# You Can Recycle Even More at the Transfer Station!

In addition to the items you can recycle at home, you can recycle other items at the Montgomery County Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station located at 16101 Frederick Road. Derwood, Maryland 20855.

#### **Facility Hours of Operation:**

Monday - Saturday: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Visit MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/RecycleRight for a complete list of acceptable materials and instructions.

#### Examples of materials accepted at the **Transfer Station:**

- · Antifreeze and motor oil
- Automotive tires
- Clothing, textiles, and shoes
- Computers, TV's, and other electronic items
- Large metal household appliances
- Cooking oil
- Propane and helium tanks
- Usable construction materials
- Household hazardous waste (HHW)
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Oil-based paint
- Paint thinners and solvents
- Alkaline and rechargeable batteries
- Mercury thermometers
- Cleaning products
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Photographic chemicals
- Unwanted fuels such as gasoline

Montgomery County, Maryland Department of Environmental Protection Recycling and Resource Management Division Waste Reduction and Recycling Section 2425 Reedie Drive, 4th Floor Wheaton, Maryland 20902 MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/RecycleRight Call 311 or 240-777-0311 TTY: MD Relay 711

This information is available in an alternate format by calling 240-777-6486.



# RECYCLING MADE EASY



in your apartment or condominium





#### **Reduce and Reuse**

Find ways to reduce the amount of waste generated and disposed of as trash when you shop, work, and play. Take a closer look at what you buy, where you buy it, how you buy it (when possible, use reusable bags!), how well you use it, and what you do with it when you no longer need it (donate!). Not only will you conserve natural resources, but you will save money and contribute to the County's goal to reduce waste and recycle more, aiming for zero wastel

### Recycle

Montgomery County requires everyone to recycle commingled materials, mixed paper. scrap metal, yard trim, and Christmas trees. Each multi-family property in the County must also have on-site recycling programs for these materials. Apartment-sized recycling bins are available to help you collect and transport recyclable materials to the recycling collection area at your property. Note: plastic bags, film, or shrink wrap can be taken back to most local grocery stores for recycling. These should not be placed in your property's recycling containers.

### Close the Loop!

When shopping, purchase items made from recycled materials or wrapped in recycled packaging. Look for the "made with recycled content" symbol. When you buy recycled products, you help make Montgomery County's recycling program a success by creating demand for recycled materials.

### Why Recycle?

We all have a responsibility to use our resources wisely. Recycling conserves energy, saves precious natural resources, reduces pollution, and reduces the amount of trash sent to County disposal facilities. By recycling, you contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment and a more sustainable economy. And, recycling is the law in **Montgomery County.** 

### Did you know...

- The energy saved by recycling one aluminum can will power a television for three hours. Manufacturing aluminum cans with recycled aluminum uses 95 percent less energy than manufacturing using virgin ore.
- Recycling one ton (2,000 lbs) of paper saves 17 trees. Most cereal boxes are made of 100 percent recycled paper.
- Glass and metals such as steel and aluminum never wear out — they can be remanufactured into new products as many times as they are recycled. The typical glass container has up to 70 percent recycled glass.
- Plastics are petroleum-based, so recycling conserves oil. It can be made into playground equipment, t-shirts, sleeping bags, park benches, backyard decks, picnic tables, lawn furniture, and recycling bins.



Call your property manager or visit MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/RecycleRight



# **RECYCLE MORE. RECYCLE RIGHT!**

# **KEEP THESE OUT**

# **Commingled Materials**



#### **Glass Bottles and Jars**

• Clear, green, and brown food and beverage glass bottles and jars

Examples: soft drink, beer, juice and wine bottles; spaghetti sauce, mayonnaise, and pickle jars

### Plastic Bottles, Containers, Trays, and Lids

- Plastic bottles, containers, jars, tubs, caps and lids, pails, buckets, and flower pots.
- Plastic durable reusable containers and lids
- #1 PET clamshell containers, trays, deli containers, domes, cups, and lids

Examples: juice, water, soft drink, cooking oil, salad dressing, shampoo, toilet cleaner, detergent bottles; yogurt, mayonnaise, kitty litter and ice cream pails and lids; and plastic flower pots

# Aluminum and Bi-Metal Cans and Foil Products

- Empty, non-hazardous aerosol cans
- Aluminum cans and bi-metal (steel/tin) food and beverage containers
- Aluminum foil and foil products

Examples: sardine, soup, vegetable and pet food cans; aluminum foil, foil cookware (such as pie plates and lasagna pans), and foil TV dinner trays; cooking oil spray, deodorant, hairspray and shaving cream cans

**Note:** Lids and caps can be recycled, but remove them from bottles and containers first. Empty and rinse plastic, glass, aluminum and metal items first before placing them in the recycling bin.

- Broken glass, mirrors, or windows
- Drinking glasses, cups, plates, or cookware
- Ceramics or light bulbs
- Automotive parts
- Metal items such as pots, pans, or furniture
- Styrofoam™/polystyrene products (#6 plastics)
- Plastic utensils, bowls, or plates
- Automotive product containers including motor oil, antifreeze, and brake fluid
- Pesticide containers
- Plastic bags, film and shrink wrap
- Medical waste (e.g. syringes, masks, needles)
- Batteries (rechargeable and non-rechargeable)
- Biodegradable or compostable items (place these in your compost bin if your property has a composting collection service)

# **Mixed Paper**



- Clean, dry paper
- Paper coffee and beverage cups
- Milk/juice cartons, juice and drink boxes, frozen food boxes and produce boxes
- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines and catalogs

- Cardboard and paperboard boxes
- Unwanted mail, receipts, and envelopes (plastic windows are OK)
- Shredded paper (in a paper bag)
- Hardback, paperback, and telephone books
- Office/computer paper

- Plastic bags, film and shrink wrap
- Styrofoam™/polystyrene products (#6 plastics)
- Paper/cardboard contaminated with food (pizza boxes), paint, chemicals, or kitty litter
- Foil gift wrap, paper towels, napkins, or tissues

### **Scrap Metal**



- Any item that is predominantly metal, including: household items (such as irons, pots, pans, lamps, and hangers), appliances (such as refrigerators/toasters), metal bed frames, cabinets, furniture, fencing, tools, and pipes
- Ask your property manager how scrap metal is collected and recycled at your property. Do not place scrap metal in mixed paper or commingled recycling bins.
- If you purchase a new appliance, ask the store if they will remove and recycle the old appliance.
- Vehicle or automotive parts, including engine blocks
- Paint cans
- Oxygen or propane tanks or other containers under pressure

Yard Trim & Christmas Trees



- Grass clippings, leaves and garden trimmings
- Live Christmas trees

- Remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, and garland before recycling
- Ask your property manager how and when you can recycle Christmas trees.
- Trees with root balls
- Trees in plastic bags