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Spring Cleaning is in the Air!

April is a busy month for the Bureau of Solid Waste and our green minded residents. There will be several events throughout the City celebrating our environment and encouraging residents to practice environmental stewardship. On April 23 Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake will kick off the Spring Cleanup. This year the Mayor is encouraging residents to have a “CAN-DO” attitude about cleaning up their communities. That’s because municipal trash cans are being distributed to approximately 171,000 household across Baltimore. These cans will provide citizens with a durable container to securely hold trash and reduce the rat population. Once you receive your municipal trash can, don’t forget to convert your old can into a recycling bin. “Recycling Only” stickers are available in the Office of Recycling. Communities interested in participating in the Mayor’s Spring Cleanup should call 311 by April 18, 2016.



Additionally, on April 16 , from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Office of Recycling will sponsor a community shredding event and reduced-price recycling bin sale at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, on Cold Spring Lane at Falls Road. In an effort to increase recycling we encourage residents to bring no more than two (2) 32 gallon bags of sensitive documents, per household, to shred. Residents must show proof of residency. Recycling bins will also be available for purchase. While supplies last, large (25-gallon) bins are \$7, small (18-gallon) bins are \$4 and lids are \$3.

Baltimore Green Week April 16-23

Baltimore Green Week begins with the Fruit Tree Fair on April 16 and wraps up with the Mayor’s Spring Cleanup on April 23. Visit : www.baltimoregreenworks.com to learn more.

Earth Day April 26

Earth Day is a perfect opportunity to encourage our youth to embrace environmental stewardship. Please visit: <http://tinkerlab.com/fifty-earth-day-activities/> for examples activities to do with kids!

Clean Corps Baltimore

**Do you need resources to #keepitclean –
Want to know how? Who can help?**

Clean Corps Baltimore is a peer-to-peer network of neighborhoods, working in partnership with the City and nonprofits, to reduce trash and litter in their communities.

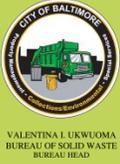
Clean Corps Members:

- Advocacy Training
 - Cleaning Kits
 - Resource Assistance
- **And so much more!*****

**Contact Us: 410-989-1216
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<https://www.facebook.com/CleanCorpsBaltimore>





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

Reminders

Grasscycling: Just Mow & Go!

Why?

Save Time: Reduce time spent on Lawn chores by 40%.

Feed Lawn: Protects & nourishes lawn, eliminating need for commercial fertilizers.

Eco Friendly: Protects waterways by slowing runoff from rain and melting snow, preventing soil erosion, trapping sediments and chemicals.

How?

Set mower blade height to 3."

Cut lawn before grass reaches 4" tall.

Let grass clippings fall and stay on the lawn to do its job.



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

