



Bureau of Solid Waste

# Re News

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## *Recycling for the Holidays!*

The holiday season is here! It is a time that many celebrate with festive feasts, gift giving and a punctuated increase in our waste stream. From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day household waste will increase by an average of 25%. The EPA reports that common holiday items such as wrapping paper, and gift boxes will lead to an additional 1 million tons of trash in landfills weekly.

The Office of Recycling encourages residents to RECYCLE MORE this holiday season. Recycling is the gift that continues to give. Recycling preserves landfill space, uses fewer natural resources, supports the economy, creates jobs, saves energy and helps to reduce the effects of global warming. Below you will find a few tips that will help you **reduce, reuse, and recycle** this holiday season.

 **Get A RECYCLING Bin:** People are more likely to recycle, when the choice is easy. You can purchase a recycling bin and place it beside your normal trash can. This will make the practice of recycling simple. If you purchasing a recycling bin is not in your holiday budget, simply repurpose and reuse items around the house. Turn that old laundry basket, or Amazon box in a recycling bin and label it recycling. Remember recycling is UNLIMITED in Baltimore and bins are not required to recycle. To learn what items are recyclable in Baltimore please visit our website at: <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Recycling.aspx>

 **REDUCE YOUR HOLIDAY WASTE:** Reuse your holiday decoration from previous years. Take reusable bags when you go shopping, send e-cards, or consider wrapping gifts in festive holiday fabrics that can be simply washed and reused next season.

 **CLOSE THE LOOP:** Purchase items made from recycled materials. The EPA estimates that each 200 cases of recycled paper save 17 trees, 390 gallons of oil, 7000 gallons of water and 4100kwh energy. That is a HUGE reason to purchase recycled products.

### *Christmas and New Year's Holidays*

**In observation of the Christmas and New Year's Day Holidays, please note there will be no trash & recycling collections. Citizens' Convenience Centers are closed and there will be no Mechanized Street Sweeping/**

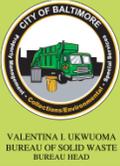
**Christmas Day: Friday, December 25, 2015**  
**Make Up Day: Saturday, December 26, 2015**

**New Year's Day: Friday, January 1, 2015**  
**Make Up Day: Saturday, January 2, 2015**

**\*\*Remember when a holiday occurs on your trash or recycling collection day the following Saturday is your make up collection day.\*\***



Recycling bins and lids can be purchased at 111 Kane Street, select Ace Hardware stores, and Falkenhan's Hardware.



## Please don't use plastic bags!

You can use anything as a container for your recyclables **except** plastic bags. Many grocery stores and supermarkets will recycle plastic bags.



## Acceptable and Unacceptable Recycling Materials

### Acceptable Recycling Material:

- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Aluminum: cans, beverage and food containers, foil (clean), and pie pans
- Bottles: narrow-neck bottles
- Cartons (waxed): used for a liquid such as juices, milk or soups
- Glass containers such as bottles and jars (brown, clear or green)
- Metal: beverage and food containers
- Plastic: bottles and jars
- Prescription bottles, including caps
- Steel: beverage containers and food
- Tin: cans and foil

### Rigid Plastics

#### (to be taken to the citizen drop-off centers)

Rigid plastics include milk/soda crates, buckets, laundry baskets, children's toys, etc.

### Unacceptable Recycling Material Examples:

- Cookware and plates (plastic)
- Containers of toxic substances -e.g., cans motor oil, pesticides, etc.
- Contaminated paper products -e.g., napkins, paper towels, and tissue
- Dry cleaning bags
- Glass (window and mirror)
- Waxed paper



## Re reminders



### Tree Collections and Mulching

Christmas tree mulching will take place Monday through Saturday during the entire month of January. Mulching services will be offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Reedbird. Residents may bring their own bags or containers if they wish to collect mulch for their own use. Community groups are also encouraged to bring bags or containers and collect free mulch for neighborhood gardens while supplies last.

For residents who cannot bring their trees for mulching, the Bureau of Solid Waste will offer curbside tree collection during the January. Residents should set out trees on their regularly scheduled trash collection day at the same location where their trash is collected. All tinsel and ornaments must be removed from trees before they are set out for curbside collection or mulching.

## Mechanical Street Sweeping Program

Citywide Mechanical Street Sweeping is here! The Bureau of Solid Waste is working to make Baltimore City neighborhoods cleaner by sweeping the neighborhood **EVERY WEDNESDAY!** Please do your part to help make Baltimore cleaner and greener by moving your cars so street sweepers can provide a "clean sweep" of our streets.



### Monthly Street Sweeping Schedule:

#### NW & SE Quadrants:

Odd Sides 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays  
Even Side: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays

#### SW & NE Quadrants

Odd Sides: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
Even Sides: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays