



Civic Loop

Promoting Recycling through Community Leadership



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Holiday Recycling Collection Calendar

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22, 2007

Monday, 11/19	Monday, 11/19 - no change
Tuesday, 11/20	Tuesday, 11/20 - no change
Wednesday, 11/21	Wednesday, 11/21 - no change
Thursday, 11/22	Friday, 11/23
Friday, 11/23	Saturday, 11/24

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2007

Monday, 12/24	Monday, 12/24 - no change
Tuesday, 12/25	Wednesday, 12/26
Wednesday, 12/26	Thursday, 12/27
Thursday, 12/27	Friday, 12/28
Friday, 12/28	Saturday, 12/29

New Year's Day 2008, Tuesday, January 1, 2008

Monday, 12/31	Monday, 12/31 - no change
Tuesday, 1/1	Wednesday, 1/2
Wednesday, 1/2	Thursday, 1/3
Thursday, 1/3	Friday, 1/4
Friday, 1/4	Saturday, 1/5

America Recycles 2007



America Recycles 2007 is dedicated to encouraging everyone to recycle as much material as possible and buy products made with recycled-content. Since its inception in 1997, the America Recycles Day campaign has grown to include millions of people pledging to increase their recycling participation at home and work, and also to buy products made with recycled materials. By taking steps to reduce waste and reuse materials, we can save precious natural resources, reduce the amount of materials that must ultimately be disposed, and improve the growth of our economy by encouraging the development of markets for recycled materials. Recycling is one activity that people of all ages can do several times each day that will have a positive impact in our community.

Residents and businesses have already taken the first step in the recycling process by recycling hundreds of thousands of tons of materials. Last year, over 528,000 tons of materials were recycled in Montgomery County. This included materials such as mixed paper and cardboard, commingled materials (aluminum cans and foil products, bi-metal cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastic narrow-neck bottles), yard trim (such as grass, leaves, brush, and garden trimmings), scrap metal, motor oil, tires, and computer equipment — and that's just the beginning!

It's important to change the way we think about reducing waste and begin to see the value of reusing a product or commodity, through buying products made with recycled content. By celebrating America Recycles 2007, you'll begin to understand your impact on the environment — whether you're reading today's newspaper, eating lunch, drinking water from a plastic bottle, or mailing a package. All the materials we use, and actions we take, in our daily lives affect the environment in some way. By reducing waste, reusing materials, recycling all that can be recycled, and buying recycled products we will have taken the steps towards protecting our environment for our and future generations.

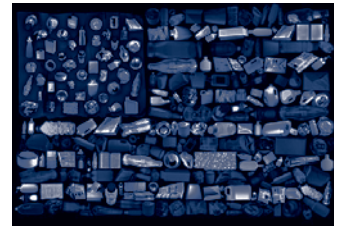
Mixed Paper Recycling Tips

- Unwanted mail including envelopes with windows, can be recycled in Montgomery County; just add it in with your mixed paper.
- Shredded paper can be recycled too. Just add it in with the other paper in your blue mixed paper wheeled cart or place in paper bags and place next to your blue recycling bin.
- Reuse padded envelopes for shipping.
- Reduce the amount of unwanted mail received at your home by contacting the Direct Marketing Association at www.dmaconsumers.org and requesting that your mailing address be removed from mailing lists.



Celebrate America Recycles 2007 with Montgomery County

The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services and the Department of Public Libraries will be celebrating America Recycles 2007 on Saturday, November 17, 2007, from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm at the new Rockville Library (21 Maryland Avenue) in Rockville's new Town Center. Bring your family and friends and participate in the many activities that will be available to people of all ages (see activities on back page). There will be various displays including: recycling at home, work, and school; how to recycle unique materials; buying products made with recycled materials; composting demonstrations; and paper-making and craft-making activities reusing common household items. Residents will have the opportunity to win products made with recycled materials (winners will be announced every half hour starting at 11:30 am).



Here are some other ways to celebrate America Recycles 2007:

- **Get children involved** - Encourage children to be more involved in recycling and to care for the environment. They already learn about recycling efforts in school, extend these lessons outside the classroom through activities at home.
- **Take the America Recycles 2007 pledge** - Make a personal pledge to buy recycled or expand your recycling efforts. You can make a pledge online at www.americarecyclesday.org.
- **Publicize America Recycles 2007 within your community** - Include an article about America Recycles 2007 in your community newsletter or newspaper and include information about buying recycled materials. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling for newsletter helpers that you can use in your own newsletter.
- **Host activities in your community** - Promote recycling and buying recycled in your common areas or community center with banners, prizes, demonstrations, and displays. Staff and volunteers from the Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) are available to participate in and set up a display at your community event. Contact Alan Pultyniewicz at (240) 777-6400 for more information.
- **Buy recycled throughout the year** - While America Recycles 2007 is a one-day event, we need to recycle every day of the year. Be sure to keep the momentum by promoting and encouraging recycling and buying recycled efforts through your community year-round.

For more information on how to celebrate America Recycles 2007 in your community, please contact the Montgomery County DSWS at (240) 777-6400 or via email at recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov or visit our Web site at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.

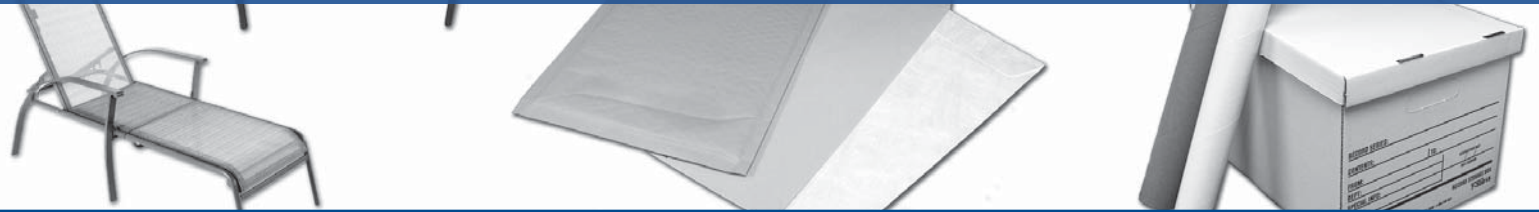
“Recycling: It All Comes Back to You”



Looking to learn how to reduce waste, buy recycled, and know what items are recyclable in Montgomery County? The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services is available to give presentations or speak at community meetings in the County to provide information about these topics and to answer questions residents in your community may have. Please call Alan Pultyniewicz, Montgomery County Recycling Coordinator, at (240) 777-6400 or email alan.pultyniewicz@montgomerycountymd.gov to request a presentation for your community or organization. There is no charge for the presentation.




Buy Recycled : It All Comes Back To You



Placing materials into a recycling bin instead of a trash container is only part of the solution to the County's solid waste management efforts. Recycling helps preserve natural resources because recycled-content products are made from "used" materials instead of new or "virgin" natural resources, such as minerals or ores, trees, and water. When we buy products remanufactured from recycled materials we become less dependent on virgin raw materials and encourage the development of markets for recycled materials, thus "closing the loop" on the recycling process. The benefits of manufacturing materials with recycled-content also reduces air and water pollution, creates jobs, and often saves energy over virgin manufacturing processes. When residents and businesses buy recycled, a demand is created for the materials that can be recycled and manufacturers will increase the amount of recycled materials used in their new products. Therefore, everyone benefits by buying recycled items.

It's Easy to Buy Recycled Products

Buying recycled is easy; in fact you probably already buy recycled-content products without even knowing it! While at one time there was a difference between the quality of recycled products compared to products made with virgin natural resources, the technology of manufacturing recycled goods has improved tremendously and today, they often have the same quality, reliability, and dependability as their non-recycled counterparts. When items are made from recycled materials, this symbol  appears on the label, along with the percentage of post or pre-consumer recycled-content.

What does post-consumer and pre-consumer recycled-content mean?

Pre-consumer material is waste generated by industry during the manufacturing process. Most industries recover a significant amount of materials generated as a result of their manufacturing process and use a large percentage of this pre-consumer material as it tends to be cleaner, easier to use, and higher in value.

Unlike pre-consumer waste, post-consumer waste is generated by you, the consumer, and is separated from the waste stream by being recycled. Post-consumer waste refers directly to the items that you recycle, saving it from disposal so that it can be re-used. When you purchase recycled products try to buy products that have the highest percentage of post-consumer recycled-content as possible.

Recycled products are available locally at many grocery, office supply and hardware stores. For more information on buying recycled, call the Montgomery County DSWS at (240) 777-6400 or visit our Web site at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.

Do you buy these types of materials that have recycled-content?

- Aluminum cans
- Bathroom & facial tissue
- Brown paper bags & wrapping paper
- Carpeting
- Cereal boxes
- Clothing
- Construction materials
- Corrugated cardboard boxes
- File folders
- Flower pots
- Glass containers
- Greeting cards
- Laundry detergent bottles
- Lawn furniture
- Newspapers
- Office and writing paper
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper towels & napkins
- Pencils
- Pens
- Playground equipment
- Re-refined motor oil
- Retread tires
- Trash bags



Celebrate America Recycles 2007

*Where: Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD
Saturday, November 17, 2007 (11:00 am - 4:00 pm)*

Visit these Exhibits (Meeting Room #1)

- Single-Family Residential Recycling
- Multi-Family Residential Recycling
- Business Recycling
- Household Hazardous Waste Information
- Unique Materials to Recycle in Montgomery County
- Waste Reduction Techniques
- Reuse Ideas
- Close the Loop – Buy Recycled Products
- Grasscycling and Backyard Composting
- Compost Bin Distribution and Leafgro Promotion
- Recycling Volunteer Program
- America Recycles Day Pledge Card and Recycling Trivia Wheel

Craft Activities (Children's Program Area)

- Puppet Fun with Egg Cartons (11:00 am - 12:00 pm)
- Make Your Own Paper (12:00 pm - 1:00 pm)
- Spin Art (1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)
- Make Your Own Wrapping Paper and Gift Cards (2:00 pm - 3:00 pm)
- Piggy Banks and Secret Storage Containers/Terrariums (3:00 pm - 4:00 pm)

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