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With Multi-Family Recycling

Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums in Montgomery County, Maryland

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SAVE THE DATE

Summer Vacation for Children

*Plan an event for the children
at your property!*

Invite us to speak with them about recycling and make crafts with recycled materials.

July 16, 2009

Recycling Volunteer Orientation

101 Monroe Street
Lobby Level Auditorium
Rockville, Maryland 20850
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Encourage your residents to register.
Contact the Recycling Volunteer Program at 240-777-6445 or e-mail recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov

August 4, 2009

National Night Out

Plan a community event!

August 14-22, 2009

61st Annual Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

Montgomery County Fairgrounds
16 Chestnut Street
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

September 20, 2009

Celebrate Gaithersburg

Held in Old Towne Gaithersburg on Summit and Diamond Avenue
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

November 15, 2009

America Recycles Day

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



The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) held its annual Recycling Awards Recognition Ceremony at the Bethesda North Marriot Hotel and Conference Center on May 21, 2009. Montgomery County multi-family properties and individuals, businesses, and recycling program volunteers were honored for their outstanding contributions to the success of Montgomery County's recycling programs.

Multi-family property awards were presented to twenty multi-family properties and individuals that contributed to excellent recycling programs or made significant improvements to recycling programs. Many of these properties recycled more than 50 percent of their solid waste in 2008. Awardees demonstrated commitment to maintaining and improving recycling programs, used creativity to ensure their programs were convenient and effective, and worked in coordination with the TRRAC (Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums) team to increase resident recycling awareness and participation at their apartment, condominium, and cooperative properties. Their accomplishments are listed on the following pages. Congratulations to all the award winners for their contributions to the recycling success of their residents and Montgomery County.

Wondering how your property or staff can qualify for an award in 2010? Contact the TRRAC team! Call us at 240-777-6400, visit our Web site at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling, or send an e-mail to recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Some easy steps to put your property in award contention for 2010 include:

- ✓ Increase your recycling rate! Switching from wheeled carts to dumpsters for mixed paper and cardboard recycling will increase your recycling capacity and make it easier for residents to recycle.
- ✓ Comprehensively complete your Annual Waste Reduction and Recycling Report, including weights for scrap metal, yard trim, and Christmas trees recycled as well as information on educational and waste reduction activities conducted at your property.
- ✓ Monitor and maintain clean and well-labeled trash and recyclable material collection areas and take corrective action to reduce contamination.
- ✓ Educate your residents on an ongoing basis. To name a few ideas: update your move-in package recycling information, put short recycling articles in community newsletters, post some motivational recycling notices, or set up informational tables in common areas.
- ✓ Hold special material collection events or other fun recycling events for kids and families
- ✓ Place recycling containers in your office, foyer, and pool side - everywhere recyclable materials are generated and/or wherever you have trash containers.
- ✓ **Let the TRRAC team know what you accomplish!**

EXCELLENCE

Excellence in Recycling

Awarded to multi-family properties, property management companies, and resident recycling committees that established and/or contributed to excellent recycling programs.

Presenting the awards were personnel from Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS). Pictured with the awardees in the photographs below, from left to right: Mr. Bob Hoyt, Director, DEP; Ms. Eileen Kao, Chief, Waste Reduction and Recycling Section, DSWS; and Mr. Alan Pultyniewicz, Recycling Coordinator, DSWS.



Ms. Vilma Menjivar and Ms. Deysi Fuentes
Residents at **Andrew Kim House** in Olney recycled 52 percent of their waste in 2008. Year after year, the meticulously monitored recycling program and clean, well-labeled containers characterize the value this property places on maintaining an excellent recycling program.



Ms. Gail Curtis
The staff and residents at **Aspenwood Senior Living Community** in Silver Spring continue to excel in their recycling achievements. In 2008, they recycled 54 percent of their waste, proof that staff diligence and monitoring, and resident education and involvement are effective components of excellent recycling programs.



Eighty-Two Hundred in Bethesda has a recycling program that is always ahead of the curve. The staff implements new ideas to improve the recycling rate, and their great attitude is contagious, as the residents recycled 54 percent of their solid waste in 2008.



At **Fairmont Plaza Condominium**, the property manager always has time to discuss the recycling and waste reduction program. The staff maintains a clean, well-labeled, well-monitored, and up-to-date recycling program, which resulted in a 56 percent recycling rate in 2008.



The residents at **The Irene** recycled 46 percent of their waste in 2008. The property management has a positive attitude towards recycling, and their willingness to ask for help, implement improvements, and schedule educational events for residents is key to their successful program.



Ms. Becky Merritt
Staff, residents, and board members at **Kenwood House** share a common goal of recycling all they can recycle. With the residents engaged and the staff proactively improving the recycling program, the community recycled almost 71 percent of its waste in 2008.



Mr. Ricardo Luna and Mr. Philip Palmer
At **The Riviera of Chevy Chase**, the staff maintains consistently high standards for the recycling and waste reduction program. The residents responded by recycling almost 68 percent of their waste in 2008. Management monitors the program closely and is always looking for ways to improve and expand the recycling program.



The residents and staff at **Willow Manor at Colesville** in Silver Spring recycled over 50 percent of their waste in 2008 in response to well-labeled, clean, and sufficiently sized recycling containers.



Willow Manor at Fair Hill Farm in Olney has an excellent recycling program for its residents, who in turn, recycled over 62 percent of their waste generated in 2008. The property management monitors the recycling program carefully and provides regular recycling education events for residents.

Outstanding Improvement

Awarded to multi-family properties that made significant improvements to their recycling programs.



The recycling rate at **Bethesda Place** tripled to 29 percent in 2008 as a result of management's attention to the recycling and waste reduction program. They monitor the recycling program as part of their daily routine and respond by increasing recycling capacity as needed.



Over the last few years **Lar-Ken Apartments** in Gaithersburg has seen a steady increase in its recycling rate, and in 2008 recycled almost 36 percent of its waste. Even without an onsite manager, the residents are very recycling-aware and the property consistently has clean and well-monitored collection areas.



The recycling rate at **Pooks Hill Tower** in Bethesda doubled to nearly 34 percent in 2008. This increase is the result of the positive "can do" attitude of the management resulting in improved signage, scrap metal recycling containers, and resident and staff education.



Ms. Beth Landing
As a result of consistent resident education in newsletters and original signage, residents at **West Spring Condominium** in Bethesda increased their recycling participation so much that property management added mixed paper recycling dumpsters. The recycling rate nearly tripled to 48 percent in 2008.

Outstanding Individual Achievement

Awarded to individuals at multi-family properties for their outstanding efforts to improve recycling programs and/or increase resident recycling awareness and participation.



Ms. Elisa Arboleda, Executive Assistant, works tirelessly to ensure the Willoughby of Chevy Chase Condominium is in compliance with the County's recycling regulations. Her focus on resident recycling awareness means resident move-in packets contain recycling information, and newsletters highlight specific recycling topics so that all residents know how to recycle properly.



Mr. Reggie Denis, Ms. Bonnie Balzer, & Mr. Tom Balzer
As Senior Facilities Manager at Riderwood Village in Silver Spring, **Mr. Reggie Denis** is a good-natured role model for implementing and maintaining comprehensive recycling programs that go beyond compliance and engaging and working with residents and staff. His partnership with residents has led to a resident community that is engaged on many fronts, including by the Riderwood Resident Recycling Committee.



Ms. Pat Eacho, Property Manager at Tamarron Apartments in Olney, is always looking for ways to improve her property's recycling program. She is knowledgeable and enthusiastic about recycling and hopes her energy will rub off on her residents as she coordinates resident education events to ensure residents are aware of recycling program changes.



Mr. Quentin Lowry, Environmental Services Manager at Maplewood Park Place in Bethesda, always wants to know how to make the recycling program better, easier, and more convenient for the residents. He meets with residents to hear their ideas, creates signs, holds awareness events, and distributes flyers and magnets regularly. His recycling enthusiasm is contagious!



Mr. Edgar McFoy, Assistant Property Manager, is responsible for recycling at Grosvenor Park II in Rockville. Enthusiastic and attentive to details, he is quick to ask questions and takes the initiative to improve the recycling program as needed. He works in cooperation with the residents to achieve the best recycling and waste reduction program possible.



Mr. Garvin Robertson, Asset Manager for The Blairs in Silver Spring, is the hard-working force behind the recent facelift for the recycling programs at the five Blair properties. He adds a personal touch by creating his own signage and providing details to improve resident awareness. With extensive renovations underway, Mr. Robertson is also careful to separate scrap metal items and other materials for recycling.



Mr. Allen Stevic, Manager at Willow Wood Condominium in Gaithersburg, was instrumental in increasing mixed paper recycling capacity a few years ago, and as a result of his monitoring and regular attention to resident education, he has increased mixed paper capacity even further where necessary. He is enthusiastic about recycling and always willing to share his best practices with other properties.





RECYCLING CHECKLIST

Multi-family properties must recycle the following materials:


MIXED PAPER

-  White and colored paper
-  Corrugated cardboard and paperboard
-  Newspapers and inserts
-  Magazines and catalogs
-  Telephone directories, paperback and hardback books
-  Unwanted mail/shredded paper
-  All other clean, dry paper


COMMINGLED MATERIALS

-  Glass bottles and jars
-  Aluminum cans and foil products
-  Bi-metal food and beverage cans
-  Plastic bottles, containers, jars, tubs, lids, pails, buckets, and flower pots


SCRAP METAL

-  Metal or predominantly metal items, including large household appliances, bed frames, pots and pans, sinks, bikes, metal furniture, and ironing boards

YARD TRIM

-  Grass, leaves, garden trimmings and brush

CHRISTMAS TREES

-  An evergreen tree that is decorated with lights and ornaments at Christmas
(Remove all ornaments prior to recycling)

Multi-family properties and their residents are encouraged to voluntarily recycle the following materials:

- Toner cartridges
- Computers, televisions, and other electronics
- Rechargeable batteries
- Clothing, textiles, and shoes
- Automotive tires
- Usable construction materials
- Propane and helium tanks
- Cooking oil
- Antifreeze and motor oil
- Automobile and boat batteries

Refer to your Property Manager's Guide to Recycling to learn more about recycling materials. If you do not have a copy of this important reference book, please visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling or call 240-777-6400 to request a copy.

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 (240) 777-6400
 Recycling for Businesses
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 County Transfer Station
 (240) 777-6560
 County Recycling Center
 (301) 417-1433

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