

**Q&A WITH RECYCLE
RAE**

Recycle Rae,

I bleed purple and black!! And I'm a big tailgater. Do you have any tips for recycling while I'm out rooting for my team?



Dear Recycling Raven,

Here are some quick tips on how to go **Green** on Game Day.

1. Bring a recycling bin, bag, or box along for the ride and challenge your friends to do the same.

2. Add a WR to the lineup, a Working Recycler. The WR will round up all the recyclables during timeouts, half-times, or commercial breaks.

3. Make it fun! Set your recycle bin in a central location. Be the quarterback you always knew you could be. Score a touchdown in the "Recycle Zone" with your aluminum can (no field goals, please).

So let's start this season with a pre- **green** game chant:

What time is it? Recycling Time! What time is it? Recycling time! Any recyclers in the house?! YOU, YOU, YOU, YOU!

-Rae

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



Steps to Go Green for Halloween



Back from the dead, morphing into another form or figure, giving life to a once inanimate thing. What do these make you think of - zombies, werewolves, Frankenstein, recycling? Recycling may not be the first idea that comes to mind, but recycling embodies all of these.

You can keep your environment from becoming an eerie wasteland by repurposing or recycling your waste. Paper, plastic, cardboard, and even clothes can be recycled or reused.

As Halloween approaches and the ghouls, ghosts, and goblins walk the streets, remember the walking dead are an analogy for recycling. Before you condemn your waste to a dark, dank, landfill grave, Go Green for Halloween and Recycle, Reduce and Re-use! Here are some tips on how to do just that:

1. Instead of buying a costume, make or rent a costume. This cuts down on the waste going to our landfills.
2. Try using makeup instead of a mask. When selecting your makeup, choose a kit you can use again next year.



Columbus Day

City offices and sanitation yards will be closed October 8, 2012 for Columbus Day.

3. Reuse and paint a bucket or repurpose a pillowcase. Decorate it and you've got an original candy bag!

4. Purchase your Halloween treats at a local farmer's. Buying locally supports your local economy, and also reduces fuel consumption and pollution associated with transporting products.

5. Walk, don't drive. Save fuel and help the environment.

6. Don't throw away your jack-o-lantern! You can roast the seeds and make a delicious pumpkin pie.

7. Lastly, teach your children not to litter and to keep candy wrappers in their reusable trick-or-treat bags until they return home. Or they can dispose of them in trash cans along their route.

For more information on how you can bring your waste back to life, call the Office of Recycling!



1st Annual Clean Community Competition

In the first annual Mayor's Clean Community Competition, communities are vying for a chance to win **\$24,000** in cash prizes.

From spring to fall, communities have taken a greater role in getting and keeping their neighborhoods clean. Neighborhoods are judged on increased recycling tonnage, picking up litter, adopting vacant lots and a reduction of overall 311 cleaning requests. The Mayor's



competition is the first attempt to reward communities for a sustained cleaning effort. Four first-place communities will win \$5k each and four second-place communities will win \$1k each.

Winners will be announced at the Mayor's Fall Clean Up kickoff event scheduled for October 27th from 9-11 in front of City Hall. The event will feature a fun cast of characters including Recycle Rick and Styrofoam Stevie, Leafy Lisa, the Poo Fairy, and the star of the show, the Bay Beauty Mermaid. The cast will promote the importance of recycling and keeping the bay and city clean. In the future, these characters will tour schools and appear at events. Make sure you come and support your community!



Re-minders

Leaf Collection Starts This Month

Leaf collection starts October 15th and will continue through January 7th 2013. Up to 5 bags of leaves are permitted from each address every week on their regular trash collection day. Residents need to put leaves out in clear or labeled bags and not in the public right-of-way.

Citizens may also utilize our Drop-Off Locations. Citizens may drop off bagged leaves at the below locations:

Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

1. Quarantine Road Convenience Center – 6100 Quarantine Road
2. Western Convenience Center – 701 Reedbird Avenue
3. Eastern Convenience Center - 6101 Bowleys Lane
4. Northwest Citizens Convenience Center 2840 Sisson Street

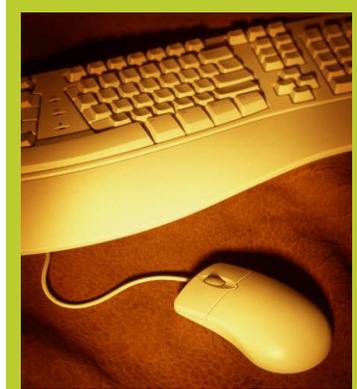
Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.:

Northwest Transfer Station – 5030 Reisterstown Road

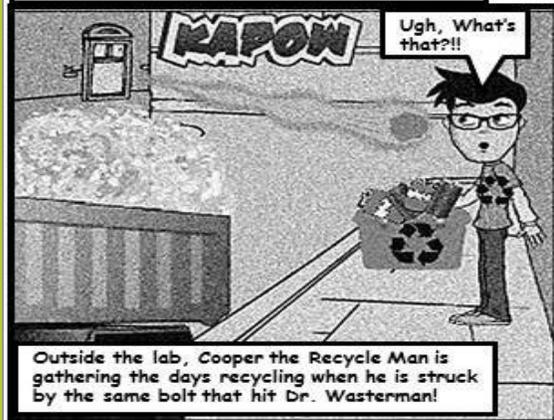
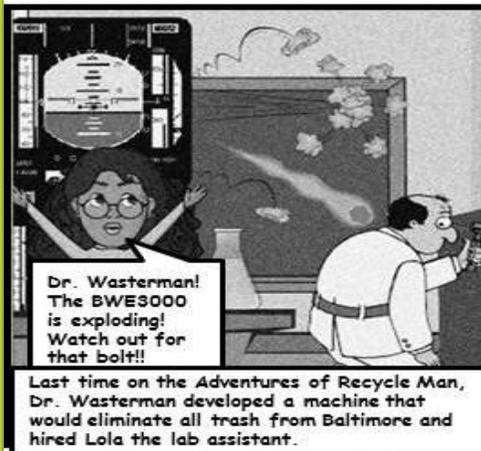
Electronics Can Be Recycled

Did you buy the new iPhone 5? Well what will you do with your old cell phone? Recycle it! The City offers eCycling for old electronics Monday-Saturday at multiple Citizen Drop-Off Centers. For locations and hours of operations, visit <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Recycling/CitizenDropOffCenters.aspx>. Only Centers 1-5 accept eCycle materials. The most common eCycling materials are:

- Cell Phones, CD Players, Computer Monitors, Controllers, Copy Machines, Computers, Docking Stations, Fax Machines, Gaming



Consoles, Batteries, Keyboards, Mice, Microwaves, Modems, Printers, Radios, Scanners, Servers, Stereos, Telephones, Terminals, Toner/Ink Cartridges, UPS and VCRs.



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