



Civic Loop

Promoting Recycling through Community Leadership



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Why Recycle? There are Lots of Reasons...



Holiday Recycling Slide Schedule for County-Provided Collections

Memorial Day

(Monday, May 30, 2016)

If your collection date normally would be:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday, May 30, 2016	Tuesday, May 31, 2016
Tuesday, May 31, 2016	Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Wednesday, June 1, 2016	Thursday, June 2, 2016
Thursday, June 2, 2016	Friday, June 3, 2016
Friday, June 3, 2016	Saturday, June 4, 2016

Independence Day

(Monday, July 4, 2016)

If your collection date normally would be:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday, July 4, 2016	Tuesday, July 5, 2016
Tuesday, July 5, 2016	Wednesday, July 6, 2016
Wednesday, July 6, 2016	Thursday, July 7, 2016
Thursday, July 7, 2016	Friday, July 8, 2016
Friday, July 8, 2016	Saturday, July 9, 2016

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

Reducing waste, reusing materials, recycling everything that can be recycled and buying products made from recycled materials are important steps we can take to protect our valuable natural resources and save energy and water.

Recycling also creates jobs and results in a more vibrant economy. Montgomery County has a goal to reduce waste and recycle 70 percent of all waste by 2020. Residents, multi-family properties and businesses are making a difference and have contributed to the success of Montgomery County's recycling efforts. This past January, the Maryland Department of the Environment released recycling data for Calendar Year 2014. Montgomery County's most current waste diversion rate is 60.7 percent; one of the highest waste diversion rates in the state of Maryland!

As we get ready for Earth Day on April 22nd, remember to reduce, reuse, recycle and buy recycled...not just on Earth Day, but every day. For more information about waste reduction, reuse, recycling, buying recycled and more, visit our website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling. Keep it going! Recycle more now!

Alan Pultyniewicz
Recycling Coordinator



Recycling volunteers assist with making greeting cards out of recycled materials to give to children receiving medical treatment at NIH's Children's Inn during the 2016 MLK Day of Service on January 18, 2016.



Test Your Recycling Knowledge for Earth Day

Montgomery County has a goal to reduce waste and recycle 70 percent of all waste by 2020. The County's most recent waste diversion rate (Calendar Year 2014) is 61 percent which is one of the highest waste diversion rates in the state of Maryland. Recycling saves natural resources, water and energy. Reducing waste and recycling also helps to keep our air, land and water cleaner for everyone to enjoy. This Earth Day, pledge to become more informed about reducing waste, reusing materials, recycling and buying products made from recycled materials. Below are a few interesting fun facts about the many benefits of recycling for you to share with your family, friends, co-workers and community.

Aluminum Cans:

- Recycling one (1) aluminum can saves enough energy to power a television set for three (3) hours.



Glass Bottles and Jars:

- Recycling one (1) glass jar saves enough energy to power a 100-watt light bulb for four (4) hours.



Plastic Bottles and Containers:

- Recycling one (1) ton of plastics can save up to 2,000 gallons of gasoline.



Mixed Paper:

- Recycling one (1) ton of paper saves 17 trees.
- Recycling one (1) ton of paper saves 7,000 gallons of water.



Visit the Montgomery County Recycling Center

Do you want to see what happens to the materials that are recycled in Montgomery County? Then, schedule a visit to Montgomery County's Recycling Center. The Recycling Center is located at 16101 Frederick Road in Derwood. Guided tours are available for groups of 10 or more people. Self-guided tours are also permitted. To schedule a guided tour, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/SWS/facilities/rc/tours.html or call the Recycling Center at 240-777-6594.



Keep It Going! Recycle More Now.

Composting Yard Trim at Home? Get a Compost Bin!



The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid Waste Services encourages residents to grasscycle and compost at home. What is grasscycling and composting?

Grasscycling simply means letting grass clippings fall back to the lawn when mowing your lawn -- don't bag those clippings. Over a short amount of time, the grass clippings will break down and add vital nutrients back into the soil. We like to say "**Just Mow and Go!**"

Backyard composting takes some time and effort but is well worth it. Composting is a biological process in which, under the right conditions, microorganisms consume organic matter (grass clippings, leaves, and garden trimmings). The yard trim materials break down and are "recycled" into a nutrient-rich soil amendment that can be spread as a top dressing on your lawn, mixed with potting soil, or mixed into the top several inches of soil in a garden. Adding compost to soil increases the porosity of soil, allowing melting snow and rainwater to soak deeper into the soil, reducing runoff. This also stimulates root growth resulting in healthier plants and vegetables.

Compost bins are available for residents of Montgomery County, Maryland for no additional charge, at the locations listed below. Many of these locations also have evening and weekend hours.

BETHESDA

Whole Foods Market
5269 River Road
Bethesda, MD 20816
301-984-4860
Visit the Customer Service Desk
(also evening and weekend hours)

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

Davis Library
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 HEIGHTS

Audubon Sanctuary Shop
Woodend Nature Sanctuary
8940 Jones Mill Road
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
301-652-3606
(also weekend hours)

Whole Foods Market
4420 Willard Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
301-657-1520
Visit the Customer Service Desk
(also evening and weekend hours)

DAMASCUS

Damascus Library
9701 Main Street
Damascus, MD 20872
240-773-9444
(also evening and weekend hours)

DERWOOD

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

GAITHERSBURG

Whole Foods Market
316 Kentlands Boulevard
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-258-9500
Visit the Customer Service Desk
(also evening and weekend hours)

OLNEY

Good Earth Garden Market
18130 Georgia Avenue
Olney, MD 20832
301-774-2631
(also evening and weekend hours)

POOLESVILLE

Poolesville Library
19633 Fisher Avenue
Poolesville, MD 20837
240-773-9550
(also evening and weekend hours)

POTOMAC

Good Earth Garden Market
11650 Falls Road
Potomac, MD 20854
301-765-0224
(also evening and weekend hours)

Potomac Garden Center
12024 Darnestown Road
North Potomac, MD 20854
301-948-8890
(also evening and weekend hours)

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
Visit the Customer Service Desk
(also evening and weekend hours)

Habitat for Humanity ReStore
1029 E. Gude Drive
Rockville, MD 20850
301-947-3304
(also weekend hours)

Meadowside Nature Center
5100 Meadowside Lane
Rockville, MD 20850
301-258-4030
(Tues-Sat. from 9am-5pm)

Whole Foods Market
11355 Woodglen Drive
Rockville, MD 20852
301-984-4880
Visit the Customer Service Desk
(also evening and weekend hours)

SILVER SPRING

Habitat for Humanity ReStore
12006 B Plum Orchard Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20904
301-990-0014
(also weekend hours)

Whole Foods Market
833 Wayne Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-608-9373
Visit the Customer Service Desk
(also evening and weekend hours)

City of Takoma Park
Public Works Department
31 Oswego Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-891-7633

Spring Event Schedule

Confidential Paper Shredding/ Recycling and Clothing/Household Item Reuse Collection Events

- **Sunday, April 10, 2016 from 10:00am-2:00pm**
Sherwood High School
300 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Sandy Spring
- **Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 10:00am-2:00pm**
Seneca Valley High School
19401 Crystal Rock Drive, Germantown
- **Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 10:00am-2:00pm**
Holiday Park Senior Center
3950 Ferrara Drive, Silver Spring

Please note: Limit of 5 paper bags or small cardboard boxes of confidential paper for shredding per vehicle. **All cars must be in line by 2:00 p.m.** For more details about these events, visit us at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.



Montgomery County
GREEN FEST

Saturday, April 30 • 11 am - 4 pm
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue, near Takoma Metro

inspirational speakers • films
• electric vehicles • music •
food • activities for all ages
• vendors • DIY workshops

Featured guest speaker:
Gina McCarthy,
EPA Administrator

To request ASL interpretation
or other accommodations at this event, visit our website.

MontgomeryCountyGreenfest.org



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 3-1-1 or (240) 777-0311 (outside Montgomery County)
TTY: (301) 251-4850

Call (240) 777-6594 to schedule tours of the [Montgomery County Recycling Center](#) for groups of 10 or more people. Tours are scheduled Mondays through Thursdays.

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



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