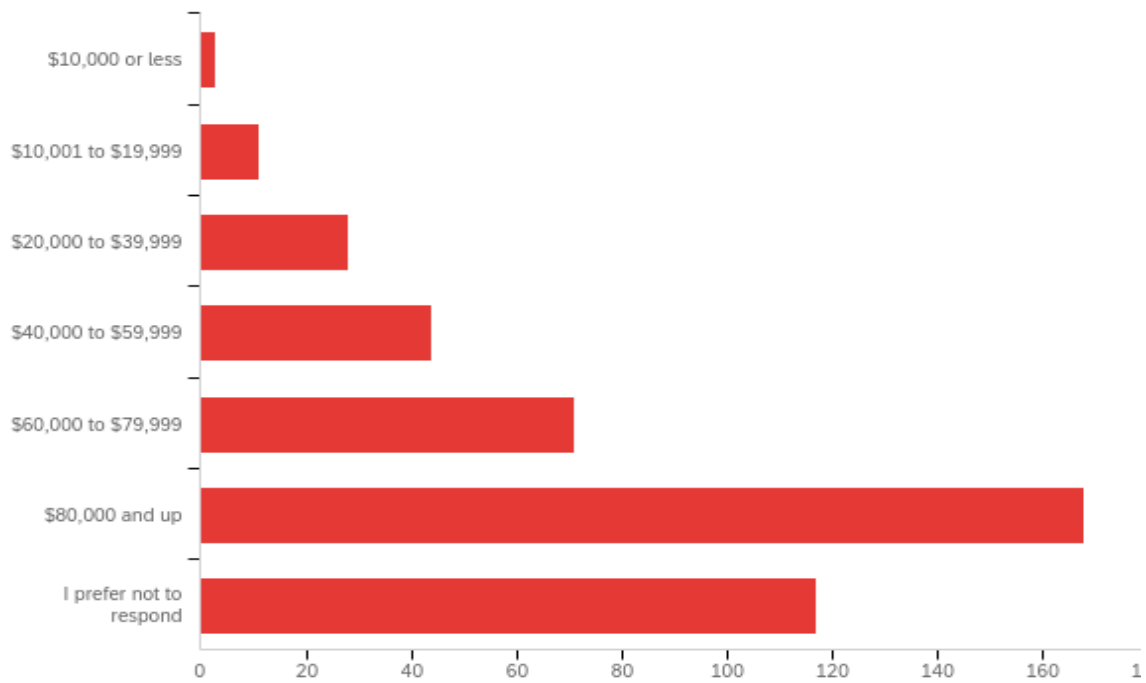
What is your gender?



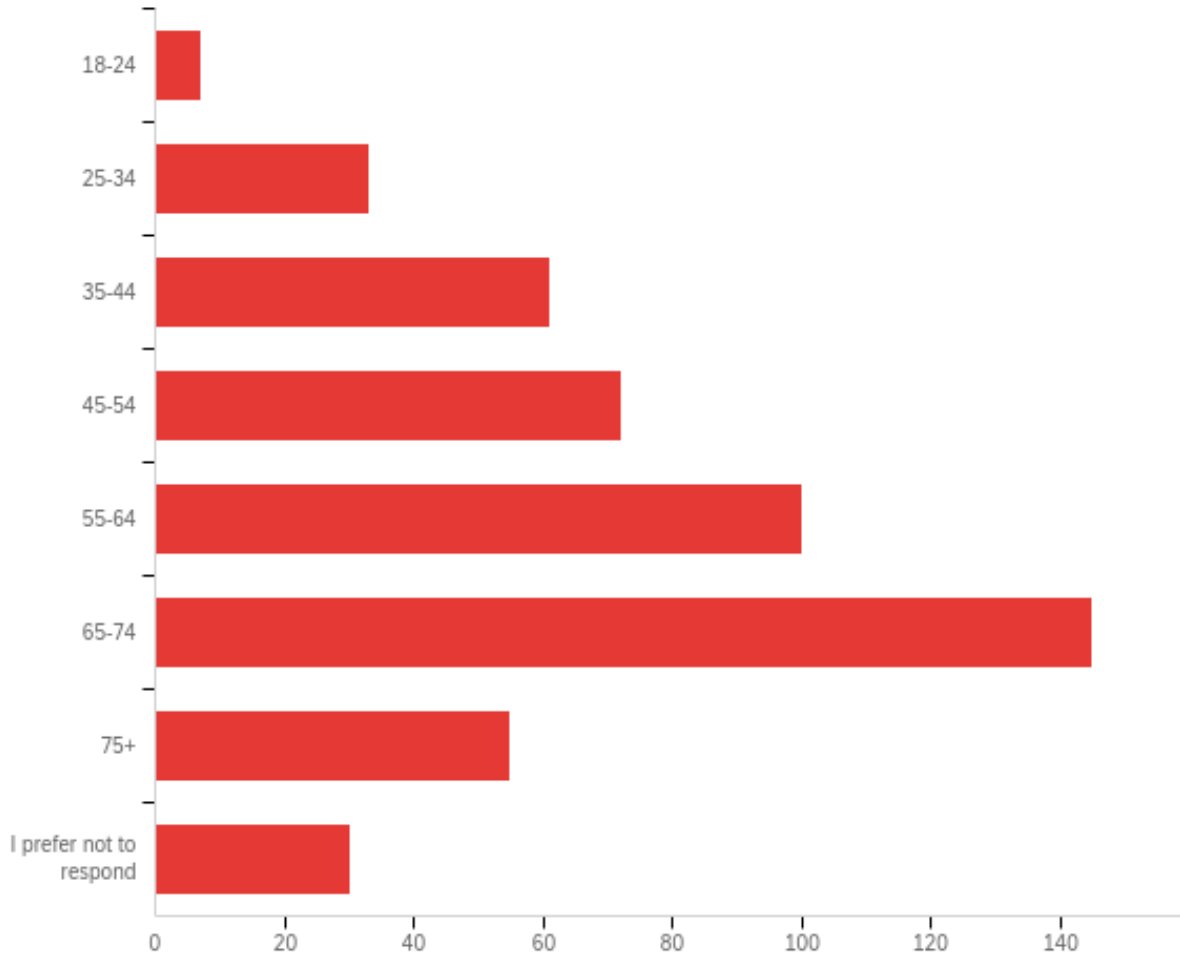
The summary of the demographics of the respondent group, while not surprising, must be noted. The charts proceeding and following indicate that the “typical” respondent of this survey was an affluent, educated woman over the age of 55 who owns their own home. They also have either achieved the status of “empty nester” or are childless. This profile is consistent with members of the Woman’s Club, and is not a surprising result from the convenience sample distribution employed for the survey.



What is your household annual income?



Please select your age category



General Recycling Participation/General Comments

These comments were simply general comments from respondents about their use of recycling services or thoughts about recycling which did not fit easily into another category

I already have & utilize a recycling service with my regular trash service.
I have curbside recycling, which I utilize all the time. This is why I marked some of the questions as I did. I f Macomb did not offer this, I might be more willing to pay for the service, but I'm not sure why there would be changes.
I live in town in Macomb and recycle daily.
Macomb has recycle pickup and an electronics recycling drop off office. It doesn't seem that Macomb needs a new service, but maybe it would offer more than is currently offered by the two options we have now.
I don't need large disposal service because living in the rural area, we can burn some things and take metal to the scrap yard. However, I don't like to burn any plastic
Make it happen! 👍
We already compost, so I was not sure how to mark that.
HyVee use to take plastic bags and plastic wraps. What can be done with them now? We need a place to take that type of waste. Thank you.

We ned to take better care of our environment.
We are senior citizens so several items would not be easy to use for us. We are happy with service that we have now.
So many people dump stuff in our rural ditches & we have to clean it up. Always been a problem & gets worse during wiu move times and when underage drinkers roam the back roads and dump their cans and bottles or fastfood trash.
recycling has to be a net gain, to often we get hung up on recycling yet the net production of the new product creates more waste the original item.
I will be presenting this information to the city council and encourage them to reach out to the local businesses to complete the survey
I have been a recycling advocate for decades before moving to Macomb 15 years ago. With the threat of growing plastic pollution of lands and seas in particular, recycling is more important than ever. Just the other day, I looked into my kitchen trash and saw that almost all of waste was currently "non-recyclable" plastic. This questionnaire is a great first step, but the whole plastics industry needs to be on board.
I'd really like it if there was a way to recycle prescription pill bottles beyond just including them in the recycling bin. It seems like there should be a way to reuse them. Also, could we try to get all of Macomb to move to not using plastic bags? I know other places have done that. Finally, I would gladly compost if I knew how to do it. Anyway we could get gardening places to stop using so many plastic containers for their plants? Or at least allow us to return them? It also seems like it'd be great to not have so many mulch plastic bags.

Recycling Access

These comments were concerned with the lack of access to either a recycling facility or to a curbside recycling service.

We need recycling now! Just how "backwards" can this rural community be??!! Our future depends on this!
Please please please give us rural recycling! I have to haul my items to MONMOUTH and it's a disgrace that McDonough County doesn't offer this service.
We live out of town on a farm and have long waited for a recycling service for country people. I have recycled in the past , but since Bridgeway closed its recycling center it is much more difficult to recycle. I have asked waste management about a site disposal with no results. As a tax payer and a rural resident of McDonough county it would be nice for a change that we would be offered the same service that is offered in the towns. People want to do the right thing such as recycling, but it's extra hard to do if the service isn't even offered to us. It kind of makes us feel like second class citizens. This is a topic that gets a great deal of attention at the dinner table at our home. We are quite passionate about this topic and want to continue doing the right thing. We hope that you can make this a reality for the community and continue to making this a better more responsible place to live .
I very much hope something can be put in place to recycle in our county. We currently take items we can recycle to Galesburg about every other month, but glass, tin cans, plastic bags and etc. are not recyclable at the facility. We need to keep these items out of the landfill. Unfortunately too many people find it too easy to throw it all in the trash.
We desperately need county wide recycling
I live in the countryside. We have things we could recycle but not really a way to do so easily. I believe in recycling and would participate if it were easier. I recycle in my own way through my artwork.
Please bring recycling to Rural McDonough county
I live Rural. I have zero recycling options since the facility on deer road closed. Why doesn't McDonough county offer curbside recycling PickUp like City of Macomb has?. Or at least offer a drop

<p>off facility. No one in the county outside city limits can recycle at all! Except luckily WIRC takes electronics and paint at least.</p>
<p>We would like to have rural recycling. It pains me to put recycling items in the trash. Currently we bring items to our daughter's place in town as she has a recycling bin, but this is not always convenient. I would be willing to pay for recycling pickup if it is affordable. I want to recycle and protect the environment.</p>
<p>Curbside pickup for rural resident</p>
<p>I have had recycling in my classroom when I taught school. Since we are rural I took my recyclables to school. After retirement, we got a recycle container from WM. We have changed our garbage service to Jackson Disposal and they do not offer recycling. I take my plastic bags etc to WalMart or Hy-Vee.</p>
<p>Long overdue for us who live outside Macomb city limits, and the McDonough County Board purchased those yellow totes (a while back) for the city</p>
<p>Our household currently recycles newspaper and water bottles. However, we collect them and take them to our parents' home to use their recycling service. We would recycle more if we had a local service.</p>
<p>We have been composting for most of my adult life--in fact, with a few others we started a recycling center in Macomb in the 80's. As we live in the country, we store it (and we have limited household space to do so)and travel to Burlington and Monmouth periodically to recycle. Honestly, I wonder if it's actually recycled or just in a landfill. We've stopped recycling plastic recently and I truly think that does add up in a landfill, and it's increased our weekly garbage pick up-those large containers really take up space. We really need to recycle hazardous materials to protect our waterways. Businesses in town are unable to recycle. Depending on the business, they create a lot of waste that could be recycled-aka bars! So hope we get service out here in rural Forgottonia soon! Thanks for the efforts!</p>
<p>I would love to be able to recycle. I do not have trash pick up at my house. We burn our trash but unfortunately things that could be recycled just go in my work trash to be picked up by waste management. I would love a recycle box to be picked up at my house or I would be willing to take things to a local drop off for recycling.</p>
<p>We would love to have recycling available to us.</p>
<p>Would love the opportunity to recycle, we live outside of the city limits of macomb and are not able to recycle for 7+ years.</p>
<p>Please make this happen! Most ideal would be some sort of pickup of materials for those of us outside city limits but if needed we would just be happy to have a location to bring them</p>
<p>I think rural recycling pick up would be utilized. It is hard for many to haul recycling items to drop off sites.</p>
<p>I used to take my recycling to Bridgewater until it closed. I now take my recycling into macomb to a friend's house. We did utilize the township large item recycling the last time it was offered. I would love to have a recycling option again. Thank you.</p>
<p>I live in rural McDonough County. I used to take recycled items to Bridgeway in Macomb and then they closed. Then I took recycle items to Quincy Recycle in Quincy, IL. They stopped taking recyclables so I have nowhere to take recyclables. So now I put everything including recyclables in the tote for garbage pickup. I feel bad about putting recyclables in the garbage tote but there is nothing else I can do at this time.</p>
<p>We do take cans and metal scrap to the places near Colchester. And as farmers some food and yard waste to into our fields. Otherwise we have no options.</p>

Special Materials Recycling Access and Recycling Capability

These comments were concerned that there is no easy way to dispose of hazardous or bulk materials (e.g. batteries, appliances) in the area. Additionally, there were many comments about the ability to recycle glass in the area.

Depending on the services offered and the ease of being able to drop of items I might be willing to pay more, especially for hard to recycle items such as batteries, paints, chemicals, sharp items
I live in Georgetown, basic recycling is available but I do not take part. I sometimes need to throw away/recycle large item; hazardous articles.
Need to be able to recycle #5 plastics.
Our recycling does not take glass! We need glass items recycled!!
Our household prefers to take hazardous waste to a designated place in Macomb rather than have a service pick it up for a fee. As for large items, the sellers we purchase from have taken our old mattress, washer, dryer, dishwasher, disposal, etc.
Pretty satisfied with weekly recycling pickup for paper, bottles, cans, etc., but interested in hazardous waste and other options.
We use electronics recycle center and hazardous waste center occasionally, drop off place works fine for that.
Macomb has a decent recycling system, but I don't know how much of the recyclables are actually used and not thrown away. It is difficult to find places to recycle batteries and small electronics.
I use the biweekly home pickup. Need help with proper disposal of hazardous waste. Would love a quarterly or even monthly curbside pickup of large items.
Broader hazardous waste collection would be nice. Clear guidelines regarding what can be recycled in McDonough County would be helpful (e.g., milk cartons?, frozen food boxes?, wide opening #5?, empty #2 pesticide containers?, etc.)
I live in Macomb and do have recycling services as well as yard waste pick up (I would prefer a monthly fee for that rather than stickers). Would love large item/electronic curbside pickup as well.
Due to a recent change in garbage/recycler in Bushnell we can no longer recycle glass. "glass goes in the trash" I and many others are disappointed about this
We need to be able to recycle more types of plastics and metals at the local level.
It is frustrating to separate and "recycle" items that I know, in the past, have just been put back in with the "general" waste.

Recycling Education

These comments called for greater recycling education in the area

I've gotten conflicting info on which plastics to recycle. I've also heard rumors that even though glass is included in recycling pick-up, it doesn't actually get recycled once it's sorted out. I'd love to know where I can get the facts on our recycling program.
Many people who have a recycling bin don't recycle because they say it all goes into the landfill anyway. Or they only recycle a few items because they don't know all the things that they can recycle. Education is key!
I have not recycled for the past 4 years because I have not had access to it and don't know where I can recycle. I would really like to get back on track and would appreciate any assistance with access/information for recycling.
The biggest problem with recycling is that people do no clean anything. It must be clean. I hate seeing my beautifully clean items being put in with dirty items. This is a big problem. I did not know how to answer the question about cost because I have no idea of the cost. S J Hofer

It is my understanding that mixed use recycling is all going straight to the landfill. If people aren't educated about what is actually being recycled they're going to continue to not want to recycle. Also, the general public needs to be educated about what not to buy that's going to end up in the landfill, and what can be repurposed, recycled, or not purchased at all. We are fighting an uphill battle with corporations that continue to not take Responsibility of their raw materials, using recycled materials, and producing items that will never be able to be recycled. They laid on the general public that it's our responsibility to recycle, but it is their responsibility about their source materials.
Please please start this. Educate the kids and they will get the parents moving :)
I would love to learn more about how to properly recycle in McDonough County
I feel like we don't get enough information to aid in responsible recycling: what items specifically, especially what types of metal, what kinds of plastic bags, etc. As for large items - it's rare that I have something, but if I did, I would want a way to dispose of it. If we go to a drop off system I would utilize it as things accumulate, but no specific schedule.
We would love improved recycling services / options and education information :)
I think there is still confusion as to what can be put in our re-cycle bin every other week. I have watched garbage pick up men pull Styrofoam (with recycle "triangle" on bottom) out of our recycle bin & put it in regular garbage. What does the recycle "triangle" mean if it is not considered recyclable in this community? Also my answers above were based on the fact that we do have recycle pick up at curbside every 2 weeks.
Need to inform public of what can and can't be recycled and, if so, where?
Education is a must and there is not enough of it in this area! Have to start educating at a young age not only at home but in the schools and enforce it!

Wider Recycling Access

These comments were from respondents who had access to recycling, but wished for greater access, such as more frequent pickups, or wanted a switch from having to drop off recycling to curbside service.

The every other week pick up is not enough for our household. I recently tried to bring recycling somewhere (the website seemed to indicate I could) and they looked at me like I was crazy and were actually a bit rude when I asked. We definitely need clearer information and more options, and I'm happy to pay for it.
Curbside would be ideal but drop off would be very helpful with clear hours locations and acceptable item lists. Thank you for the survey!
I wish I could recycle glass and Styrofoam.
A recycling dropoff site would be great
Would like weekly recycling. We are a 2 person household and our bin is always full every two weeks. Would be better to have recycling weekly.
thank you for doing this! We haul our recycling to Burlington and would very much appreciate a closer option.
Would never use drop-off facility if recyclables are still picked up
I miss when Mosaic had a recycling center!
I have limited mobility so taking recycle materials to a drop off is not a good option. I recycle regularly from my home pick up.
I really appreciate the ease of recycling with curbside pickup.
It would be nice to have a place to recycle in Macomb. I take to Burlington now
We would love to have this service. We slowly lost other regional drop-offs in Springfield, Peoria, etc., and were down to only being able to take items to Roseville. Now they have a sign up that says for town residents only. So now we were going to pay someone to pick up recycling for a fee, but would rather support a central drop-off location.

I would love to be able to recycle more things! This would be an awesome program to have! Years ago there were recycling dumpsters in Macomb (Walmart parking lot?) and we used it often.
We currently drive an hour to recycle.
I would be willing to recycle large items, but have no means to take them anywhere.
We have curbside recycling and are using the larger bin but still not enough room. Wish it was picked up weekly as the trash is picked up weekly.

Cost Concerns

The following are comments which were concerned primarily with the costs associated with recycling and waste disposal

We moved from a community that offers all of the recycling options available. Used them every time to properly dispose items. Taxes and fees paid for it.
Someone should seek funds to pick up TVs, etc. that were left on curbs during the Macomb City-wide cleanup in May.
I already pay Waste Management 70.00 a month to remove all my waste If Recycling can save money to Waste Management I`m all for it
Since MCRC closed down recycling, there have been zero options other than waste pickup IF you pay for that service and IF its available in your area at an affordable price.

Issues with Waste Management

Interestingly, the following comments had much to say about the service offered by Waste Management, which contracts waste disposal in the area. Many of these comments are tied to rural recycling access.

We have no recycling on our collection route and this infuriates me. I have complained to Waste Management numerous times, but their answer is that "it is not cost-effective." I have offered solutions and to help coordinate, but they have no interest in starting a recycling program on the rural routes. We take our recycling to a subdivision and put it in their recycling bins. I am 68 years old and have never done anything illegal before. If I am ever arrested, it will be for illegal recycling. Let that sink in. This is 2021; let's get with the times.
I live in Bushnell and our local government changed out waste disposal to contract with a company that won't take glass recycling. Glass is infinitely recyclable - can be remelted and remade into new shapes forever. Everyone in Bushnell who recycles is upset about this. Our glass is piling up with nowhere to go. Please help!
i hope wastemanagement is recycle the items i send out its hard to get a hold of them to ask for another container to recycle
WM has in the past dumped recycling in the reg truck. Where are our recyc. Items going????? This is a big concern.
We do not have access through Waste Management to recycle. Since we live in the country, WM says we are not eligible for recycling.
Please pursue this. We live in the country and have Waste Management as our trash pickup. We would be thrilled to have them pickup recycling in the country but we would also happily haul our recycling to a central location. I understand that the county board is concerned about keeping a recycling drop off location tidy. I suggest Waste Management provide a drop off at their location northeast of Macomb. The site is fenced and closed at night and could be monitored during the day. We would be happy to haul our recycling to a location at the Waste Management site.

Businesses

Comments which discussed the relationship between local businesses and recycling

Our businesses hugely need recycling. There is so much going into the landfill from all of the bars, restaurants, and businesses. This is a huge priority. We don't have recycling at home because of where we live and have to drive it to Monmouth once a month. We absolutely need this. I 100% support this.
I currently haul all of our business recycling home with me for my residential curbside pickup. I am sure I'm not supposed to do that and it is a burden since I have a small recycling bin at home and it is often overflowing between my residential and business recycling. BUT I refuse to throw all of our paper, cans, etc. out. I would love to have the option for business recycling, even if it meant hauling to a center every week or two.

General Comments about the survey

These comments focused more on the survey itself rather than recycling

It would be helpful if you had defined "load" in the hazardous waste question. The amount I would be willing to pay would vary depending on how much I had to recycle per "load."
Thank you...this project and its impact are incredibly important to our world, community and me.
i'm very happy to learn we are looking onto recycling of the more difficult to recycle items. It would help me tremendously. Thank you!
I think your "highly disagree" to "highly agree" is likely to be filled out backwards by a number of participants.
Thank you so much for beginning this research and conversation. I believe that this is an area of improvement Macomb needs to focus on. Looking forward to seeing how this moves forward.
Please avoid "negative questions" with agree/disagree responses; they're confusing to answer. Re. paying for recycling, I think we should all pay thru taxes, and gov't should make every effort to promote markets for recycled products.
Thank you!
This is an important topic. Thanks for pursuing the possibilities!
Some questions are confusing - if I have curbside recycling, I am paying for it as part of trash service, so the amount I'm "willing" to pay is what I'm paying. Also not clear if the question about whether I would use "general recycling" is a "yes" since I already have curbside, but I put yes anyway. Thanks!
Thanks!
Because we enjoy curb pickup of many recyclables, some questions don't pertain to our situation.

Uncategorized

GFWC Macomb reminder
Question 5 was answered "'other" because we have service already.
We live in the country which does affect my answers.
Get started
What is green waste? Is that like compost? I would like to have this as much of my "waste" is compostable.
I love businesses that give a [redacted].