Ocean County
Department of Solid Waste Management

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January, 2021

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Category	2018	2019	2020
1. Recyclables Received	79,091.35	75,353.11	83,418
1.1 Sorted (Paper, glass, aluminum, steel, and plastic)	78,045.3	74,219.75	81,800
1.2 Special Waste Drop-Off (Excludes Paint)	927.8	1015.14	1520
1.3 Document Shredding Events	118.25	118.22	94
2. Other Waste			
2.1 Paint Management Program	442.16	463.8	471
2.2 HHW	176.26	205.18	150
3. Organic Waste	52,074.56	41,353.99	31,808.92
3.1 Brush	32,252.43	24,081.59	13,360.35
3.2 Leaves	19,822.13	17,272.40	18,448.58
4. Landfill Waste	544,169.44	557,915.48	560,000.00*

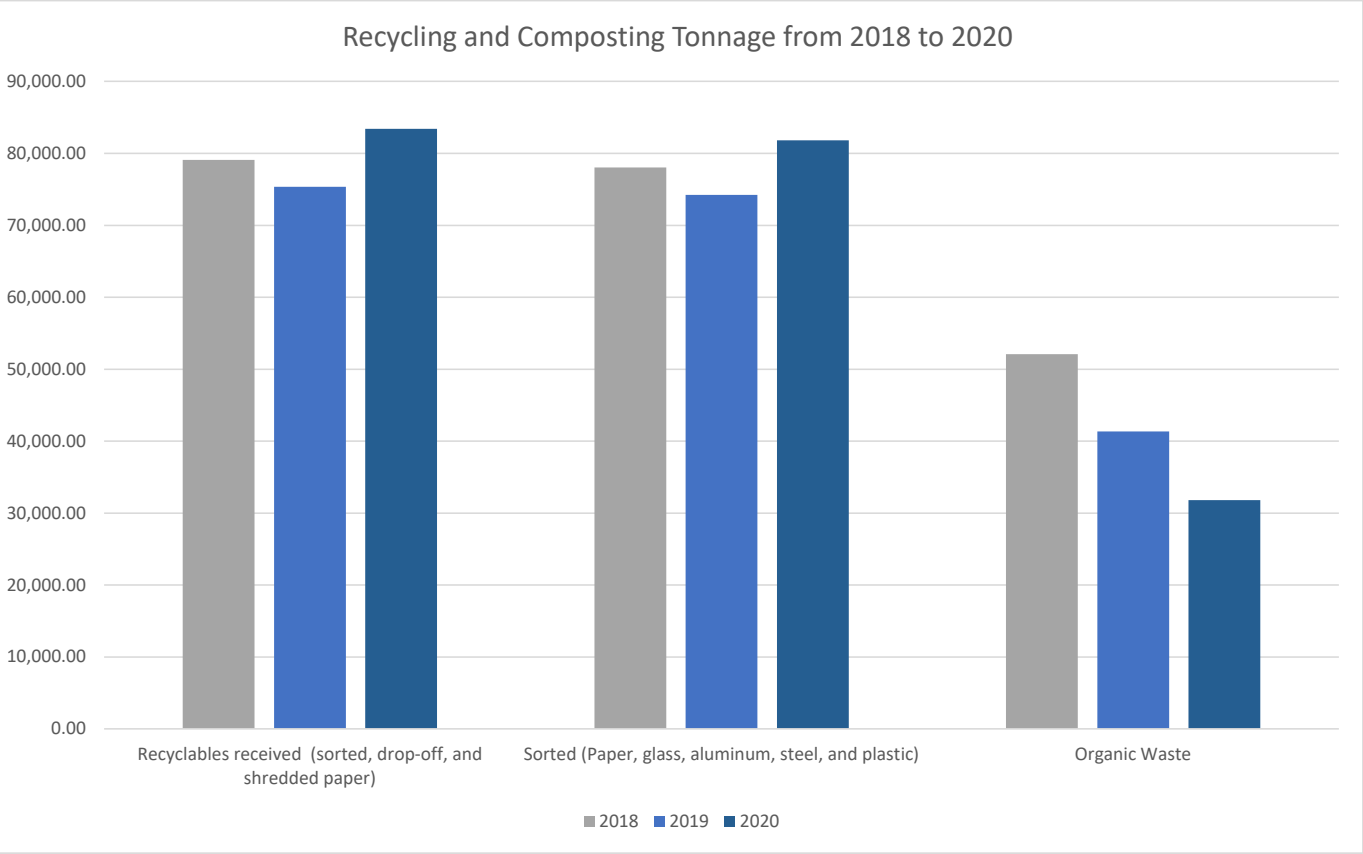
*Estimated data for December, 2020 not available yet.

We received 11% more recyclables in 2020 than the year before, and traditional curbside recyclable items such as paper, glass, aluminum, tin, and paper increased by 10.2%.

Our special waste drop-off program, which includes over 15 non-traditional items like electronics, rigid plastics, fluorescent bulbs, cooking oil, and more increased almost 50% in comparison to 2019, and 63% in comparison to 2018. This is a great indicator for demonstrating how effective our outreach programs are.

Special events received less material this may have been due to the current pandemic, we also saw a correlation with the increased use of our special waste drop-off services which we attribute to our educational materials encouraging residents to take part in the special waste drop-off services rather than attending special events.

Organic Waste decreased this year, leaves were average, but brush decreased. Landfill Waste increased, which is to be expected since such a growing population exists in Ocean County.


Recycling and Composting Tonnage from 2018 to 2020
90,000.00
80,000.00
70,000.00
60,000.00
50,000.00
40,000.00
30,000.00
20,000.00
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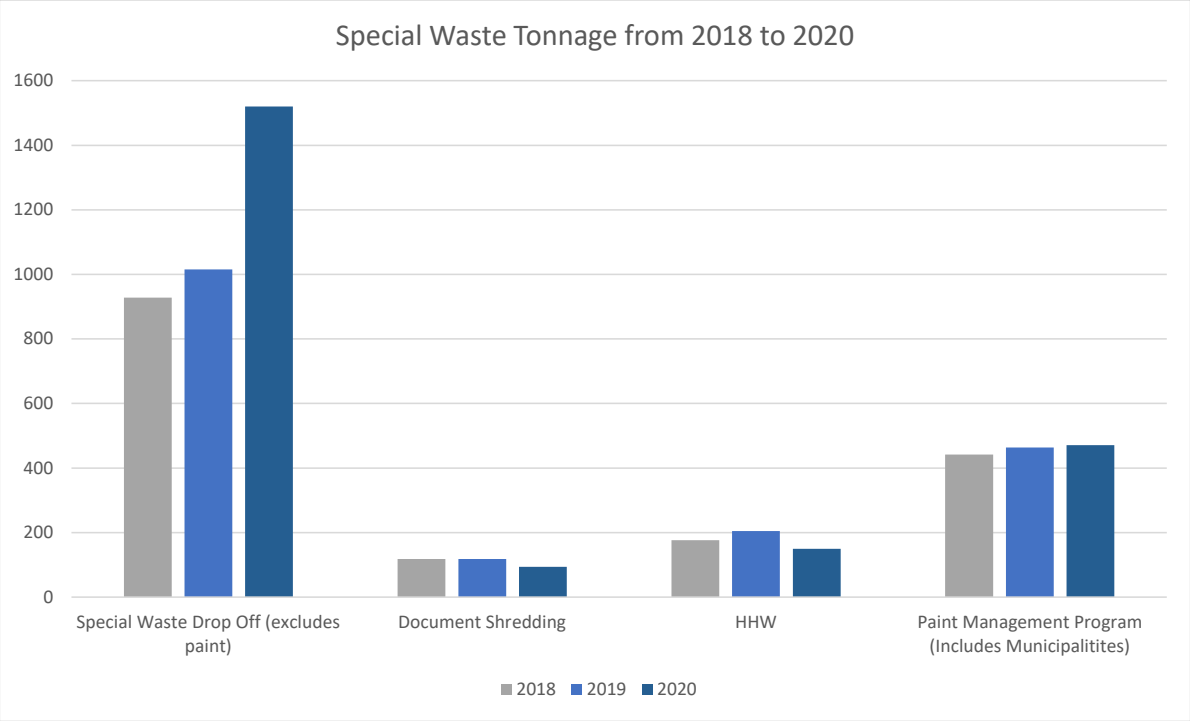
Recyclables received (sorted, drop-off, and shredded paper)
Sorted (Paper, glass, aluminum, steel, and plastic)
Organic Waste
2018
2019
2020


Special Waste Tonnage from 2018 to 2020
1600
1400
1200
1000
800
600
400
200
0
Special Waste Drop Off (excludes paint)
Document Shredding
HHW
Paint Management Program (Includes Municipalitites)
2018
2019
2020