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# Baltimore City Public Works Calendar

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# Better Schools. Safer Streets. Stronger Neighborhoods.

## Letter from the Mayor and Director



Public Works is vital to enhancing and sustaining a healthy and quality environment for all of our city. The Department of Public Works is dramatically boosting its mission and commitment this year to make Baltimore a cleaner, healthier, more livable city. Among the important upgrades citizens will see are improvements to our drinking water supply system and expansion of mechanical street sweeping.

These functions, and others like them, are essential to our citizens. Water, sewer, and sanitation are 24/7 necessities. We strive every day to ensure effective, efficient delivery of these services, because you deserve no less.

Director Foxx embraces my goal of growing Baltimore by 10,000 families. We are partners with the City's residents in finding solutions and promoting public health. Together, we are supporting our communities so that they all may flourish.

As you use your calendar, please take note of the opportunities to keep your home and neighborhood clean. Also note the events that entertain and educate the public about the ways Public Works serves you. Have a healthy, happy new year.



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# Curbside Waste & Recycling Collection

- Clean paper of all colors and types, including catalogs, magazines, junk mail, newspapers and non-metallic wrapping paper
- Cardboard and paperboard boxes (including cereal boxes without liners and frozen food packaging)
- Books (including paperbacks and hardbacks)

- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Glass containers such as jars and bottles
- Metal food and beverage containers
- Narrow-neck plastic containers (other than for motor oil) which carry codes ⚠ through ⚠ on the bottom

- **Trash collection is limited to 96 gallons per week (3 trash cans).**
- **Trash must always be in a can with a tight-fitting lid. It's the law!**
- **Lids stop litter and rats.**
- **Don't invite rats to your home for dinner by storing your trash in plastic bags!**



**Styrofoam Recycling!**  
 Accepting foam food service items and molded foam packaging at the Citizens Convenience Center at Sisson Street ONLY!  
 No curbside foam recycling please.

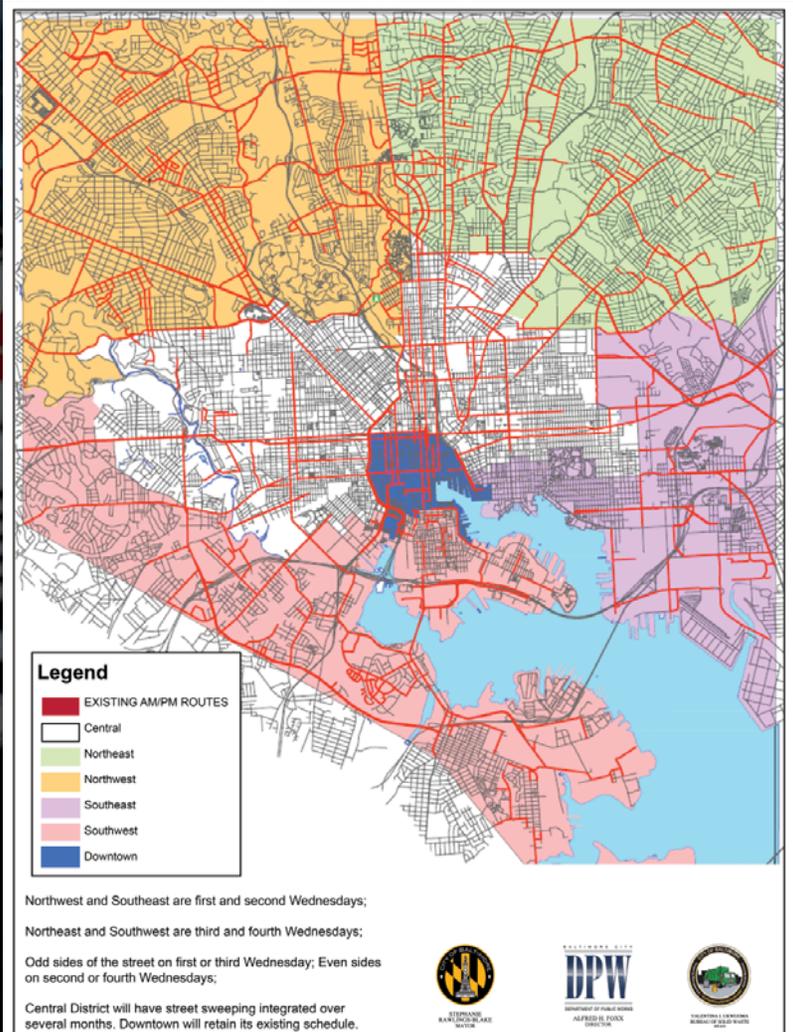
- **Make sure foam has the #6 symbol on it**
- **Rinse cups/containers**
- **No straws, lids, tape or stickers**
- **No foam peanuts or insulation material**

**Questions? Call the Baltimore City Office of Recycling at 410-396-4511**



To find your waste collection days please call 311 or go to [www.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.baltimorecity.gov).

# Citywide Street Sweeping



All Baltimore City neighborhoods will receive Mechanical Street Sweeping in 2014.  
Go to [www.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.baltimorecity.gov) for more information.

# JANUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Holiday tree mulching starts. Visit <a href="http://www.baltimorecity.gov">www.baltimorecity.gov</a>			<b>1</b> New Year's Day (City offices and sanitation yards closed,	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> New Year's Day Recycling/Trash Collection Makeup Day
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (City offices and sanitation yards closed.)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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# FOG: Fats, Oils & Grease

## From the Pan to the Can

Every day, significant quantities of fats, oils and grease (FOG) generated during food preparation and clean up are discharged to Baltimore's sewer system. The FOG solidifies on the walls of the pipes, eventually blocking the flow of wastewater. When this happens, wastewater backs up into private properties, typically through kitchen or basement fixtures, or overflows into the environment. Untreated wastewater can pose serious health risks to the public and cause extensive property damage.

In 2002, the Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) entered into a Consent Decree with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment to improve water quality and eliminate sanitary sewer overflows through improvements to the sewer system citywide. The Consent Decree requires the City to implement a comprehensive FOG Program in addition to other remedial measures.

### GREASE MYTHS

*It is alright to let FOG go down the drain if...*

**...I run hot water.** No. The grease may eventually cool and solidify in the sewer pipe.

**...I use the garbage disposal.** No. The garbage disposal only grinds up larger items before discharging them to the sewer system. The garbage disposal does not eliminate the FOG from these items. Compost food scraps or dispose of them in the household garbage as appropriate.

**...I chase it down with dish soap.** No. Most dish soaps break up grease, but the soap will eventually lose its effectiveness, causing the grease to solidify in the sewer system.

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The City's Pollution Control Division is working with Food Service Establishments to help reduce the discharge of fats, oils and grease through the FOG program.

# FEBRUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Presidents Day (City offices and sanitation yards closed.)	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

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# Advances In Technology



A one megawatt solar field helps provide power to the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant.

# MARCH 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Daylight Savings Time begins	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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# Alley Cleaning

**Please help  
keep your  
alleys clean.**



DPW's Bureau of Solid Waste picks up trash, manages recycling and also cleans the City's alleys.

# APRIL 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Northwest Convenience Center – Sisson Street, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	5 Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Northwest Convenience Center – Sisson Street, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday (City offices and sanitation yards closed.)	19 Good Friday Recycling/Trash Collection Makeup Day
20	21 Earth Day	22	23	24	25	26 Mayor's Spring Cleanup
27	28	29	30			

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# BIG TRUCK DAY

Big Truck Day is one of the City's most popular events with over 2,000 attendees. Big and little kids love big trucks!

# MAY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Northwest Convenience Center – Sisson Street, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	3 Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Northwest Convenience Center – Sisson Street, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
4 National Drinking Water Week	5	6	7	8	9	10 DPW Prettyboy Reservoir Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 National Public Works Week	19	20	21	22	23	24 DPW Big Truck Day
25	26 Memorial Day (City offices and sanitation yards closed)	27	28	29	30	31

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# Stream Restoration



Through stream restoration and stormwater management, DPW is contributing to a healthier Baltimore.

# JUNE 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Northwest Convenience Center – Sisson Street, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	7 Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Northwest Convenience Center – Sisson Street, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Summer
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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# Infrastructure Investment



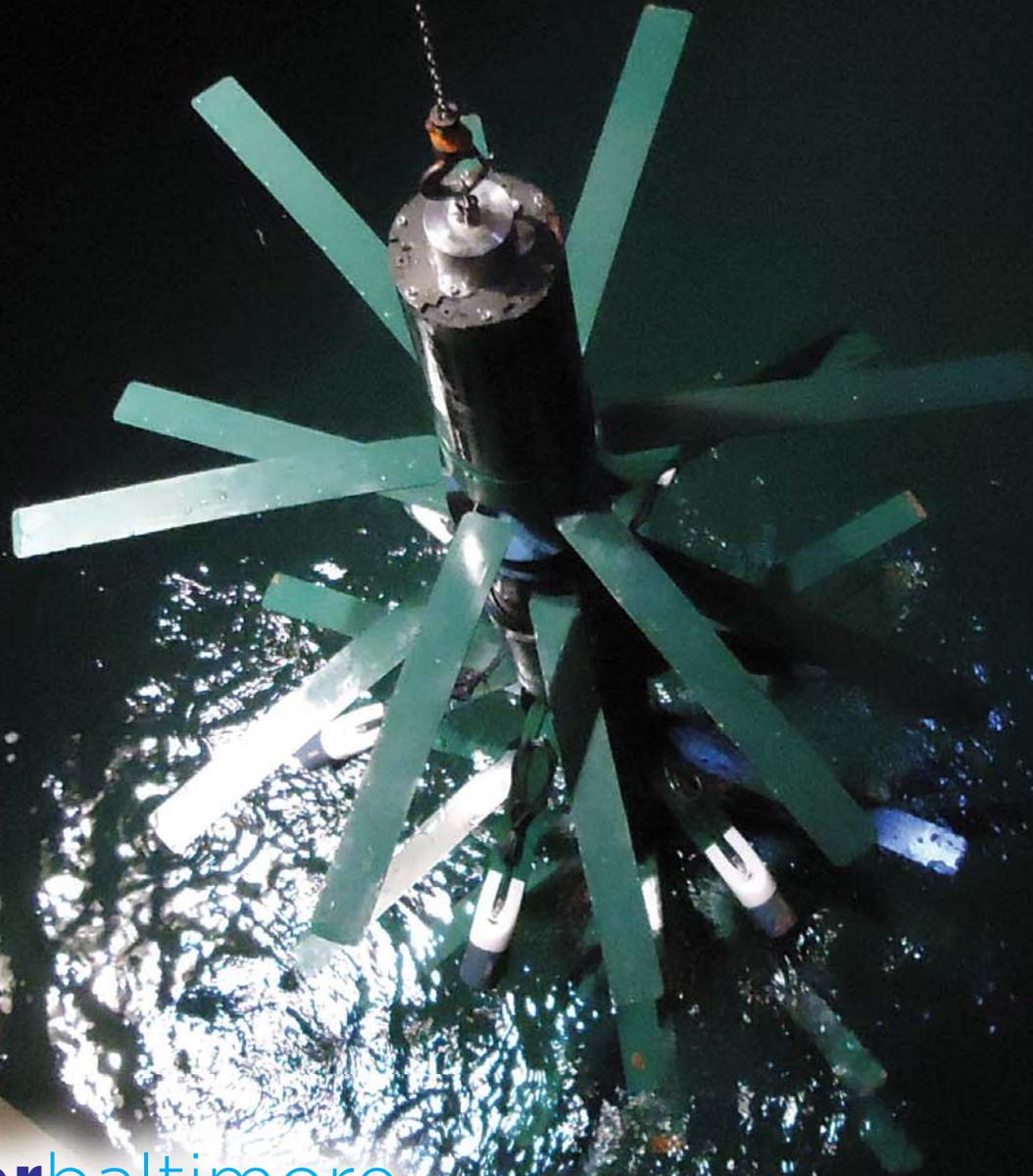
**Aging infrastructure results in water main breaks.  
DPW is investing \$300M in new water mains over the next five years.**

# JULY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day (City offices and sanitation yards closed.)	5 Independence Day Recycling/Trash Collection Makeup Day Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Northwest Convenience Center – Sisson Street, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26  DPW Liberty Reservoir Day
27	28	29	30	31		

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# Water Initiatives



The DPW embraces new technology to promote more efficient problem solving. This “pipe diver” has been used to search our pipes for weak spots and prevent costly, inconvenient breaks.

# AUGUST 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Northwest Convenience Center – Sisson Street, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>2</b> Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Northwest Convenience Center – Sisson Street, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

# "Clean Up Baltimore"

The Poo Fairy



Leafy Lisa



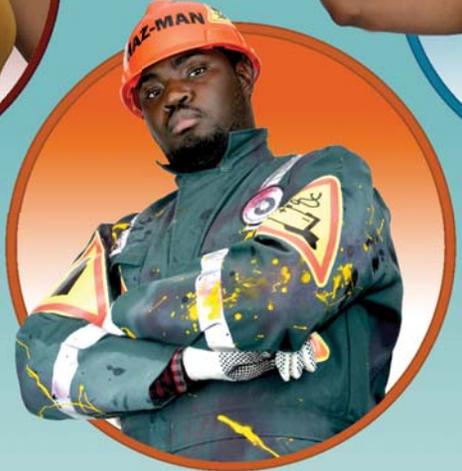
Bay Beauty



Recycle Rick



Haz-Man



DPW cast of characters that help promote Clean Up Baltimore.

# SEPTEMBER 2014

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**1** Labor Day  
(City offices and  
sanitation yards closed.)

**2**

**3**

**4**

**5**

Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection at  
Northwest Convenience  
Center – Sisson Street,  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**6**

Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection at  
Northwest Convenience  
Center – Sisson Street,  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**7**

**8**

**9**

**10**

**11**

**12**

**13**

DPW  
Dam Jam at  
Loch Raven Reservoir

**14**

**15**

**16**

**17**

**18**

**19**

**20**

**21**

First day of Autumn

**22**

**23**

**24**

**25**

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**27**

**28**

**29**

**30**

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# Yard Waste

The Bureau of Solid Waste collects yard waste throughout the year on your trash collection day. Here are some helpful tips on how to keep Baltimore clean and green.



## Grasscycling: Don't Bag That Grass!

Grasscycling is easy, efficient and low energy. Leave your grass clippings on the lawn after you cut it. The clippings decompose rapidly and make your lawn greener, healthier and sturdier.

- Use a mulching mower. Traditional and manual lawnmowers are also effective as long as you keep the blades sharp.
- Keep your lawn at a maximum height of 2 to 3 inches high. Cutting no more than one-third of the length of the blade of grass at a time makes your lawn easier to maintain.
- Mow at least once a week during peak growing season.
- Mow your lawn when the grass is dry. Mowing dry grass distributes the clippings more evenly and decreases the chance of clogging your lawn mower.

## Yard Waste

- Put it out at the same place where you put your trash.
- Put yard waste in paper or plastic bags (preferably clear or labeled bags) or bundle it.
- Do not put your bagged yard waste in the gutter or public right-of-way.
- We may not be able to pick up all of your yard waste at one collection.
- Put your yard waste at the end of your yard where our crews can reach it.
- A locked gate and/or animal will keep us from collecting your yard waste; please confine your pets on collection day.
- We do not take tree branches larger than 4 inches in diameter or longer than 3 feet.

Getting rid of yard waste is as easy as getting rid of your trash.

# OCTOBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BAGGED LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS THIS MONTH. Go to <a href="http://www.baltimorecity.gov">www.baltimorecity.gov</a> for details.			1	2	3 Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Northwest Convenience Center – Sisson Street, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	4 Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Northwest Convenience Center – Sisson Street, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day (City offices and sanitation yards closed.)	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Mayor's Fall Cleanup
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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# Corner Cans



These cans are placed on corners along major gateways and near bus stops for pedestrians to throw away their litter. Residents and businesses can be fined \$500 for using them for household and commercial trash which causes the cans to overflow, attracts vermin and makes an unsightly mess.

Use corner trash cans for litter, not for business or household trash. Clean Up Baltimore!

# NOVEMBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 <small>Daylight Savings Time ends</small>	3	4 Election Day (City offices and sanitation yards closed.)	5	6	7	8 Election Day Recycling/Trash Collection Makeup Day
9	10	11 Veterans Day (City offices and sanitation yards closed.)	12	13	14	15 Veterans Day Recycling/Trash Collection Makeup Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day (City offices and sanitation yards closed.)	28	29 Thanksgiving Day Recycling/Trash Collection Makeup Day

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# Customer Support and Services



Need Help  
Paying Your  
Water Bill?

Customer Support and Services

**cleanwater**baltimore  
www.cleanwaterbaltimore.org



Understanding  
Your Baltimore  
City Water Bill

Water

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The cost of providing water to 1.8 million people each day is directly tied to the cost of federal safe drinking-water guidelines.

As water costs rise, citizens with limited incomes are finding it harder to make ends meet. That is why Baltimore City offers assistance to income-eligible residents.

Please contact your nearest Baltimore Community Action Center for more information on how we may be able to help you.

For more information on these programs please visit our website, [www.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.baltimorecity.gov) or call **311** or 410-396-5398.

The DPW Customer Support and Services Division offers assistance in understanding your water bill and also offers assistance for seniors through its Low Income Senior Citizen Discount Program.

# DECEMBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 DPW Mitten Tree Ceremony	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 First Day of Winter
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day (City offices and sanitation yards closed.)	26	27 Christmas Day Recycling/Trash Collection Makeup Day
28	29	30	31 Holiday tree mulching starts first Saturday after the New Year. Visit <a href="http://www.baltimorecity.gov">www.baltimorecity.gov</a>			Please recycle this calendar.

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