



Montgomery County, Maryland Recycling Volunteer Program



RECYCLETTER

Winter 2014

Program Update

Time sure flies when you're having fun and 2014 was certainly an exciting year for recycling volunteers and the Division of Solid Waste Services. As many of you join family and friends to celebrate and enjoy the holiday season, the Division of Solid Waste Services' staff would like to thank you for your continued support and dedication to the County's recycling efforts. Together, we have made great strides educating folks about waste reduction and recycling, earning Montgomery County recognition for the highest waste diversion rate of 60% in the State for two years in a row. Remember these efforts also bring us closer to reaching the County's goal to reduce waste and recycle 70% by 2020.

We are now identifying new recycling outreach events and volunteer opportunities for the New Year. Be on the lookout and tell us about any recycling outreach opportunities at work, in your neighborhood, or other groups or associations. This time of the year is a perfect time to freshen up on your recycling knowledge and catch up on the latest recycling information during a recycling volunteer training session (see training schedule on page 4). If you are a new volunteer, please sign up to attend a training or orientation as this is a program requirement.

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Again, thank you for being such wonderful volunteers and for making 2014 a great year!

Happy holiday wishes to you and your family!



Waste Reduction and Recycling Specialist

2014 Silver Spring Thanksgiving Parade

Ten recycling volunteers joined DSWS staff during the 2014 Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade in downtown Silver Spring on November 22nd. Volunteers proudly displayed the Division's banner to promote the County's 70% waste reduction and recycling goal and helped lead the Division's Recyclemobile and recycling float during the parade. Volunteers also decorated the recycling float with garland made of recyclable materials to encourage residents to recycle more. Parade-goers cheered our volunteers - Jay Turner as Rocco, Katrina Cristwell, Tony Davis, Tanya DeKona, Michelle Fang, David Godoy, Carwithian Hemsley, Donovan Irwin, Paolo Nardone, Demari Simms, and Xavier Simms as they walked with recycling signs and handed out pencils made from recycled paper to children and adults.



Thank You for an Awesome Year!

The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services would like to thank all volunteers who assisted us during the many recycling outreach events and activities throughout 2014. As we wrap up the year, let's look back at the incredible job and progress you've helped us achieve. Since January 1, 2014, 107 volunteers, some volunteering at multiple events, helped to provide waste reduction and recycling outreach and education to an estimated 26,014 people! This is almost 3,000 more people than last year! Great job recycling volunteers!

Bennett Beach
Lloyd Boakye-Ababio
Nesta Carraway
Brandy Carullo
Abigail Castillo
Aileen Castillo
Amy Chen-Huang
Alexander Chi
Andy Chi
Jeannie Chi
Katelyn Chi
Serena Clark
Joe Connor
Katrina Cristwell
Ana Cubillo
Tony Davis
Tanya DeKona
Michael DeVillo
Janice Devine
Michelle Fang
Sophia Florestal
Esther Foxe
Morton Foxe
Emma Frank
Scott Giese
David Godoy
Elizabeth Golder
Akansha Goswami
Nilam Goswami
Tamiah Griffin
Tejas Guja
Alexander Guzman
Kimberly Guzman
Beakal Habtesellassie
Bezawit Habtesellassie
Tiesha Hackley

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Pershawn Hamidi
Ravi Haranpanhalli
Rohit Haranpanhalli
Alice Harrington
Carwithian Hemsley
Donovan Irwin
Carolyn Jackson
Robert Jackson
Patrick Jenkins
Heidi Johnso
Derek Lam
Oreoluwa Lasisi
Kenneth Lavish
Freeman Lee
Joy Maclang
Kai Maclang
Ramon Maclang
Aral Market
Isaac Martinez
Brianna McAdam
Sarah McClure
Emmanuel Mfaw Ngegie
Paolo Nardone
Eudel Ndong
Barbara Newland
Lesley O'Mally
Astrid Ortiz
Anothony Pajuda
Philip Palmer
Farah Patmah
Andrea Pfeffer
Benjamin Pham
Chau Pham
Lily Pham
Darian Philips

Raimi Philips
Shelly Philips
Steve Philips
Scott Reilly
David Richey
Crystal Sanchez
Edee Schwartz
Angelah Sibanda
Anthony Simms
Demari Simms
Xavier Simms
Makhi Stevenson-Cole
Rebeca Suarez
Connor Thomas
Jessenia Thomas
Terry Thomas
Jay Turner,
Donald Wertz
Brandon Witherspoon
John Wu



Thank You!

Listed above are the names of volunteers who provided direct service during 2014.

A Greener Holiday Season

REDUCE

While the holidays are a time for sharing and enjoying time with family and friends, we sometimes lose sight of how much waste is generated. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) an extra 25% of waste is added to the waste stream during this time of the year. There are many ways you can help to reduce waste this season. Start the festivities off by making creative centerpieces and decorations out of things around the house or yard, such as pinecones, sprigs, leaves, branches, etc. When setting the dinner table use reusable tablecloths and avoid using disposable utensils, dinnerware and

glassware. Buy food in bulk to reduce packaging and use reusable containers for leftover food. And remember to recycle everything you can.



REUSE

This is the perfect time to remind ourselves, our family, friends and neighbors to reduce, reuse and recycle everything that can be recycled. It's also a great time to add a personal touch to gift giving by making handmade gifts using items you may already have at home. Personalized handmade gifts speak volumes, thoughtfulness, joy, and love. Furthermore, knowing that you are helping to preserve our natural resources each time you reduce, reuse and recycle makes gift giving even more reward-

ing. You can also get creative when wrapping gifts by reusing brown paper bags which can be decorated and personalized with old buttons, yarn, and items found outside such as sprigs and pinecones as well as other craft making materials. Old maps, newspapers, comics, and magazine pages and material also make for chic wrapping ideas. Just visit the web and look for recyclable crafts and holiday wrapping. See below for a few great ideas I found online!



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Christmas trees will be collected on residents regular recycling collection day.

Things to remember:

- * Remove the stand and all decorations such as lights, ornaments, tinsel and garland.
- * Do not place the tree in a plastic bag.

Christmas Tree Collection Tips:

- * Residents of single-family homes can place their Christmas tree at the curb on their regular recycling collection day.
- * Businesses and residents of apartments and condominiums should check with their property/business manager for specific Christmas tree recycling instructions.



If those holiday lights burned out, consider recycling them by taking them to one of the following locations:



Holiday Light Recycling Drop-Off Locations:

The Home Depot store locations

- 14000 Georgia Ave., Aspen Hill, MD 20906
- 7111 Westlake Terrace, Bethesda, MD 20817
- 15740 Shady Grove Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20877
- 21010 Frederick Rd., Germantown, MD 20876
- 2300 Broadburch Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20904

MOM's Organic Market

- 5566 Randolph Rd., Rockville, MD 20852

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 Email: michelle.devilleo@montgomerycountymd.gov
 Website: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling
 This information is available in an alternate format by
 calling Michelle DeVillo at (240) 777-6484

Return Service Requested

Events Calendar

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
January	10 10am - 12noon	Volunteer Orientation/Training	Rockville
	19 1pm - 3pm	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service	North Bethesda
February	10 6pm - 8pm	Volunteer Orientation /Training	Rockville
	21 10am - 6pm	Montgomery County Home Show (2 Shifts)	Rockville
	22 11am - 5pm	Montgomery County Home Show (2 Shifts)	Rockville

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