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## Q&A WITH RECYCLE RAE

*Recycle Rae, I work at a restaurant and we currently recycle. However, I feel that there is more that we can do to make a positive impact on the environment. Do you have any suggestions?*

*—Responsible Restaurant*

*Dear Responsible Restaurant,*

*It's all about getting creative. Just last week when I was out and about in the city I saw an interesting use of scrap paper.*

*Instead of using your typical coaster or napkins under drinks this establishment cut scrap pieces of paper into squares. This sure is creative, environmentally conscious, and I can imagine this helps trim their budget too!*

*-Rae*



## Resin Numbers 101



Have you ever wondered what the little numbers encased in the recycle sign are?

They are resin numbers. Resin numbers, developed by the Society of Plastics Industry (SPI), were created with the primary purpose of identifying different plastics.

These numbers allow for the effective separation of different plastics. This is very important because if one item with the wrong resin number gets mixed into a batch meant solely for another resin number while processing, it can ruin the entire batch.

Many think the number corresponds to how hard the plastic is or how often they are recycled. However, these numbers were randomly assigned and have no significance other than to identify the type of plastic the recyclable is.

## Back to School Means Back to Recycling

Last year Baltimore City Public Schools made a sizeable contribution to the amount of recycling the City collected. This year we would like to continue and magnify those efforts by making sure every City school is recycling.

During the last school year, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake joined forces with Dr. Andres Alonso, CEO of Baltimore Public Schools, to announce an exciting alliance to achieve 100% school recycling. This mandated that all city schools recycle.

Though all schools are required to recycle, we would like to challenge each school to increase the

amount of materials it recycles. It's great for schools, the environment and our kids.

If your school would needs additional recycling education and would like to get your students onboard please call and schedule a free presentation with Tiffany Walker at 410 -396- 4511. The presentations begin in October but you can start scheduling now!

The Office of Recycling's school program also provides schools with various resources and information. Let's get the school year started off on the right 'ecological' foot by recycling!



## Note to City Employees

As government employees we all should be recycling. Recycling not only raises revenue for the city and saves money, but it sends a great message to residents. Remember, it is not just about recycling but reusing and reducing. Some suggestions for reducing paper waste include making double-sided copies and thinking twice before clicking print. If you are a government agency that currently isn't recycling, please call the Office of Recycling to get started.



# Labor Day

City offices and sanitation yards will be closed September 3, 2012 for Labor Day.



# Re reminders

## Household Hazardous Waste Update

The Household Hazardous Waste's summer hours have ended. From Labor Day to Memorial Day the hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This month's event will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2840 Sisson St. As a reminder, latex paint is NOT a hazardous material. It can be dried out then disposed in your regular mixed refuse on your trash day. Motor oil can be taken to Citizen Drop Off facilities during their normal hours of operation. For more information, visit <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Recycling/Waste/HouseholdHazardousWaste.aspx>



## 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 symbol. Although the products are recyclable, they can **ONLY** be dropped off at the Northwest Citizen's Convenience Center located at 2840 Sisson Street.

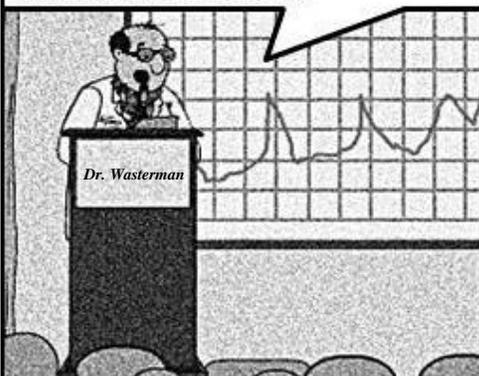
This program **DOES NOT** include curbside pick-up. Regular drop-off hours there are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; summer hours (Memorial Day through Labor Day) are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Items like clean foam cups and egg cartons can be recycled; however, packing peanuts, lids and straws are not recyclable.



## THE ADVENTURES OF RECYCLE MAN

Created by the Office of Recycling

The BWE3000 will eliminate landfills and turn waste into energy that will power Baltimore for next 100 years.



Dr. David Wasterman has dedicated his life to the environment. Today he has been given approval to proceed with the development of a new revolutionary form of technology: The Baltimore Waste Eliminator 3000.

The work you are doing is amazing! I'm Lola Gibbs and I'm a grad student working on my thesis and I would love to be a part of this innovative project.

I am flattered Ms. Gibbs. Come to think of it, I am in need of a lab assistant. You start tomorrow.



Good golly I think we've got it. Trials start tomorrow!!

Humm, Should that be happening?



Next Time on The Adventures of Recycle Man ... Will Dr. Wasterman's Machine Work??

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