

RECYCLETTER

Recycling Volunteer Program Montgomery County, MD



Winter 2018

Program Update

Time sure flies by when you're having fun and 2018 was indeed a busy and exciting year for our Recycling Volunteers. As many of you gather with friends and family to celebrate the holiday season, here are a few more reasons to celebrate.

Recycling Volunteer Accomplishments for Calendar Year 2018:

- 306 Recycling Volunteers participated in one or more events and activities
- Recycling Volunteers participated in 53 recycling education events
- Recycling Volunteers contributed over 1,571 hours of service and provided recycling information and assistance to over 20,000 people living, working and visiting Montgomery County.

Thank you for all of your time, dedication and commitment in supporting the Recycling Volunteer program.

Happy Holidays and Safe Travels to all!

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Waste Reduction and Recycling Specialist and
Recycling Volunteer Program Coordinator

Holiday Tips - Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

The holidays are always a great time of year to celebrate and spend time with friends and family, share holiday traditions and participate in the spirit of gift giving. It's also the time of year (between Thanksgiving to New Year's Day) when about 25 percent more waste is generated than at any other time of the year, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

This year make wiser, more eco-friendly choices when gift giving and entertaining guests. Here are some helpful tips:

Gift Greener

Reduce Waste, Save Energy and Build A Strong Local Economy

Check out the many ways you can "Gift Greener," and reduce waste, reuse and recycle during this holiday season and all year-round.

Gift Experiences



Not everything of value comes inside of a box. Some of the best gifts are those that bring families and friends together, enrich us, and allow us to experience something new.

Reduce, Reuse & Recycle



Remember the 3R's this holiday season. Start by reducing the amount of packaging you use, reuse what you already have to make something new, and recycle everything you can, everywhere you go, and buy recycled!

Give Back



No gift has greater positive impact than giving to charity in someone's name.

(For more waste reduction tips when entertaining guests or for gift wrapping ideas visit:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep/gift-greener.html)

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“When in doubt, throw it out.”

Sorry...these items are not collected at the curb for recycling. Please DO NOT put them in your recycling bin!



Recent monitoring at the Montgomery County Recycling Center in Derwood has shown an increasing amount of materials not acceptable as part of Montgomery County’s curbside recycling collection program are being placed in the recycling bins and carts. While some of these items can be recycled through other recycling opportunities, they should not be placed in your blue recycling bin or blue wheeled cart for curbside recycling collection.

Please, DO NOT place the following materials in your mixed paper recycling cart or in your blue recycling bin:

- Plastic bags, film or shrink wrap (these types of plastic bags and film are recyclable at almost all local grocery stores)
- Home Health Care/Medical Supplies (needles/syringes, plastic intravenous (IV) fluid bags, plastic respirator and medical equipment tubing, CPAP masks, gloves, etc.)
- Empty hazardous or toxic product containers (herbicides, pesticides, insecticides and automotive fluids)
- Electronic items, including monitors and keyboards
- Styrofoam® or polystyrene (items marked #6-PS)
- Wire clothes hangers

“When in doubt, throw it out.”

Also, please empty and rinse all bottles, jars, cans and containers before placing these items in the recycling bin.

For more information on How to Properly Dispose/Recycle These Items: visit our website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling and click on “**I want to recycle or dispose of...**” or call 311 or (240) 777-0311; TTY: Maryland Relay 711. We encourage you to share this information, as well as the flyer on the next page, through your community or neighborhood group listservs or newsletters.



Plastic bags, film and shrink wrap are not recyclable at the curb. Most grocery stores accept plastic bags, film and wrap for recycling.



Styrofoam® or polystyrene (#6-PS) are not recyclable in the County’s recycling program.



Blue bins are for bottles, cans and containers. Put cardboard and mixed paper in the blue wheeled cart, in a paper bag, or bundle with twine.

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling



Sorry...we **DO NOT** accept these items for recycling in our curbside collection program.

Please remove these items and we will be back next week to collect.

Thank you!



Plastic Bags



Plastic Wrap



Hazardous or toxic product containers



Electronics



Styrofoam®



Needles/Syringes
Home Health Care Supplies

Please **EMPTY** and **RINSE** all containers.

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Or call 311 or 240-777-0311 or Maryland Relay 711

Provided by the Division of Solid Waste Services



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Backyard Composting

Why Compost?

Compost is a natural process in which leaves, grass clippings, and garden trimmings decompose making a nutrient-rich soil amendment that can be used for your garden, potted plants and lawn.

Start composting yard trim materials in your own backyard!

- **FIRST**, select a bin - Compost bins come in many shapes and sizes. You can purchase one or make one reusing items found at home such as chicken wire or used wooden pallets. Montgomery County provides compost bins to residents of Montgomery County, Maryland at no additional charge. For a list of compost bin distribution locations, visit: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/yardtrim.
- **NEXT**, find the right spot - Select a convenient location that is not too close to your house and is at least one foot away from your neighbor's property line and any wood structure (i.e., fence, woodpiles).
- **NOW**, start composting - If you decide to only compost your leaves, compost will happen but it will take time. We recommend you add both brown materials that provide carbon and green materials that provide nitrogen.



Below is a list of sources of carbon and nitrogen.

What You'll Need:

Brown (Carbon) Sources

Dry leaves
Wood chips
Cotton rags
Dryer lint
Sawdust or Straw

Green (Nitrogen) Sources

Plant trimmings
Flowers
Grass clippings
Fresh hay
Nut shells

Helpful Tips:

- **Mix** - Three parts brown to one part green
- **Aerate** - Turn the materials at least once a month
- **Water** - Pile should be moist to the touch
- **Watch** - Our [backyard composting video](#) "Composting - Make it Happen: A guide to backyard composting"

Donate Your Used Magazines for MLK Day of Service Project



DEP's Division of Solid Waste Services will be collecting used magazines (through January 18, 2019) for our upcoming service project for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s National Day of Service to be held on Monday, January 21, 2019 at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Recycling volunteers are invited to join other volunteers at our service project table to make colorful recycled paper coasters from the donated magazines. The recycled coasters will then be donated to Montgomery County's Holiday Park Senior Center.



On this national day of service, we encourage all of our recycling volunteers to lend a helping hand to any of the many other non-profit organizations seeking help for their service projects.

Please drop-off your used magazines at the Division of Solid Waste Services' lobby area located on the 6th Floor of the Montgomery County Executive Office Building (101 Monroe Street, Rockville). For additional drop-off information, please call Michelle DeVillo at 240-777-6484 or email michelle.devillo@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Thank You for a Spectacular Year!

As we get ready to join family and friends for holiday festivities, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generous service and commitment to our volunteer program. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents of our younger volunteers who run back and forth to drop their children off at the various events they had signed up for. We may not see you all the time, but we know you support your children's participation as they join all of us to help protect the environment.

Once again thank you and I wish you all the best of holidays and safe travels!

Listed below are the names of volunteers who provided direct service during 2018.

Sean Alperin	Alexandra Dace-	David Jeang	Petronella Muraya	Diana Vasquez
Allison Alvarado	Denito	Diane Jeang	Therese Muraya	Cynthia Veliz
Jasmin Alvarado	Rohan Daftary	Heidi Johnson	Furqaan Nadeem	Katherine Veliz
Vishnu Amble	Tanya DeKona	Alec Jung	Anna Nardone	Terry Wambach
Quajalyn Amos	Elliott Denito	Mark Jung	Eric Nguessan	Hanyu Wang
Anna Anand	Zoe Denito	Aiden Kang	Eric Nguessan, Sr.	Darby White
Heera Anand	Janice Devine	Jeremy Kang	Enrique Pacquing	David White
Linda Andrews	Clotilde Diego	Lewis Kangethe	Jonis Palmer	Nancy White
Paul Armstrong	Lizzetti	Allison Keesling	Karina Palmer	Shona Wilson
Carol Armstrong-	Eric Diego Lizzetti	Tom Keesling	Philip Palmer	Lihan Yan
Moore	Alioune	Roshan Khan	Tao Peng	Kyle Yee
Luke Arnold	Doumbouya	Daintee Lamzon	Benjamin Pham	Ilhan Yoo
Matthew Arnold	Sere Doumbouya	Gabriel Lamzon	Chau Pham	Angela Yu
Patricia Arnold	Don Dover	Kenneth Lavish	Dung Pham	Michelle Yu
Bennett Beach	Amanda Espinosa	Willow Lehrich	Andrea Quispe	Justin Zhang
Diego Bigelow-	Ann Eversley	Adrienna Lewy	Scott Reilly	Catherine Zigmund
Gonzalo	Michelle Fang	Brienna Lewy	Fabio Roa	
Flavio Bigelow-	Emma Frank	Issac Lewy	Diana Rodriguez	
Gonzalo	Ryan Frank	Vivian Lewy	Emily Samuels	
Dawn Blom	Victor George	Karen Li	Sarah Samuels	
Christian Blom-Tu	Dagim Getahun	Kelley Li	Crystal Sanchez	
Rama Camara	Scott Giese	Oscar Li	Britney Saravia-	
Terrin Carpenter	David Godoy	Samuel Li	Vasquez	
Abigail Castillo	Sangeeta Gohain	Chloe Loh	Edee Schwartz	
Aida Charafeddine	Elizabeth Golder	Dylan Lowe	Nabhoneel Sil	
Nada Charafeddine	Lincoln Hallen	Matthew Lowe	Upadhyay	
Ziad Charafeddine	Arshawn Hamidi	Ryan Lowe	Sanjukta Sil	
Dan Chen	Carwithian	Ripujeet Madan	Upadhyay	
Chih-Shin Cheng	Hemsley	Vivan Madan	Stuart Simon	
Alexander Chi	Leila Hertzberg	Riya Malhotra	Minjae Sohn	
Jeannie Chi	Anita Hosseini	Saniya Malhotra	Minwoo Sohn	
Katelyn Chi	Jahan Hosseini	Aria Mohebi	Katja Spasic	
Joe Connor	Charles Hu	Debbie Moore	Marcia Suarez	
Andres Cortez	Carolyn Jackson	Baraka Mukora	Joshua Toribio	
Katrina Cristwell	Robert Jackson	Justin Muraya	Jay Turner	

Thank you for
your service and
commitment
to the Recycling
Volunteer
Program!

Listed above are the names of our recycling volunteers who provided direct service in calendar year 2018.

2018 Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade



Thank you to all of our recycling volunteers who participated in the 2018 Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade on November 17, 2018. Recycling volunteers walked alongside our recycling mascot, “Rocco the Recycling Retriever” and distributed over 1,500 reusable bags to viewers throughout the parade route in downtown Silver Spring. In preparation for the parade, recycling volunteers filled each reusable bag with recycling information. Great job recycling volunteers!

Events Calendar

For more information about the events below, please contact the Recycling Volunteer Program at (240) 777-6484 or e-mail michelle.devillo@montgomerycountymd.gov
All activities are approved Student Service Learning experiences.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 12	9:30 to 11:30am	New Recycling Volunteer Orientation	Rockville
January 21	1 to 3pm	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service	Bethesda
January 28	2 to 5pm	Recycling Service Project	Rockville

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Waste Reduction and Recycling Section

Contact: Michelle Romero DeVillo
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Website: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling
Customer Service: Call 3-1-1 or 240-777-0311
TTY: Maryland Relay 7-1-1