



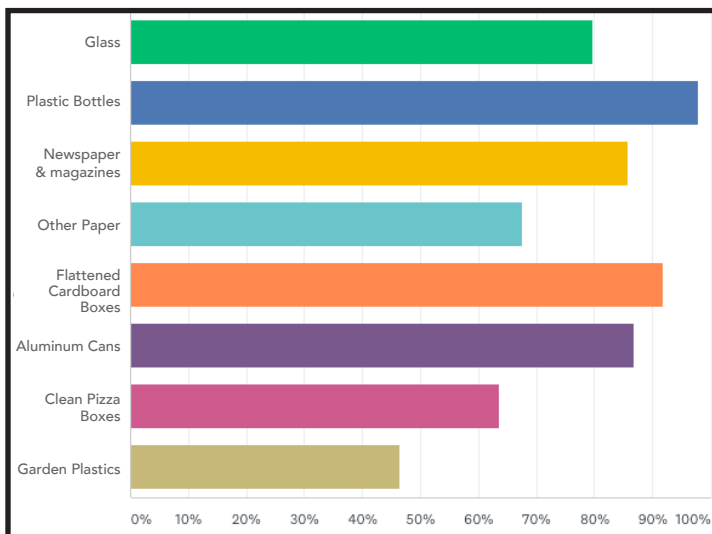
HARRISON COUNTY RECYCLING RATES REACH RECORD LEVELS

Household participation rates in HCUA's recycling program reached all-time highs during the first four months of Fiscal Year 2020 (Oct 1, 2019 – Jan 31, 2020). The average participation rate was 38% of all households, or approximately 16,000 homes per month. November 2019 marked the highest participation rate at 43%, with dramatic increases in the unincorporated areas of the county and continued high performance in Biloxi, D'Iberville, Long Beach and Pass Christian. The average monthly tonnage of recyclable goods collected totaled 332 tons or 14.52 lbs. per home each month.

HCUA WINS STATE RECYCLING AWARD

For its highly successful recycling program, HCUA was named 'Local Government Recycler of the Year' for 2019 by the Mississippi Recycling Coalition. Since the switch to 36-gallon rolling recycling carts in October of 2017, the household participation rate has skyrocketed from 7% to an average of 38% for the first four months of Fiscal Year 2020.

TOP ITEMS RECYCLED BY OUR RESIDENTS



HCUA FACILITIES: DID YOU KNOW?

- Water usage has increased from 30 million gallons to over 600 million gallons.
- Over 800 septic tanks & 5 wastewater plants have been taken offline by connecting to HCUA facilities.
- Long Beach/Pass Christian & North D'Iberville plants have each won MS 'Best Wastewater Treatment Facility of the Year.'

Special thanks to our vendor partners & our in-house staff for their hard work in these areas.

LONG BEACH WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNDERWAY

A \$3 million project in Long Beach is now underway to replace and improve wastewater lines and the interceptor system infrastructure with the award of the engineering contract to the Pickering Firm, Inc. in Biloxi. The project is being funded through the RESTORE Act and a BP Water Quality grant that works to address systems that have issues with documented wastewater spills or leaks

O&M CONTRACT AWARDED TO UTILITY PARTNERS

HCUA has awarded the Operations & Maintenance (O&M) contract for wastewater treatment facilities' oversight to the Utility Partners' Gulfport office. The contract is one of the largest in the country in terms of facility management. The contract began January 1, 2020 and will run for six years, with a possible six-year extension by the HCUA board.

EMPLOYEE ACCOLADES:



JOHN WILSON NAMED NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The HCUA Board of Directors named long-time employee and Operations, Management and Construction Manager John Wilson as its Executive Director. Wilson has over 35 years of experience in the engineering field, of which 26 years is in the public works and utility fields. He has overseen facility construction and improvement projects for HCUA since March 2014. Wilson holds a Professional Engineer designation in both Mississippi and Alabama, along with a Professional Land Surveyor certification. He also has a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from Auburn University and a MBA from William Carey University.

Congrats John!



ALAN LANE NAMED TO RECYCLING COALITION:

Solid Waste Coordinator Alan Lane has been named to a two-year term as a board member of the Mississippi Recycling Coalition. He will represent the Gulf Coast region on the board and continue to share success stories of HCUA's recycling program with other members of the organization in hopes of helping other communities increase their tonnage and household participation rates. Lane recently celebrated his four-year work anniversary with HCUA. **Congrats Alan!**

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES: (JANUARY - MARCH)

- **Derek Bullock, Project Manager**
January 7, 2019 (1 year)
- **Gerald Cook, Utility Technician I**
January 11, 2016 (4 years)
- **Jennifer DeLoach, Administrative Clerk**
March 5, 2018 (2 years)
- **John Wilson, Executive Director**
March 17, 2014 (6 years)

GET INVOLVED:

Monthly Household Hazardous Waste Event

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Saturday, April 13, 2019
- Saturday, May 11, 2019
- Saturday, June 8, 2019

Harrison County Road Department, Gulfport

[Learn more: \(228\) 214-1405](tel:2282141405)

Earth Day - Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Arbor Day - Friday, April 24, 2020

25th Annual 'Bring It' Household Hazardous Waste Event

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Saturday, April 25, 2020

MS Power Plant Watson, Gulfport

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