



Q&A WITH RECYCLE ROB

Recycle Rob,

Using plastic bags seems to be the easiest way to keep my recyclables. Why won't the city take them?

-Barbara Bagger

Dear Barbara Bagger,

When your single stream recyclables go to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), they are dumped out onto a conveyor belt that starts them on the process of separation.

Plastic bags can interfere with that process by getting caught up and wound up in the separating machinery.

This shuts down the process while workers have to find and extricate the plastic bags. This takes time and money and can even damage the machinery.

Hope this gives you an idea as to why we ask our recyclers to not put their materials in plastic bags. Thanks for the question and keep on recycling!

-Rob

Submit your own questions by emailing them to: Robert.Murrow@baltimorecity.gov



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Just what do I put in my recycling

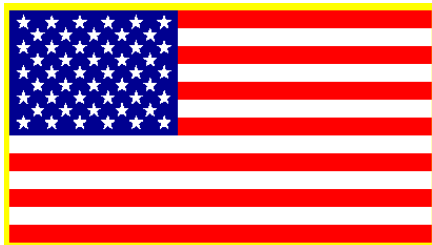
Basic recycling is easy: paper, bottles and cans. With single stream recycling, it is even easier – everything goes into one container – junk mail, plastic bottles and soda cans! But is that all there is? And what just doesn't belong in the rest of your recycling?

It is probably easier to know what doesn't belong than what does. Plastic bags are always a big no-no for collection and containment. Styrofoam cannot be collected curbside but you can take it to the Northwest Citizens' Convenience Center at 2840 Sisson Street. This is where you can use plastic bags since our vendor – Dart, Inc. – asks that the Styrofoam be put into plastic bags before being placed into the container that is available. Ask the yard attendant if any are available when you come.

Take-out food containers (I'm looking at you fried rice!), plastic rings (from your six-pack of healthy juice!) and deli and salad containers, and soiled aluminum foil are also not acceptable in your curbside recycling collection. Everything else can go in!: empty aerosol cans, plastic cups, books, milk and juice cartons, "clean" aluminum foil & pans, plastic wide-mouth containers and pizza boxes.

For a complete list of acceptable and non/acceptable recycling items go to:
<http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Recycling.aspx>

Recycle True with a Green Red White and Blue!



As families and friends gather for cookouts and picnics, please remember to reduce the amount of trash generated by following these easy steps:

- 1. Bring a recycling bin, bag, or box along with you.*
- 2. Use plates and utensils that are reusable, biodegradable, or recyclable.*
- 3. Use an environmentally friendly grill like a solar grill.*
- 4. Once your festivities are over, pack up your recyclables and bring them home.*

Express your freedom to be green – Recycle!

Next Household Hazardous Waste Days are July 5 & 6

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, July 5th & 6th 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*. It can be dried out and placed with your regular mixed refuse.

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

**No Trash and
Recycling Pickup
July 4, 2013
Makeup Day is
July 6, 2013**



Re reminders

No Trash and Recycling Collection on July 4th, Independence Day!



If your regular trash and recycling collection day is Thursday, do not put out your mixed refuse and recycling on the 4th of July which falls on a Thursday this year.

Place your trash and recycling out on the automatic makeup day which is always the following Saturday which in this case will be Saturday, July 6th.

Fortunately, many holidays fall on a Monday which is not a regularly scheduled collection day but when a holiday falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, the very next Saturday becomes the default makeup day.

For future reference, the next city holiday after Independence Day is Labor Day, Monday, September 2, not a regular collection day.

Please do not use plastic bags!



You can use almost **ANY** container to put your recyclables in: a cardboard box, a paper bag, a laundry basket, a plastic bin, a trash can or one of our yellow recycling bins. The **ONLY** thing you can't use is a plastic bag.

They jam up the machinery at the processing facility. For a neat video on how the single stream sorting takes place go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7CFE5tD1CCI>

We sell recycling bins in 18- and 25-gallons sizes at our facility at 111 Kane St, Mon. thru Fri., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The 18-gallon bins are \$5 and our 25-gallon bins are \$12. Lids for the 25-gallon bins are \$3.

We can accept cash, money orders or checks (checks are acceptable from Retail Partners Only and must be made out to the Director of Finance). For more information, call Keyna Anyiam at 410-396-4511.

Other locations where you can buy bins!

BELAIR-NEIGHBORHOODS INC 3412 BELAIR RD 410-485-8422 Hours: Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm	Federal Hill Ace Hardware 1214 Light Street Baltimore, MD 21230 410-244-5910 Hours: Mon-Fri 8am – 8pm and Sat. 9am – 6pm	Falkenhan's Hardware 3401 Chestnut Avenue Baltimore, MD 21211 410-235-7771 Hours: Mon-Fri 8am – 6pm and Sat 8am – 5pm	Eddies Food Market 7 W. Eager Street Baltimore, MD 21201 410-727-0154 Hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am – 8pm and Sun 8:30am – 5pm
Canton Ace Hardware 1022 Binney St Baltimore, MD 21224 (410) 327-0404 Hours: Mon-Fri 8am – 8pm and Sat. 9am – 6pm	Santoni's Market 3800 E. Lombard Street Baltimore, MD 21224 410-276-2990 x16 Hours: 24 hours - 7 days / week	The Loading Dock 2 North Kresson St. Baltimore, MD 21224 410-558-3625 Apr-Sept- Mon-Fri 8am – 4pm Oct-Mar-Mon-Sat 8am – 4pm (Thurs 8am – 8pm)	Waverly Ace Hardware 601 E. Homestead Street Baltimore, MD 21218 443-627-8893 Mon-Fri 8am – 8pm and Sat 9am – 6pm