

Martin County SWMD Roofing Shingles Now Recycled

In May of 2013, Martin County Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) added roofing shingles to the list of materials accepted for recycling. The SWMD built a platform at the drop off location and partnered with Betz Brothers Building Supplies to provide the collection containers and process the materials. Any other materials that are attached to the roofing are sorted and either recycled or disposed of properly.

Shingles are accepted from anyone. A sample of each roof is collected, along with the required \$15.00 testing fee, to ensure that the materials are safe for reuse. Martin County Recycling charges \$30.00 a ton for the handling and proper recycling of the shingles, which is \$16.00 a ton less than disposal charges at a landfill. Betz Brothers Building Supplies then picks up the shingles and processes them by grinding into small particles for use in road construction.

Between May 2013 and January 2014, the Martin County SWMD recycled 98.77 tons of roofing shingles. Martin County SWMD is one of the few districts in Indiana to offer this recycling service. The SWMD hopes to double the amount collected in 2014. This is a fantastic example of how successful partnerships can be good for business and keep a significant amount of waste from entering landfills.

