



## Q&A WITH RECYCLE RAE

*Recycle Rae, I work for a property management company in the City. Right now our property is only able to recycle paper. How would we go about recycling paper, plastic, and glass and are there any costs involved?*  
—Plastic Puds

Hi Plastic Puds,

Recycling is a free service the City offers its residents and businesses. And the process is relatively simple. Management of your property just has to call the recycling office and let us know when they would like to start recycling. We may schedule a time to visit in order to make sure the property can accommodate city load packer vehicles. After that, we give a schedule of your pickup days. You will have to provide the recycle bins, but other than that there are no additional costs. We are happy to see your interest and look forward to your call!

-Rae

Submit your own questions by emailing them to: [Rakiya-rae.wallace@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Rakiya-rae.wallace@baltimorecity.gov)



## Mayor's Youth Workers Promote Sustainability



Youth Workers and Greening Ambassador Cathy Allen in Patterson Park.

Traditionally, summer break is a time for kids to relax. Their thumbs tend to be the only thing working ... clicking the remote, texting, or playing video games. But these summer youth workers spent their vacation working for a cause, sustainability. Not only did the environment get greener because of their efforts, but so did their thumbs.

With Tiffany Walker, Recycling Program Associate, as their fearless leader, the youth workers got their hands dirty on several projects throughout the City. One of these projects was at the Curtis Bay Community Garden.



Youth Workers put their green thumbs to use at Patterson Park.

At the Community Garden, the workers got their first taste of life as landscape architects. They graphed and designed a section of the garden and built benches and planted berries. In Patterson Park Audubon Center, they weeded, pruned and mulched providing much needed maintenance for two gardens.

The youth workers accomplished a lot in a short time; however, none of this would have been possible without the help of Cathy Allen, Maryland's Greening Ambassador. Her mission to stimulate the urban communities environmentally and socially. Her partnership with the Mayor's Office of Employment Development allowed for the execution of the multiple summer greening projects.

Ms. Allen spoke about the importance of the YouthWorks projects, "It has truly been my honor to partner with DPW for their summer 2012 Youth Worker Initiative. By green-partnering with DPW, my efforts opened the doors to over 40 Baltimore City youth as greening-stewards for several environmental groups throughout the city."

## Inspired Kids Create at Artscape



Kids learn about recycling and participate in environmentally conscious craft projects.

Artscape was not just a time for artists to showcase the product of their vast talents, but also a time for future artists to develop and fine tune their own. From Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 22, people flooded the streets for music, art, and exhibitions while children excitedly made their way to Kidscape .

Kidscape was an interactive part of Artscape specifically for kids. There were a number of creative programs and craft projects geared specifically for them. And the Office of Recycling was there to encourage their creativity while providing knowledge about recycling and the environment.

The children drew and colored pictures, and made puppets made out of recycled paper bags. Kidscape was a great way for the kids to have fun while expanding their imagination and learning how to protect their environment.



## Coming Soon to a Recycle Bin Near You ...



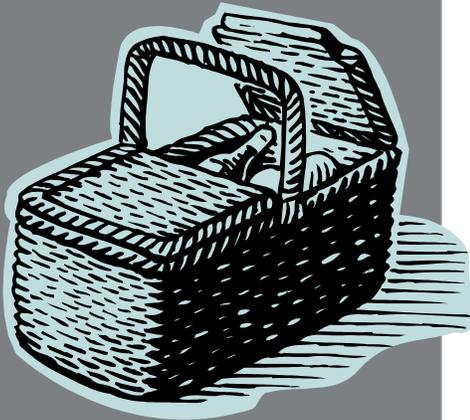


## A Guide to Cookout Recycling

With summer coming to an end, people will be scrambling to share these last few weeks of the summer holiday with friends and family. Enjoying the warm weather can be as easy as having a barbeque or cookout. As you know, these events produce a lot of waste. Here are some easy ways to encourage recycling at your next get together.

- Instead of sending out written invitations, invite your guests in person, by telephone or by email.
  - *But if you still choose to send out your invites through the mail, encourage your guests to recycle the invite and envelope.*
- Serve guests with plates and utensils that are reusable, biodegradable or recyclable.
  - Using reusable, biodegradable or recyclable materials are safer and healthier for our environment. .

- Set out your clearly marked recycle bins on your curbside recycling day.
  - These bins do not have to be city recycle bins as long as they are clearly marked for recycling.



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## Re-minders

### 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. The 25-gallon containers are now in stock and can be purchased for \$12. The 18-gallon recycling containers are still out of stock but stay tuned to Re-News for updates and alerts.

### Foam Polystyrene (Styrofoam) Can be Recycled!

Foam Polystyrene (Styrofoam) can be recycled. These products are easily identifiable as they are marked with a #6 encased in a recycle symbols. Although the products are recyclable, they can **ONLY** be dropped off at the Northwest Citizen’s Convenience Center located at 2840 Sisson Street.

Regular drop-off hours there are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; summer hours (Memorial Day through Labor Day) are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. This program **DOES NOT** include curbside pick-up.

#### Styrofoam Items Include:

- Foam cups and containers. Cups do not need to be rinsed, but must be empty.
- Foam egg cartons.
- Rinsed, single-layer, non-perforated foam meat trays
- Rinsed Foam food trays/lunch trays
- Most packaging foam: molded forms and shapes

#### Styrofoam Materials Do Not Include:

- Packing Peanuts
- Lids
- Straws

