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Mayor Mandates Recycling for City Offices

The new year starts out with a renewed effort to increase recycling! Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake has signed an Executive Order to extend recycling collection to all public facilities owned, operated, leased or rented by the City of Baltimore in order to recycle all materials in support of the Maryland Recycling Act and the Drive to 35. The Bureau of Solid Waste has identified 465 properties that are covered by the Mayor's Executive Order. Currently, the Bureau of Solid Waste collects recycling from 312 City buildings or 67% of the total number of facilities effected by the new mandate. This includes 205 Public Schools.

Mrs. Valentina I. Ukwuoma, Head of the Bureau of Solid Waste, welcomed the news: "This shows the Mayor's commitment to recycling and to our efforts to reach the State-mandated recycling rate of 35%. It is a challenge that we accept and actions such as the Mayor's shows the leadership we need to increase recycling and reduce waste."

For the coming year, Recycling Office staff will be working to reach out and bring the remaining 153 facilities into the recycling program.

Additional good recycling news this year, is that, by Maryland State Law, all multi-family dwellings of 10+ units must offer recycling to their tenants. The Bureau of Solid Waste has identified 350 properties that fall under the law and 295 of them have submitted documentation that they have established recycling programs, an 84% response rate. In the coming year, the Recycling Office will be visiting those properties who have not responded to ensure their compliance.

New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Holidays

In observation of the New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holidays, please note there will be no trash & recycling collections. Citizens' Convenience Centers are closed and there will be no Mechanized Street Sweeping

New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1, 2015

Make Up Day: Saturday, January 3, 2015

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 19, 2015

Make Up Day: Saturday, January 24, 2015

REMEMBER: When a holiday occurs on your trash or recycling collection day, the following Saturday is your make up collection day.

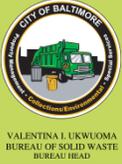


VALENTINA I. UKWUOMA
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Xmas Tree Collections and Mulching

Christmas tree mulching begins January 3 and continues through January 31, 2015. Mulching services will be offered from Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Reedbird Citizens' Convenience Center, 701 Reedbird Avenue. Residents may bring their own bags or containers if they wish to collect mulch for their own use. Community groups are also encouraged to bring bags or containers and collect free mulch for neighborhood gardens while supplies last. Trees being brought for mulching must have tinsel and ornaments removed first.

The Bureau of Solid Waste will offer tree collection beginning on Monday, December 29. Residents should set out trees on their regularly scheduled trash collection day at the same location where their trash is collected. Please remove tinsel and ornaments. Trees will be collected through January 30, 2015.



Please don't use plastic bags!

You can use anything as a container for your recyclables **except** plastic bags. Many grocery stores and supermarkets will recycle plastic bags.



Acceptable and Unacceptable Recycling Materials

Acceptable Recycling Material:

- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Aluminum: cans, beverage and food containers, foil (clean), and pie pans
- Bottles: narrow-neck bottles
- Cartons (waxed): used for a liquid such as juices, milk or soups
- Glass containers such as bottles and jars (brown, clear or green)
- Metal: beverage and food containers
- Plastic: bottles and jars
- Prescription bottles, including caps
- Steel: beverage containers and food
- Tin: cans and foil

Rigid Plastics

(to be taken to the citizen drop-off centers)

Rigid plastics include milk/soda crates, buckets, laundry baskets, children's toys, etc.

Unacceptable Recycling Material Examples:

- Cookware and plates (plastic)
- Containers of toxic substances -e.g., cans motor oil, pesticides, etc.
- Contaminated paper products -e.g., napkins, paper towels, and tissue
- Dry cleaning bags
- Glass (window and mirror)
- Waxed paper



Re reminders



City Leaf Collection Ends January 5th

City leaf collection will end Monday, January 5, 2015.

However, the Bureau of Solid Waste will continue to pick up yard waste throughout the year. Up to five bags of leaves will be collected from each address every week on your regular trash collection day. Residents must put leaves out in clear or labeled bags and not in the public right-of-way.

Residents can also drop leaves off at our drop off convenience centers.

Mechanical Street Sweeping Program

Citywide Mechanical Street Sweeping is here! The Bureau of Solid Waste is working to make Baltimore City neighborhoods cleaner by sweeping the neighborhood **EVERY WEDNESDAY!** Please do your part to help make Baltimore cleaner and greener by moving your cars so street sweepers can provide a "clean sweep" of our streets.

Monthly Street Sweeping Schedule:

NW & SE Quadrants:

Odd Sides 1st Wednesdays
Even Side: 2nd Wednesdays

SW & NE Quadrants

Odd Sides: 3rd Wednesdays
Even Sides: 4th Wednesdays

