

Recycling and Waste Reduction

Over the past 35 years, the amount of waste each person creates has almost doubled from 2.7 to 4.6 pounds per day. Waste reduction is the most preferable method of waste management and goes a long way toward protecting the environment. Responsible waste management involves:

- Reduction of waste (consume and throw away less)
- Reuse of waste materials
- Recycling of goods
- Buying products made from recycled content

These actions save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by decreasing the consumption of raw materials and energy used during manufacturing, transportation and disposal.

Reduce and Reuse

The most effective way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place. Information on the benefits and basics of reducing and reusing and what steps you can take to reduce your waste.

Here are some simple steps you can take to reduce your waste:

- **Use Reusable Products**

Reusable products instead of disposable products is one of the best ways to stop waste. There are tons of opportunities to choose reusable products.

- **Reduce Junk Mail**

Go paperless and reducing junk mail sent to your home or business.

- **Donate Reusable Items**

List your used items for free using online resources or donate to charities.

Donate or Recycle Your Vehicle

You can donate or recycle your used vehicle with a local charity, such as Wheels For Wishes, which is a car donation program benefiting Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic. They offer an easy way to recycle or donate unwanted cars, trucks, motorcycles, SUVs, RVs, or even boats, by turning them into a wish for a local child.

Complete a Waste and Recycling Inventory

See if you can cut your waste in half! Don't think it's possible? You will be surprised how easy it can be! A waste and recycling inventory can help to determine what might be missing in your

recycling habits. Think of your waste basket and garbage can as the destination of last resort - where things go only when there is no other place for them. Make it easy to recycle by having a blue bin or other container handy in the kitchen.

Now for the inventory:

STEP ONE: WHAT'S IN THE TRASH CAN?

- Packaging materials? Most plastic wrapping like bubble wrap and air pillows can be included in the grocery store plastic bag recycling bin.
- Hard plastic packaging? Put in the blue bin
- Food waste? Start composting veggies and fruits.
- Flowers and other organic decorations? Compost them too.
- Light bulbs? Compact fluorescents are considered hazardous waste and should be recycled at the county transfer station.
- Christmas light strings? Take them to Ace Hardware to be recycled.
- Batteries? Rechargeable and button batteries go to the property yard, and Mom's Organic Market will recycle all household batteries.
- Wrapping paper and bows? Non-foil paper can be recycled. Have a bag handy for bows to save them and reuse. Next time wrap with recycling and reuse in mind, it'll make a difference!
- Styrofoam packaging? Next time look for products that don't use Styrofoam packaging. It isn't recyclable through our city program.
- Clamshell food boxes? Select food items that aren't packaged in them because they aren't recyclable in our city program.

STEP TWO: WHAT'S IN THE BLUE BIN?

- Lots of plastic bottles? Use reusable bottles for your to go water.
- Individual serving size drink containers? Buy beverages in fewer, larger containers.
- Full of newspapers and catalogues? Re-think how much media you can truly read in a week's time and whether there are paper-free alternatives (online newspapers and magazines for example).
- Lots of catalogs and junk mail? Go paperless and reducing junk mail sent to your home.
- Making these conscious choices is the quickest way to integrate the three Rs (reduce, reuse and recycle) into your life.

Recycling and Waste Services

Information on curbside recycling, waste management, leaf collection, hazardous waste disposal, electronics recycling and business and multi-family recycling.

Trash Collection - All residential and commercial units within the Town shall avail themselves of the Town's curb-side trash collection

Residential/Multiple Residential Rate: \$80.00 (per dwelling unit) - Billed quarterly
Includes twice per week curb-side pickups and one per week recyclable products pickup

Commercial Rate: Billed quarterly

Includes twice per week curbside pickups and one per week recyclable products pickup

Category I	Dumpster (4 cubic yards)	\$495.00
Category II	Maximum 2 cans (per unit)	\$ 95.00
	Each additional can	\$ 46.00

** See Code 74.8 Storage for refuse containers specifications/requirements*

Recycling Services - Wednesday pickup - year-round

Items to be Recycled

- *Glass Jars:* All food and beverages glass jars and bottles. Please rinse containers and discard caps and lids, labels need not be removed.
- *Paper and Cardboard:* Newspapers, glossy inserts, magazines, telephone books are accepted. Cereal boxes (without plastic inserts), corrugated cardboard boxes (must be flat).
- *Plastic Bottles:* Plastic soda bottles, milk jugs, juice jugs and water jugs are accepted. Please drain excess liquid and rinse, flattened milk jugs.
- *Metal Cans:* All beverage and metal, aluminum and tin food cans are acceptable.

Items NOT acceptable- No bottle caps or tops. No window glass, dishes, ceramics or light bulbs. No junk mail. No plastic film or plastic foam containers. No aluminum foil or pans. No aluminum siding or other scrap metal.

** Please contact the Town Hall for your recycling container @ 301-743-5511*

Yard Waste Removal

NO BURN POLICY

Bagged yard waste: Wednesday pickup - year-round

- Please place curbside.
- Keep regular household trash containers separate from yard waste.
- Paper bags only.

Fall leaf vacuum collection: Wednesday pickup during the fall season, weather permitting.

- Only leaves free of sticks, rocks and debris can be raked to the curb.
- Do not rake leaves onto the paved portion of the streets or into storm-drains.
- Please be patient - Due to the large volume of leaves, the entire Town cannot always be covered in a single day. The crew will conduct one complete pass through the Town before doubling back.

Bulk Trash Pickup: Wednesday - *Scheduled Pickups Only*

- \$50 Fee - cash, money order or credit card to be paid when scheduled
- Call the Town Hall @ 301-743-5511 to schedule pickup.

Water & Sewer: Billed Quarterly - Billing Quarter information and Usage Rate Chart

Residential	Minimum Rate	\$ 70.40
	per 1,000 gallons used	\$ 6.85
Commercial	Minimum Rate	\$212.80
	per 1,000 gallons used	\$ 6.85

- **Bay Restoration Fee:** This fee is mandated by law and is to be used to upgrade wastewater treatment plants and for the prevention of nutrient discharges into the Chesapeake Bay.
All monies collected are sent to the State of Maryland Comptroller's Office.
- Residential: \$15.00 (per dwelling unit) - Billed quarterly

Commercial: \$15.00 (base rate) - Billed quarterly
anything over 23,000 gallons is charged at an additional rate of .668 per 1,000 gallons

Spring Cleanup Program

Information on the annual Spring Cleanup Program will be updated on the website at a later date.