



Civic Loop

Promoting Recycling through Community Leadership



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Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Buy Recycled.

Holiday Recycling Slide Collection Schedule

Veteran's Day (November 11, 2016)

If your collection date normally would be:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday, November 7, 2016	Monday, November 7, 2016
Tuesday, November 8, 2016	Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Wednesday, November 9, 2016	Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Thursday, November 10, 2016	Thursday, November 10, 2016
Friday, November 11, 2016	Saturday, November 12, 2016

Thanksgiving Day (November 24, 2016)

If your collection date normally would be:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday, November 21, 2016	Monday, November 21, 2016
Tuesday, November 22, 2016	Tuesday, November 22, 2016
Wednesday, November 23, 2016	Wednesday, November 23, 2016
Thursday, November 24, 2016	Friday, November 25, 2016
Friday, November 25, 2016	Saturday, November 26, 2016

Remember to always place your recycling containers at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your recycling day.

Sign up to receive email notifications regarding collection schedule changes due to holidays or severe weather conditions at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/holidays/.

November 15th is America Recycles Day, a day to increase awareness and pledge to reduce waste, reuse materials, recycle as much as possible, and buy products made with recycled content.

Montgomery County, Maryland's current waste diversion rate is almost 61

percent with our goal to reduce waste and recycle 70 percent by 2020. It's important that everyone living, working, and visiting in the County recycle everything that can be recycled. Then, it's equally important to buy items, such as office supplies, clothing, building materials, and more, that are made with recycled materials. Doing so creates a demand for the materials we recycle here in Montgomery County. How do you know if something is made from recycled materials? Check the label and look for the "made with recycled-content" symbol. Also,



Information about waste reduction, recycling and buying recycled products is displayed at a community event.



An Ad Council campaign designed to increase awareness about recycling and buying recycled-content products.

be sure to look for the highest percentage of post-consumer recycled content. These are the materials that are collected for recycling from your home, work and school. Pledge to recycle more now and buy recycled today!

Ala Fultz

Recycling Coordinator

Backyard Composting

The leaves are quickly changing colors and are starting to fall from the trees. Garden beds are being tended and prepped for the winter season. As we reach the end of the growing season, think about the steps you can take in your own backyard, that will benefit the environment, leading to cleaner land, air and water. One of those steps is to compost your leaves, grass clippings and garden trimmings. When these materials are placed in a compost bin, microorganisms in the soil will break down organic materials (like leaves and grass) leaving behind a nutrient-rich soil amendment. This beneficial soil amendment can then be mixed with top soil or potting soil, or be used as a top dressing on your lawn in place of fertilizers. To get started, residents of Montgomery County, Maryland can get a compost bin at no additional charge. For a complete list of locations where you can get a compost bin, please visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/yardtrim or call 311 or 240-777-0311. Many of the compost bin pick-up locations offer evening and weekend hours.



This backyard compost bin is set up and ready for use. The compost bins provided by Montgomery County, Maryland are 3.5 feet high by 3 feet wide, when fully opened.



Recycling Program volunteers demonstrate the composting process at a compost demonstration workshop at Meadowside Nature Center.



Residents pick-up a compost bin at a compost bin distribution event at Meadowside Nature Center in Rockville.

COMPOST BINS

- Lightweight and easy to assemble
- Adjustable to fit large or small yards
- 36 inches high with adjustable diameter to over 3 feet
- Ventilation holes for aeration speeds up decomposition
- Creates rich soil amendment for gardens, lawns and potting soil



AVAILABLE AT THESE LOCATIONS:
(Call the site of your choice to confirm availability.)

BETHESDA

Whole Foods Market**
5269 River Road
Bethesda, MD 20816
301-984-4860
Visit the Customer Service Desk

Bethesda Green
4825 Cordell Avenue, Suite 200
Bethesda, MD 20814
240-396-2440

David Library - CLOSED Until Jan. 2017
6400 Democracy Boulevard
Bethesda, MD 20817
240-777-0922

BURTONSVILLE
Country Nursery, Inc.
3330 Spencerville Road
Burtonsville, MD 20866
301-421-9593

CHEVY CHASE/FRIENDSHIP HGTS.
Audubon Sanctuary Shop*
Woodend Nature Sanctuary
8940 Jones Mill Road
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
301-652-3606

Whole Foods Market**
4420 Willard Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
301-657-1520
Visit the Customer Service Desk

DAMASCUS
Damascus Library**
9701 Main Street
Damascus, MD 20872
240-773-9444

DERWOOD
Montgomery County Shady Grove Processing Facility/Transfer Station
16101 Frederick Road
Derwood, MD 20855
3-1-1

Compost bins are available to Montgomery County, Maryland residents from the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services at no additional charge.

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GAITHERSBURG

Habitat for Humanity ReStore*
1029 E. Gude Drive
Rockville, MD 20850
301-947-3304

Whole Foods Market**
316 Kentlands Boulevard
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-258-9500
Visit the Customer Service Desk

OLNEY
Good Earth Garden Market**
1610 Olney-Sandy Spring Road
Olney, MD 20860
301-774-2631

POOLESVILLE
Poolesville Library**
19633 Fisher Avenue
Poolesville, MD 20837
240-773-9550

POTOMAC
Good Earth Garden Market**
11650 Falls Road
Potomac, MD 20854
301-765-0224

Potomac Garden Center*
12024 Darnestown Road
North Potomac, MD 20878
301-948-8890

ROCKVILLE
Executive Office Building
Division of Solid Waste Services
101 Monroe Street, 6th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850
240-777-6484

Dawson's Market**
225 North Washington Street
Rockville, MD 20850
(240) 428-1386
Customer Service Desk

MEADOWSIDE NATURE CENTER

5100 Meadowside Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20855
301-258-4030
Open Tuesday-Sunday 9am-5pm

Whole Foods Market**
11355 Woodglenn Drive
Rockville, MD 20852
301-984-4880
Visit the Customer Service Desk

SILVER SPRING
Habitat for Humanity ReStore*
12006 B Plum Orchard Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20904
301-990-0014

Whole Foods Market**
833 Wayne Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-608-9373
Visit the Customer Service Desk

Takoma Park Public Works Dept.
31 Oswego Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-891-7633

WHEATON
Friends of the Library at Wheaton
Temporarily moved to the former
Silver Spring Library**
8901 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910
240-777-0020

* Weekend Hours
** Weekend and Evening Hours



Montgomery County, MD
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Solid Waste Services
(Phone) 240-777-6480; (Fax) 240-777-6465;
Maryland Relay 7-1-1
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling

There are 22 locations, some of which have evening and weekend hours, where residents of Montgomery County, Maryland can pick-up a compost bin at no additional charge. The information and flyer is available online at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/yardtrim.

Keep It Going! Recycle More Now.

Montgomery County's Ban on the Use and Sale of Polystyrene (Styrofoam®) Food Service Ware: The Next Deadline

Montgomery County, Maryland prohibited the use and sale of expanded polystyrene food service ware and loose fill packaging as of January 1, 2016. In addition, all disposable food service ware products are required to be either recyclable or compostable as of January 1, 2017. As a summary:



- Effective January 1, 2016, food service businesses were prohibited from using expanded polystyrene (also known as foam or Styrofoam®) food service ware;
- Effective January 1, 2016, the sale of polystyrene loose fill packaging (also known as packing peanuts) and expanded polystyrene food service products was prohibited;
- All Montgomery County agencies, contractors, and lessees must use compostable or recyclable food service ware as of January 1, 2016; and
- All other food service businesses are required to use compostable or recyclable food service ware by January 1, 2017.

The law applies to all food service businesses, including full-service restaurants, limited-service restaurants, fast food restaurants, cafes, delicatessens, coffee shops, supermarkets, grocery stores, vending trucks or carts, food trucks, and businesses or institutional cafeterias located in Montgomery County, Maryland. This also includes all food service operated by or on behalf of Montgomery County departments and agencies, as well as other businesses selling or providing food within the County for consumption on or off the premises, including not-for-profit and religious organizations.

Effective January 1, 2017, food service businesses must use either recyclable or compostable disposable food service ware. Disposable food service ware, as defined in the legislation, includes "containers, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, cups, lids, straws, forks, spoons, knives, napkins, and other items that are designed for one-time use for beverages, prepared foods, or leftovers from meals prepared by a food service business." There are numerous manufacturers of compostable or recyclable alternatives to these disposable food service ware items. The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) has developed and published a listing of these alternative recyclable and compostable items. The list can be found on the DSWS website at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/expanded-polystyrene.

What are recyclable alternatives? These are items that can be sorted, cleaned, and processed in a way to be used in the manufacturing of a new product. Montgomery County's recycling program accepts most plastic bottles, containers, cups, lids, clamshell containers, deli trays, bakery domes, and reusable and durable plastic containers, as well as glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, and steel and/or tin cans. Plastic items marked PS-#6 are a form of polystyrene and are not recyclable in Montgomery County. Also, all types of mixed paper, including coated paper items such as milk/juice cartons, frozen food boxes, and ice cream containers are recyclable.

What are compostable alternatives? These are items that will break down into, or become part of compost, or a beneficial soil amendment that is used to improve the quality of soil. A limited number of commercial composting facilities are operational in the region. Check with your recycling service provider to determine the types of compostable products that are acceptable at their processing facility.

For more information, visit our website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling or call 311 or (240) 777-0311.

Calendar of Events



Recycling Volunteer Orientation

- Saturday, November 5, 2016 (9:00am-11:00am)
Executive Office Building; 101 Monroe St., 6th Floor
Rockville (Pre-registration required)
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/volunteers

Educational Recycling/Composting Display at Habitat for Humanity ReStore - Silver Spring

- Saturday, November 5, 2016 (11:00am-3:00pm)
12006 Plum Orchard Drive, Silver Spring

Greenbriar Local Park Grand Opening

- Saturday, November 5, 2016 (11:00am-1:00pm)
12525 Glen Road, Potomac

Educational Recycling/Composting Display at Habitat for Humanity ReStore - Rockville

- Saturday, November 12, 2016 (11:00am - 3:00pm)
1029 East Gude Drive, Rockville

America Recycles Day

- Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Silver Spring Thanksgiving Parade

- Saturday, November 19, 2016
Parade begins at 10:00am; Downtown Silver Spring



Contact Information



Montgomery County, Maryland
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Solid Waste Services
Waste Reduction and Recycling Section



Contact: Alan Pultyniewicz, Recycling Coordinator
101 Monroe Street, 6th Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Website: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling
Customer Service: Call 311 or (240) 777-0311 (outside Montgomery County)
TTY: Maryland Relay 711

Tours of the [Montgomery County Recycling Center](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/facilities) can now be scheduled online by visiting our website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/facilities or call 240-777-6594.

This information is available in an alternate format by calling Alan Pultyniewicz at (240) 777-6480.



Please print on recycled and recyclable paper.

Visit our website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling for details.