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Updated *Property Manager's Guide to Recycling and Waste Reduction* is here!

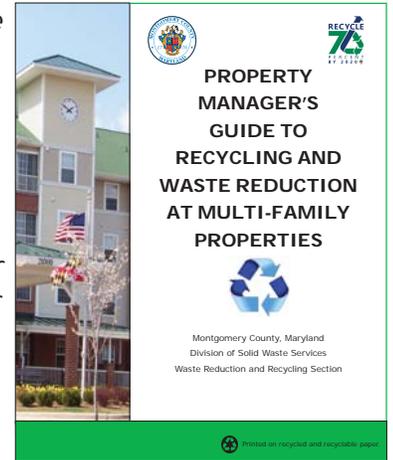
The new *Property Manager's Guide to Recycling and Waste Reduction at Multi-Family Properties* has returned from the printer and is now available! This revised handbook can help you design and develop a new recycling and waste reduction program or improve your existing program to maximize your recycling and cost savings.

Each section of the Guide provides detailed information on Montgomery County's recycling and solid waste regulations with tips and lessons learned from other properties on ways to meet these requirements. Sections include:

- Benefits of Recycling
- Required and Voluntary Recyclable Materials
- Container Requirements
- Recycling and Waste Collection Service
- Annual Multi-Family Recycling & Waste Reduction Report
- Developing a Successful Recycling and Waste Reduction Program
- Compliance and Enforcement
- Reuse and Waste Reduction
- Buying Recycled Products

To order your copy, contact David Frank, Multi-Family Recycling Program Manager at 240-777-6446 or email david.frank@montgomerycountymd.gov. You also can order the *Property Manager's Guide to Recycling and Waste Reduction* and all of our educational materials and recycling bins through our website:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.



Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.



Finding a (Re)Use for Abandoned Bikes

What to do about abandoned bicycles is a question we get from many multi-family properties here in Montgomery County. If you are staring at abandoned bicycles on your property, there are organizations that are willing to take your abandoned bikes and put them to good use. Some will even come out to your property and pick them up!

Bikes for the World (BfW) is a non-profit humanitarian organization that collects used and abandoned bicycles to support community development programs in the United States and abroad. You can bring your abandoned bicycles to one of the BfW drop off sites or to one of the BfW scheduled collection events. Visit www.bikesfortheworld.org or call 703-740-7856 to find a drop off site near you or an upcoming collection event. If you have more than 10 bikes to donate, BfW will pick these up at no cost to you. BfW will even cut locks if necessary, but does charge a fee for this service. To schedule a pickup, contact Bikes for the World at 703-740-7856 or email office@bikesfortheworld.org.

BfW also developed a toolkit to help guide multi-family property managers through the process of identifying and donating abandoned bikes. The tool kit outlines a recommended process of registering resident bicycles, communicating your property's bicycle policies to residents, performing periodic bicycle audits, separating abandoned bicycles, and donating abandoned bicycles. Contact BfW for a free copy of this guide.

Many charitable organizations will accept working bicycles for reuse as well. Contact them to see if they will pick up bikes and other gently used household goods and clothing from your property. These items also can be brought to the Division of Solid Waste Services' spring and fall community paper shredding and recycling events. Check our website (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling) for upcoming events.

Abandoned bikes also can be taken to the Montgomery County Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station located at 16101 Frederick Road in Derwood. There is a designated drop-off area next to the electronics recycling area to place unwanted bikes. Several organizations collect these bikes for refurbishing and reuse, and any remaining non-repairable bikes and parts are recycled as scrap metal. Directions to the transfer station and hours of operation are posted on our website at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/SWS/dropoff.



A donated bicycle being collected for reuse at the Montgomery County Shady Grove Transfer Station.



Please note that Montgomery County has compiled this information through various sources and does not present it as a complete directory of all vendors that service Montgomery County, nor offer it as an endorsement of any of the organizations.

TRRAC's First Door Hanger Event a Big Success!

On a cold December morning, three TRRAC team members and eight Recycling Program Volunteers gathered to distribute our new bilingual "Recycle More Now at Your Apartment or Condominium!" door hangers at three multi-family properties in Silver Spring—White Oak Garden Apartments, Woodleaf Apartments, and Yorkshire Apartments. Gathering in the Woodleaf Apartments parking lot, we divided into our teams and developed a plan of action. Two hours later, door hangers adorned 906 apartment doors providing information to residents on what they can recycle and promoting the County's goal to reduce waste and recycle 70 percent of all waste generated by 2020!

Our new door hangers are 11.5 inches long by 5 inches wide and provide photographs and descriptions of the five categories of materials that must be recycled in Montgomery County (Mixed Paper, Commingled Materials, Scrap Metal, Yard Trim, and Christmas Trees). The door hangers are printed in both English and Spanish.

TRRAC Recycling Education Specialists continue to deliver door hangers to multi-family properties across the County and we are ready to help you distribute them at your property. To order your door hangers or to schedule an event, contact your Recycling Education Specialist, or David Frank, TRRAC Program Manager, at 240-777-6446 or email david.frank@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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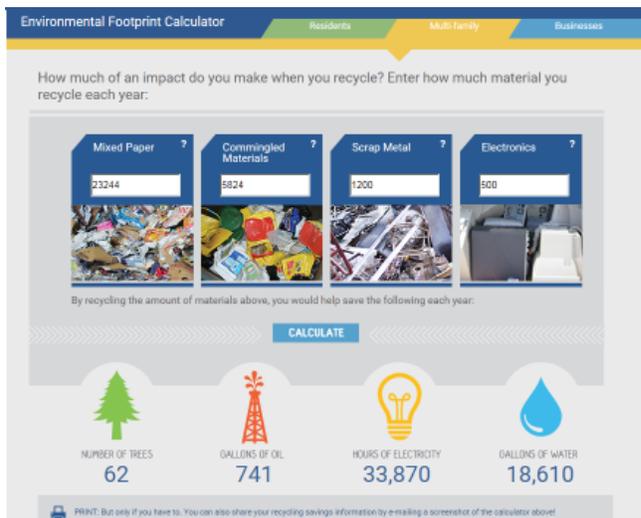
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Montgomery County's Environmental Footprint Calculator is Here!

Ever wonder what positive impact your property's recycling efforts are having on the environment? Now you can find out using DSWS' Environmental Footprint Calculator. The calculator is simple and fun to use! Just take your most recent annual recycling report and enter the total pounds of mixed paper, commingled materials, scrap metal, and/or electronics recycled and click the "Calculate" button. The calculator will then show you how many trees, gallons of oil, hours of electricity, and gallons of water your property saved!

You can find the calculator on our website at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/footprint/. Give it a try and share the results with your residents.





June 2015

Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 20, 2015

NBC4 Community Shredding & Recycling Event

Montgomery College
Rockville Campus
Parking Lot #13
51 Mannakee Street
Rockville, MD 20850
8:00am – 11:00am
(paper shredding only)

Friday, August 14 - Saturday, August 22, 2015

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

16 Chestnut Street
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Friday, August 14: 3:00 pm – 12:00 midnight
Saturday, August 15 – Saturday, August 22:
10:00 am – 12:00 midnight



Saturday, August 1, 2015

Master Gardener Grow It! Eat It! Open House

Agricultural History Farm Park
18410 Muncaster Road
Derwood, MD 20855
9:00 am – 1:30 pm

For information about these events, call 240-777-6446 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.

RECYCLE MORE NOW! Recycle 70% by 2020!

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For tours of the Montgomery County Recycling Center, call 301-417-1433

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