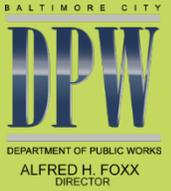




Bureau of Solid Waste

# ReNews

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## Q&A with Recycle Rob

### Recycle Rob,

***I want to recycle all my paper but I don't want any sensitive information in the recycling and I can't afford a shredder. What's the alternative?***

***-Preston Paperkut***

Dear Preston Paperkut,

Any documents with sensitive financial information or your Social Security number should be shredded or the information redacted. You can cut up the sensitive information with scissors or you can redact that information by blotting it out with ink, hobby paint, fingernail polish, or white out. You can even soak them in a bucket of water!

A handheld shredder can cost \$13 and shredders at some stores start at around \$20.

When your paper is shredded, please put it in a paper bag (your grocer can provide one) before placing in your recycling (remember, no plastic bags!) so the strands don't blow over the neighborhood.

Recycle Rob

Submit your own questions by emailing them to:  
[Robert.Murrow@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Robert.Murrow@baltimorecity.gov)

## From Your Recycling Coordinator...

There has been a major change with *Re-News* this month. Rae Wallace, our Recycling Program Associate, has moved on to another position with DPW. She was the newsletter editor and did a fantastic job designing and creating *Re-News*. We hope to be able to continue the great job she started! As the proverbial saying goes "as one door closes, another opens" and so I hope to see a *re*-newal and *re*-freshing of *Re-News*.

First, I hope to address our readers every month with news in the local Baltimore recycling scene and national issues and the global outlook. Next month, I will talk about China's 'Green Fence' and how it may affect us back here in the states. I also want to present more information on how we can reduce and reuse. Zero Waste isn't just about recycling.

Of course, we always welcome feedback. The recycling residents of Baltimore City are a dedicated group. When it comes to waste, residents have a choice: to put everything in the trash or to separate the recyclable material. You choose to recycle. It is because of your efforts that we recycle 2,000 tons of waste each month.

### There's An App for That!

iRecycle is the best way to get people plugged into local recycling opportunities. iRecycle provides access to more than 1.5 million ways to recycle plus the latest in green news and ideas to match your lifestyle. Now available for iOS, iPad & Android.

Go to <http://earth911.com/irecycle>

So this is your newsletter and recycling in Baltimore is your accomplishment. We *re*-ly on you and we work every day to get more people to make the commitment you have already made. Thank you.

*Robert H. Marrow*  
Recycling Coordinator

## Next Household Hazardous Waste Days are Aug. 2 & 3

Got unused bug spray, oil paint, batteries or fluorescent light bulbs you need to dispose of properly? Then you need to come to our next monthly Household Hazardous Waste event at the Northwest Citizens' Convenience Center at 2840 Sisson Street, Friday & Saturday, Aug. 2nd & 3rd from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The program takes place the first Friday & Saturday of the month from April to October.

Most of what we get is paint. **Oil paint is household hazardous waste but latex water-based paint is not. Dry it out and place with your regular mixed refuse.**

We also cannot accept *anything* not in the original manufacturer's packaging.

## No Trash and Recycling Pickup

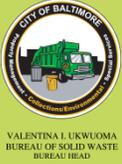
### Labor Day, September 2, 2013

**Drop Off Centers are closed and there is no Mechanical Street Sweeping**



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BUREAU OF SOLID WASTE  
BUREAU HEAD





# Re minders

No Trash or Recycling Collections on September 2, 2013, Labor Day! Drop-Off Centers are closed & no Mechanical Street Sweeping.

Please do NOT use plastic bags for your recyclables. Our vendor will not accept them. Please save and take to your nearest grocer to recycle.

When you buy paint buy only what you need. Try to share or donate what you don't use. Latex paint is NOT hazardous waste. Dry it out and put it in your regular household trash.

## Coming to a Corner Can Near You!

The Bureau of Solid Waste will be installing signs on corner cans with a warning that putting residential or commercial trash in them can lead to citations and fines. The cans are at bus stops on gateways and are used for litter control ONLY. Businesses and residents who throw trash in them for trash disposal cause them to fill up and overflow and lead to even more unsightly trash. They should be recycling that waste instead!

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's

# "Clean Up Baltimore"

## FOR LITTER ONLY

NO HOUSEHOLD TRASH  
NO BUSINESS TRASH

### VIOLATORS WILL BE FINED \$500

Dispose of waste responsibly: reduce, reuse, recycle!



## Coming to a Classroom Near You!

School bells will soon be ringing in the new school year and to get students thinking about the 4 R's – reading, writing, arithmetic and recycling! - the Recycling Office will be distributing our new recycling poster to all Baltimore City Public schools. Currently, 205 public schools (and some private schools) are part of our school recycling program and last year they recycled 232.61 tons of material. This year, so far (summer schools included), they have recycled 169.06 tons of material! School recycling – a come true dream!

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