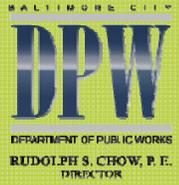




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# ReNews

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## Municipal Trash Can Distribution Kicks Off

### Use Recycling Stickers to Convert Old Cans Into Recycle Bins

This month the Bureau of Solid Waste will begin distributing the Municipal Trash Cans. Distribution will start in the Northwest quadrant of Baltimore and expand across the city. The Bureau of Solid Waste estimates that the delivery of the stronger, more durable trash cans, with tightly-fitted lids, will be completed by mid-summer.

As distribution of the Municipal Trash Cans begins, the Bureau of Solid Waste encourages residents to convert their old trash cans into recycling bins. Recycling is the number-one way for residents to reduce the waste stream, utilize their second weekly waste collection day, and actively contribute to a cleaner, greener city. While the City's yellow recycling bins have become ubiquitous with recycling, citizens do not need one to recycle. In fact, residents can use any container, except plastic bags, to house recyclables.

"Recycling Only" stickers are available to residents who would like to convert their old trash cans into recycle bins once their Municipal Trash Can arrives. These stickers are made from a high-quality adhesive that can be applied to a variety of trash can surfaces. In addition, the sticker serves as an educational tool for a diverse recycling population. The front of the sticker includes pictures of common household recyclables while the back of the sticker contains information about Baltimore's single-stream recycling program.

Once the sticker is applied to your old can, fill the can with all the paper, cans, plastic bottles and cardboard you wish. There is no need to separate recycling items, and the amount of recycling you can put out is unlimited.

Residents who would like to learn more about recycling and receive "Recycling Only" sticker(s), please call the Recycling Office at 410-396-4511.



Front of sticker



Back of sticker



Peel the sticker



Apply to your old can and recycle



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## 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

## ReReminders

### Holiday Collection, Closures

City offices will be closed on Good Friday, March 25. There will be NO trash and recycling collections. Saturday will be the make-up day for residents who receive Friday trash or recycling collection. For this holiday, Citizen Convenience Centers will be closed; and there will be no Mechanical Street Sweeping.

**Good Friday: March 25, 2016**

**Make-Up Day: March 26, 2016**

### Mayor's Spring Cleanup, April 23

It's time to spring forward Baltimore! Please join Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake for the Annual Spring Cleanup. Registration begins on March 2, 2016. Communities interested in participating should call 311.

### 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



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