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Recycling Collection in All City Facilities

The Drive to 35 is Baltimore's campaign to reach a mandatory 35% recycling rate by December 2015. Since switching to single stream recycling in July 2009, Baltimore's recycling rate has grown steadily, and currently sits at 20.31%. While our progress is a testimony of our city's growing commitment to sustainability, we still have a long way to go.

This January, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake issued an executive order mandating recycling in all facilities owned, rented, or leased by the City of Baltimore. Extending recycling to all city facilities is a huge opportunity for employees to lead by example as we continue to Drive to 35.

It is not enough to rely solely on curbside residential recycling to achieve this goal. As employees of the City of Baltimore we are tasked with the responsibility of showing that we are One Baltimore, and the goal of achieving the 35% recycling rate begins at our front door. By encouraging our employees to recycle common office items (i.e. paper, cardboard, plastic, and aluminum) we are demonstrating our commitment to a cleaner and greener Baltimore while supporting our efforts to grow our city by 10,000 families.

To learn more about how you can begin recycling in your office, or to schedule recycling pick up. Please call, Office of Recycling at 410-396-4511.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection:

Fri. Aug. 7th & Sat. Aug. 8th
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Northwest Citizens' Convenience
Center
2840 Sisson Street

Recycling Tips for the Office

Recycling is an important component of protecting the environment and helping our local communities. Recycling helps conserve resources and energy, preserves valuable landfill space and supports a healthy environment.

1. Break down cardboard boxes to save storage space.
2. Recyclable paper materials include: magazine & catalogs, telephone books, direct mail, brochures, pamphlets.
3. Remove plastic tops from the plastic container being recycled and rinse containers with water.



Please don't use plastic bags!

You can use anything as a container for your recyclables **except** plastic bags. Many grocery stores and supermarkets will recycle plastic bags.



Acceptable and Unacceptable Recycling Materials

Acceptable Recycling Material:

- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Aluminum: cans, beverage and food containers, foil (clean), and pie pans
- Bottles: narrow-neck bottles
- Cartons (waxed): used for a liquid such as juices, milk or soups
- Glass containers such as bottles and jars (brown, clear or green)
- Metal: beverage and food containers
- Plastic: bottles and jars
- Prescription bottles, including caps
- Steel: beverage containers and food
- Tin: cans and foil

Rigid Plastics

(to be taken to the citizen drop-off centers)

Rigid plastics include milk/soda crates, buckets, laundry baskets, children's toys, etc.

Unacceptable Recycling Material Examples:

- Cookware and plates (plastic)
- Containers of toxic substances -e.g., cans motor oil, pesticides, etc.
- Contaminated paper products -e.g., napkins, paper towels, and tissue
- Dry cleaning bags
- Glass (window and mirror)
- Waxed paper

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Source Reduction Tips

Source reduction can start with shopping for school. Here is a list of eco-friendly shopping ideas:

- **Backpacks:** Reuse backpacks! Wash the one from the previous school year, so it will nice and clean for a new year of teaching and learning. Purchase new backpacks only if it is absolutely necessary
- **Lunchboxes:** Reuse lunchboxes from last year and fill it with reusable containers, as opposed to disposable plastic bags. It will save money over the school year and reduce the school's garbage.
- **Folders, Notebooks, and Paper:** Look for and purchase materials made from recycled paper. Purchasing products from recycled materials indicates that you are doing your part to close the recycling loop.

Mechanical Street Sweeping Program

Citywide Mechanical Street Sweeping is here! The Bureau of Solid Waste is working to make Baltimore City neighborhoods cleaner by sweeping the neighborhood **EVERY WEDNESDAY!**

Please do your part to help make Baltimore cleaner and greener by moving your cars so street sweepers can provide a "clean sweep" of our streets.

Monthly Street Sweeping Schedule:

NW & SE Quadrants:

- Odd Sides 1st Wednesdays
- Even Side: 2nd Wednesdays

SW & NE Quadrants

- Odd Sides: 3rd Wednesdays
- Even Sides: 4th Wednesdays

