



2009 - 2010 Award Winners

The Government Recycler of the Year *Haywood County*

Haywood County's public recycling program is extensive and available to all 19,000 plus residents. They collect metals, paper, glass, batteries, plastics textiles, pallets, tires and auto fluids at their recycling center in Brownsville.

Haywood County offers a \$3.00 rebate to rural residents on their monthly solid waste fee of \$15.00 if they recycle at least twice a month. Haywood County is the only county in TN that offers such a program. They work hand-in-hand with the school system by providing six-yard cardboard containers to collect cardboard, white paper, and plastic drink bottles. Approx. 30 to 40 percent of the students participate in the recycling program on a regular basis.

Haywood County distributes blue recycling bags to households that recycle. The blue bags help residents collect co-mingled recyclables. Haywood Co. was awarded 350 26-gal. Recycling bins from NRC that helped the residents manage the loose bags.

The Haywood Co. recycling program is fully funded - being subsidized by solid waste fees from rural residents and tipping fees from the local landfill. This innovative, comprehensive waste prevention and recycling program can be duplicated by other counties due to its low cost and ease of operation.