

# RECYCLETTER

## Recycling Volunteer Program

Montgomery County, MD



Spring 2018

### Program Update



This spring, the Division of Solid Waste Services hosted three confidential paper shredding/recycling and clothing/household items reuse donation collection events.

Overall, recycling volunteers helped to unload and recycle 81,880 pounds (41 tons) of paper and cardboard. Great job volunteers!

Thank you all for your on-going support!

Have a wonderful and fun summer!

Recycling Volunteer Coordinator

### Backyard Composting

As part of Earth Month (April 2018), the Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) offered a "How to Backyard Compost" recycling volunteer training session for volunteers who were interested in learning more about backyard composting. Several recycling volunteers attended and received step-by-step training and a manual to help them teach others how to start and maintain their own backyard compost bin, as well as how to use this nutrient rich soil amendment for their lawn and gardens. The training proved to be most helpful as many of the volunteers who attended the training also joined DSWS staff the following day at Meadowside Nature Center to assist with a Backyard Composting Demonstration event. Long-time recycling volunteer Ken Lavish conducted a hands-on demonstration about the do's and don'ts of backyard composting while fellow recycling volunteers provided information and distributed compost bins to County residents.



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## Community Shred/Recycling



If you haven't had a chance to volunteer this year, don't worry. We have many volunteer opportunities available for you such as the next Community Paper Shredding and Recycling event. Join DSWS staff and the NBC4 team on June 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Division's busiest confidential paper shredding/recycling event of the year. The event will be held at the Montgomery College Rockville Campus in Parking Lot 13 and will run from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Last year, 33 volunteers helped process 2,309 cars and collected 99,035 lbs. (49.5 tons) of paper for shredding and 4,120 lbs. (2.06 tons) of cardboard for recycling. Overall, a total



Volunteers pose for a group picture during the 2017 NBC4 Community Shred

of 52 tons of paper and cardboard were recycled!

Volunteers are needed from 7:15 a.m. to 12 noon to help set-up, distribute recycling information, direct traffic, unload boxes from cars, break down cardboard boxes and help with clean-up.

**CLICK HERE  
TO REGISTER**

**To register:** Click on the "Click Here" button above or contact Michelle DeVillo by phone 240.777.6484 or email michelle.devillo@montgomerycountymd.gov.

## 2018 Agricultural Fair

**It's that time of the year!**

The 2018 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair begins Friday, August 10th and runs through Saturday, August 18, 2018.



This year, during the 9-day fair, we will be highlighting what residents can do at home and in their backyard to ensure cleaner land, air

and water for everyone. Last year, DSWS staff teamed up with 79 recycling volunteers who contributed 458 hours of their time providing recycling education to 8,709 people who visited our fun interactive exhibits and craft activity table.



2018 Recycling Volunteers at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

Each day will have four, 3-hour shifts: (9am-12noon, 12noon-3pm, 3pm-6pm and 6pm-9pm). Volunteers can sign up for one or multiple shifts during the 9-day fair. Once you have registered, all volunteers must attend a Pre-Fair orientation to help you prepare for your shift(s).

**Information about registering  
will be available soon!**

**This is an SSL Approved event!**

## Back to Recycling Basics

Montgomery County has a dual stream recycling program meaning that residents, who receive County-provided recycling services have two blue recycling containers, one blue bin for commingled materials such as bottles, cans and containers and a blue wheeled cart for mixed paper and cardboard.



Commingled items and mixed paper are kept separate during the point of collection, transportation and processing at the Montgomery County Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station. Having a dual stream recycling program lowers the level of contamination which, provides higher quality material and sale value.

To see how your commingled materials and mixed paper are processed, visit the County's Recycling Center located at 16105 Frederick Road in Derwood. Self-guided tours are offered on the

following days: Monday and Tuesday from 6:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday from 6:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., and Friday from 6:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Guided tours are also available for individuals and groups of 10 or more and can be scheduled online by visiting our website at: [montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/facilities/rc/](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/facilities/rc/).

The County does not provide refuse or recycling collection services to independent municipalities such as the City of Gaithersburg, City of Takoma Park, and the City of Rockville, to name a few. For a complete list of the various municipalities in Montgomery County visit our website at: [montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/municipalities.html](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/municipalities.html).

## Reduce The Risk For Trash Fires

Fires can occur in piles of trash as trash is collected in trash trucks, and when trash is delivered to the Transfer Station or the Resource Recovery Facility for processing. Please keep the following materials or items out of the trash:

- Hazardous materials
- Chemicals
- Gasoline and other flammable liquids
- Oil-based paints
- Rechargeable batteries
- Ashes from fireplaces or fire pits  
"COOL YOUR ASHES!" ([www.mcfrs.org/mcsafe](http://www.mcfrs.org/mcsafe))
- Ashes from barbeque grills  
"COOL YOUR ASHES!" ([www.mcfrs.org/mcsafe](http://www.mcfrs.org/mcsafe))



Dispose of these materials properly at the Montgomery County Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station, using our Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program or Special Collection Processes. Visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/hazardouswaste](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/hazardouswaste) or call 311 for specific information.

## 2018 Recycling Achievement Recognition Winners!

On Tuesday, May 22, 2018 the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) held its 19th Annual Recycling Achievement Recognition Ceremony at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. DSWS recognized Recycling volunteers Ms. Anna Nardone, Ms. Sohjin Seo and her sons Minjae and Minwoo Sohn, and Mr. Lincoln Hallen for their outstanding efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost and for their hours of service to the Recycling Volunteer Program.

Awardees are pictured below with (from left to right) Mr. Willie Wainer, Chief Division of Solid Waste Services; Ms. Eileen Kao, Chief, Waste Reduction and Recycling Section; and Mr. Alan Pultyniewicz, Recycling Coordinator, Division of Solid Waste Services.



Ms. Anna Nardone



Ms. Hannah Lee accepting for  
Ms. Sohjin Seo, Minjae Sohn, and  
Minwoo Sohn



Mr. Lincoln Hallen

## Events Calendar

For more information about the events below, please contact the Recycling Volunteer Program at (240) 777-6484 or e-mail us at [michelle.devillo@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:michelle.devillo@montgomerycountymd.gov).

All of our activities are approved Student Service Learning experiences.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 23	7:15am to 12noon	NBC4 Community Shred	Rockville
July 31	6:00pm to 8:00pm	Pre-Fair Volunteer Orientation	Rockville
August 4	11:00am to 1:00pm	Pre-Fair Volunteer Orientation	Rockville
August 10-18	Multiple Shifts	Montgomery County Agricultural Fair	Gaithersburg

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