



Bureau of Solid Waste

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## *Let's Talk About Paper!*

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimated that 66.8% of paper consumed in the United States was later recycled. This national figure correlates with Baltimore's recycling efforts. In Baltimore, paper constituted 66.28% of an average recycling ton. In fact for every ton of paper recycled, waste managers estimate that 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space is saved, and if measured by weight, more paper is recovered for recycling than plastic, aluminum, and glass combined. To further highlight the positive environmental impact associated with paper recycling, the EPA estimates by recycling one ton of paper we save 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water and 463 gallons of oil.

While recycling more than half of paper products is encouraging, 33.2% of paper finds its way into our landfills and waterways yearly, and we must increase our efforts to encourage residents to recycle MORE... especially since paper is the one of the easiest products residents can effectively divert from the waste stream.

Baltimore accepts a wide variety of paper grades in our single stream collection. Below are common recyclable household and office paper products:

- **Corrugated Cardboard** : Most often found in boxes and product packaging.
- **Mixed Paper**: A broad category of paper that includes mail, catalogs, phone books and magazines.
- **Newspapers** : Mills use newspapers, a lower grade paper, to make more newsprint, tissue and other products.
- **High Grade Deinked Paper** : Quality paper consists of things like envelopes, copy paper and letterhead that has gone through the printing process and had the ink remove.



### **Paper Power**

Paper can be recycled up to 7 times, before the fibers are too weak to be utilized.

### **2015 Polystyrene Collection**

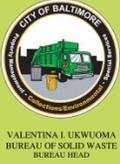
Last year, we collected 9744lbs, or 4.872 tons, of polystyrene (Styrofoam) at our Sisson Street location.

### **Presidents' Day**

**Monday, February 15, 2016**

In observance of Presidents' Day, there will be no trash & recycling collections. Citizen Convenience Centers are closed and there will be no Mechanical Street Sweeping.





## 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<sup>3</sup> reminders

### Reusable Lunch Tips for the Office

Need help cutting back your waste? Lunchtime is the perfect opportunity to reduce the amount of waste entering the waste stream.

- A**lways bring your lunch in a reusable bag. (Washable cloth lunch bags are a great option!)
- B**egin using reusable containers for your leftovers, soups, and salads.
- C**ontinue to use your reusable bottle to hydrate throughout the day.

*Remember following the reusable lunch ABCs are just a small way to help reduce our waste.*

## 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