



Q&A WITH RECYCLE RAE

What happens to the household hazardous waste after I drop it off at a containment facility? – Concerned citizen

That is a great question, and one we get in the recycling department quite often. I'll give you a breakdown of how the most common hazardous wastes are disposed. Corrosive liquids like ammonia or detergent are taken to a treatment facility where the chemicals are neutralized. Pesticides and poisons are incinerated. Oil-based paints and thinners are blended into fuel mixtures and later used as fuel. Motor oil is also reused as fuel. And batteries are returned to their pre-used condition at smelters. Hope that helps!

-Rae

Submit your own questions by emailing them to: Rakiya-rae.wallace@baltimorecity.gov



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As Summer Begins, School Recycling Doesn't Have to End



Students and teachers have begun cleaning out their lockers, desks, and classrooms with one thing on their minds ... summer vacation! Although some schools are preparing to close their doors for the upcoming summer break many will remain open. Those open schools still have an opportunity to continue recycling.

Over the last few months, schools have made a very

notable contribution to the environment by recycling more and putting less wasted material into our stream. In April, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake joined forces with Dr. Andres Alonso, CEO of Baltimore Public Schools, to announce a partnership to achieve 100% school recycling. The program not only increased the volume of recycled material, but also raised student awareness and participation. This partnership resulted in Baltimore schools recycling almost 23,000 pounds of material in the first part of May alone. Baltimore City School's recycling tonnage has increased from 6.66 in early April to 10.31 in May, a

considerable 54% increase. We can extend these efforts over the summer holiday as school recycling is a year-long program.

The City is able to collect recycled materials from schools interested in recycling throughout the summer months on their regularly scheduled collection days. For schools that plan to continue their scheduled collection over the summer, please send an email confirmation to Tiffany Walker, Recycling Associate for City Schools, at Tiffanyg.Walker@baltimorecity.gov by June 11, 2012. Have a safe, enjoyable, and environmentally conscious summer!

Baltimore City's Department of Public Works Selects Employee of the Year

Three days off work, a night's stay at the Hotel Monaco, two tickets to the Hippodrome Theatre and a future Ravens game ... What does a person do to get such mind-blowing rewards? Well, Ms. Doreen Moore, a Supervisor with the Bureau of Solid Waste and this year's Employee of the Year, might be able to offer some insight.

On May 25, 2012 The Baltimore City Department of Public Works selected Ms. Moore as Employee of the Year for her exceptional and boundless hard work.

Ms. Moore has been a City employee for 12 years, and is

currently a supervisor in the Environmental/Routine Services Division which is responsible for collecting trash and recycling from 210,000 addresses throughout the city. Although this is no easy feat, Ms. Moore and her team still managed to have lowest number of service requests called into 311 among her peers.

Ms. Moore goes above and beyond to provide excellent workmanship on a daily basis. Occasionally, she even drives one of the City's huge load packer trucks! Ms. Moore is an avid neighborhood liaison and uses her fine tuned skills to resolve citizen concerns and explain the appropriate trash and recycling collection processes. Despite her workload, she still finds time to address her community's needs and is an active and very well



Ms. Doreen Moore (center) receives Employee of the Year award from Director of the Department of Public Works Alfred H. Foxx (left) and Barbara Zektick, Assistant Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Operations (right).

respected community leader.

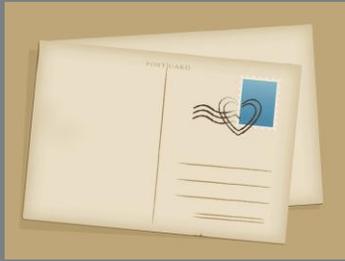
Ms. Moore was one of six finalists nominated by Bureau Heads and the DPW Chief of Staff. The other nominees were also recognized for their efforts and were awarded plaques and one day of leave. Ms. Moore sets a great example with her amazing work ethic, and even without those incredible incentives it gives us all something to work towards.

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Re reminders



DOES YOUR FAMILY RECYCLE? Would You Like Them to Be the New Faces of Our Recycling Postcard?

If you and your family are interested, please submit an interesting photo of your family in the act recycling by July 6, 2012. Please include your names and contact information in an email to Rakiya-rae.wallace@baltimorecity.gov and entitle the subject *Baltimore Family Recycling*. The winners will be featured on our new recycling postcard which will be distributed throughout the City.

Please DO NOT Place Recycled Materials in Plastic Bags!



The Baltimore City Office of Recycling would like to remind residents that items set out for recycling collection **cannot be placed in plastic bags**. You can use a cardboard box, paper bag, or any other container – even a laundry basket – as long as it is clearly marked “**recycling**.” The City sells recycling bins at our Kane Street Yard located at 111 Kane St. We are currently out of supply but look for alerts in Re-News with the updated status of the bins.

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COMING THIS FALL TO A RECYCLE BIN NEAR YOU...

THE DRIVE TO 35

Extended Summer Hours for Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off



Oil and latex paint collected during May's Hazardous Household Waste collection.

The City has extended the hours of the monthly collection of your household hazardous wastes for the upcoming summer months! In June, July, and August the City will extend the program's hours from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. In September, October, and November, the collection hours will return to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This month's collection dates

are June 29, 2012 and June 30, 2012.

Household hazardous wastes can be dropped off at the Household Hazardous Waste containment facility at the Northwest Citizen Convenience Center located at 2840 Sisson Street free of charge.

Residents must show proof of residency upon arrival. Such proof of residency may include a driver's license or photo id accompanying mail with your address clearly marked.

In order to maximize the limited containment space and insure that every household gets an equal opportunity to dispose of their waste, we will not accept loads over 250lbs.

For the most common accepted and non accepted items, please see the chart below.

Accepted Materials

- Automotive Fluids
- Batteries
- Glycols (e.g. Antifreeze)
- Household Cleaning Products
- Fungicides/Herbicides
- Insecticides/Pesticides
- Kerosene
- Laser Toner Cartridges
- Paint (Oil & Latex)
- Paint Thinners
- Pool Cleaners
- Pool Chemicals
- Propane Tanks
- Rust Removers
- Solvents
- Turpentine (Varnishes & Stains)
- Florescent Light Bulbs
- Thermometers
- Fire Extinguishers

Non-Accepted Materials

- Photographic Chemicals
- Asbestos
- Ammunition
- Explosives
- Acids
- Industrial Wastes
- Medical Wastes
- Radioactive Materials
- Smoke Detectors
- No Leaking Containers
- No Commercial Waste
- No Unmarked Waste (must be in original packaging with manufacturers label)

