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## ***School Recycling is Back!***

School is back in session, which means this is the perfect opportunity for youth across Baltimore to get reacquainted with the 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! Maryland requires all schools and facilities to recycle. The Department of Public Works collects recycling from over 200 public and private schools in Baltimore City. While we have seen a steady increase in the number of schools that are actively participating in our recycling program, there is still room for improvement. Here are a few ways to jump start recycling in our schools.

### **Paper & Cardboard:**

Paper is the main form of waste created by schools. Encourage schools to start a simple recycling program that will target only paper items. "Paper only" recycling containers can be made in class. Simply find a few old boxes and have the students **REUSE** and repurpose them for the collection of paper. Students can create posters and bright labels to indicate the newly repurposed bins. Cardboard is another simple item for schools to recycle. Just break the boxes down and stack them for easy collection.

### **Recycling Presentations:**

Appoint a recycling coordinator that will brief teachers, parents and custodians about the importance of recycling. Make recycling a topic at the next PTA meeting, Back to School night or faculty meeting. If adults are active recyclers, then this environmentally-friendly habit should filter down to the students. As an extension of our commitment to Baltimore City Public Schools, DPW will provide recycling presentations for schools. Contact DPW's Communications and Community Affairs Division to request for a community liaison to visit your school, 410-396-8966.

### **Green Teams:**

Create a Green Team! A Green Team is an excellent way to get students involved in recycling. A Green Team can be a group of students that work with the school recycling coordinator, custodial staff, or parent volunteer to collect recycling from classrooms and prepare the items for collection. A Green Team is also a good way for students of all ages to earn community service hours.

### **Educational Activities:**

There are a number of fun activities for pupils that will educate them about recycling and its importance to the environment. To learn more, visit <http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/recycling>.

### **Next Hazardous Household Collection:**

**Fri., Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sat., Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

Northwest Citizens' Convenience  
Center  
2840 Sisson Street

### **Community Shred Day & Recycle Bin Sale**

*Saturday, September 17, 2016*

**9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Montebello Elementary School

2040 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> St Baltimore, MD 21218

**Open to Baltimore City Residents ONLY. A driver's license or other proof of residency is required at the event. Residents can drop off 2 bags of sensitive documents to shred for free.**

**25 Gallon Bins: \$7**

**18 Gallon Bins: \$4**

**Lids: \$3**



**While supplies last!**

## **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

## **Re** **minders**

### **Green Tailgate Tips: Ravens Edition**

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Football has returned Baltimore, and the **Ravens** are gearing up for an unforgettable season. Tailgating is a beloved football tradition, that generates a ton of waste that can be diverted from our landfill and recycled. Here are some tips to help **green** your **Ravens** tailgate.

- **Reduce and Reuse:** After every game thousands of plastic cups, utensils and decorations litter the grounds and create a sea of trash. Reduce your waste by purchasing inexpensive reusable items. You can find inexpensive and festive items from The Dollar Store, Wal-Mart or Target.
- **Recycle:** All you plastic, aluminum, glass, and cardboard at recycling bins located at Ravens Stadium. If you are not near a recycling bin, bring your bin or box with you. Take your recyclables home and put them out for curbside collection or to the nearest Citizen Convenience Drop Off locations. Visit our website: <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Recycling.aspx> to find the location near you.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays  
Even Side: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays

#### **SW & NE Quadrants**

Odd Sides: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
Even Sides: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays

