

Q&A WITH RECYCLE RAE

Recycle Rae,

I'm selecting dinner options for my Thanksgiving menu this year. How can I add more 'green' to the menu?

-Patty Plymouth



Hello Patty Plymouth,

Adding green vegetables to your table does make it appear 'greener' although the impact of the types of foods on your Thanksgiving menu may not be environmentally friendly.

One way to be environmentally conscious while preparing holiday menu selections is as simple as changing where you purchase your foods.

Buying foods locally supports local economy and reduces fuel consumption and pollution associated with transportation. Buying food from organic markets reduces if not eliminates farm pollution. Buying organic also promotes a less toxic environment for living things.

Have a great GREEN Turkey Day!

-Rae

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



1st Annual Clean Community Competition Winners are Announced!

Throughout the year Baltimore City communities have been competing for the chance to win their share of \$24,000 in prizes for keeping their neighborhood clean. The awards were announced by Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake at a ceremony held on October 27th at the War Memorial building.

Not only were community leaders there to show support but the clean community characters Leafy Lisa, Haz-Man, Recycle Rick and Bay Beauty were there to

spread vital information on how to keep the City clean.

Two communities from each quadrant of the city received a \$5,000 first place prize and a \$1,000 second place prize. The 1st and 2nd place winners for the Northwest quadrant are the Greater Remington Improvement Association and the Reservoir Hill Improvement Council. The first and second place winners for the Northeast quadrant are the Greater Greenmount Community Association Inc. and the Chinquapin Park Improvement Association. The



Clean Community Characters from left to right, Bay Beauty the Mermaid, Recycle Rick, Leafy Lisa, and Haz-Man.



Winning community leaders and city employees pose with Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake.

first and second place winners for the Southwest quadrant are the Gwynns Falls Business and Homeowners Association and the Winchester Improvement Association. Finally the first and second place winners for the Southeast quadrant are the New Greenmount West Community Association and the Upper Fells Point Improvement Association. Congratulations to all winning communities and we hope you will continue this effort throughout the rest of the year.

5 Ways to Reduce Waste on Turkey Day



Are you looking for ways to decrease the amount of waste you generate this Thanksgiving? Here are a few helpful options.

1. Use reusable shopping bags while shopping for your holiday essentials.
2. While shopping for groceries, avoid goods with excessive packaging. Less packaging equals less waste.
3. Use soy candles to decorate your table. This is an eco-friendly candle option.
4. Celebrate Thanksgiving at home. This cuts down on fuel emissions from driving or flying.
5. Be sure to recycle as many materials as you can. Remember bottles, cardboard and paper can all be recycled!



No Trash and Recycling Pickup

November 6th, 12th and 22nd

One Man's Hazardous Waste is Another Man's Paint

From April to November the Recycling office has hosted Household Hazardous Waste collections at the NW Citizens' Convenience Center. Most of the materials collected are paint. And a few local artists have found another use for much of this waste. Jamal Lee and "Luis" collect much of the usable paint to construct masterpieces. Their art warehouse is located on 128 W North Ave if you'd like to take a look at the work or leave a donation. Their work is a great example of ways to reuse waste!





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No Trash and Recycling Collection on Election Day, Veterans Day or Thanksgiving Day

As a reminder there will be no trash or recycling pickup on Election Day, November 6th, Veterans Day, November 12th and Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd.

Whenever your trash or recyclables are not picked up because of a holiday, the following Saturday will be your automatic make-up collection day. If your collection day falls on November 6th your make-up day will be on November 10th. If your collection day falls on November 22nd,

your collection make-up day will be on November 24th.

We urge you to vote and have a safe and enjoyable holiday!



City Leaf Collection Update

City leaf collection is in full swing and will continue through January 14, 2013. Up to five bags of leaves are permitted from each address every week on your regular trash collection day. Residents need to put leaves out in clear or labeled bags and not in the public right-of-way.

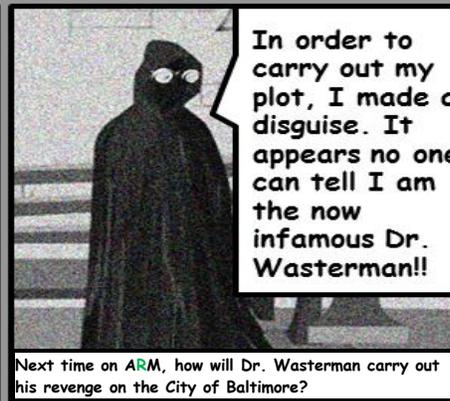
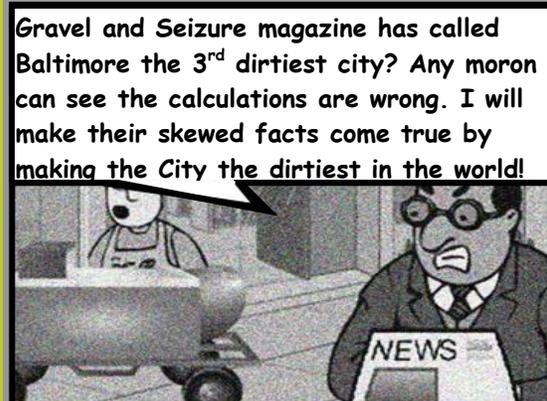
Solid Waste crews will collect up to 20 bags of leaves from each address every Monday. Residents must call 311 before Sunday at 10 p.m. for the next day collection to schedule a pickup.

Residents can make multiple appointments for up to two



months prior to the pickup date.

Citizens can also utilize our convenience center locations to drop off bagged leaves.



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