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Q&A with Recycle Rob

Dear Recycle Rob,

I didn't think it could happen but all of my friends and family have been especially good this past year and I am running out of ideas of gifts to give them. Help!

- Kristoff Kringle

Dear Kristoff Kringle,

There's nothing like giving the gift that keeps on giving. May I suggest recycling bins for the earth-minded and sustainability-conscious among your friends and family.

Though our adorable recycling bins are not needed to recycling, their yellow holiday glow stands out on your street and proclaims to all, "Yes! I recycle!"

Best of all, for the budget-conscious, they are a bargain. Our 18-gallon bins are on ly \$5 and our 25-gallon bins are \$12. Lids for the 25-gallon bins are \$3.

Recycle Rob

From Your Recycling Coordinator...



Christmas is near and after the cheer, there is a lot to recycle. Recyclable paper includes wrapping paper and tissue to cushion your precious presents. Of course you can also recycle all cardboard packaging and boxes as well as any holiday cards, gift cards and envelopes. We can not recycle ribbons and foil so please do not include that with your recycling materials.

Since you have been very good throughout the year and Santa has brought you many presents, you may also want to take all your "old" electronics such as DVD players, VCR's, computers and computer monitors, radios, and speakers and recycle them through DPW's eCycling program. This service is free and available at one of our Citizens' Convenience Centers.

Styrofoam packaging – except for packing peanuts – can be taken to the Northwest Citizens' Convenience Center at 2840 Sisson Street. People often ask me why we can't take the packing peanuts and the answer is that not all packing peanuts are made of polystyrene. Many of them are made from corn starch and our vendor doesn't wish to have them mixed in with the polystyrene.



Don't forget to look for your 2014 DPW Calendar which will be going out at the end of December. It contains lots of useful information including information on the Bureau of Solid Waste's expanded Mechanical Street Sweeping Program which will bring clean streets to just about every street in Baltimore City!



For more information on recycling, go to our website at www.baltimorecity.gov or call the Recycling Office at 410-396-4511. Happy Recycling!

Christmas & New Year's Holidays

December 25 & January 1



No trash & recycling collections; make up day for Christmas is Saturday, December 28th & for New Year's, it is Saturday, January 4th. Citizens' Convenience Centers are closed; no Mechanized Street Sweeping.

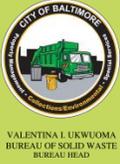


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Leaf Pick Up & Yard Waste Tips

- From October 28, 2013 to January 6, 2014, you can call 311 for special Monday pickup of up to 20 bags. You can make multiple appointments until all the bags are gone.
- Do not put your bagged yard waste in the gutter or public right-of-way.
- The best way to take care of leaves is to compost them or go over them with a mulching mower.
- We will pick up 5 bags of leaves on your trash collection day. Put them where you set out your trash.
- A locked gate or pet will keep us from getting your yard waste; please confine your pets on collection day.
- We do not take tree branches larger than 4 inches in diameter or longer than 3 feet.
- You can also take your yard waste to any Citizen Drop-off center.



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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

Municipal Trash Can Program

Last month, it was announced that two Baltimore communities will be the first to participate in a new standardized municipal trash container/collection pilot program beginning this spring.

The Municipal Trash Container Pilot Program will promote cleanliness and control rats and other vermin. Standardized trash containers are will improve efficiency since they can be mechanically lifted onto existing modified trash trucks. The containers have wheels and attached lids. Each container will have a unique identifier that will let us assign a can to each residence and track their ownership. Since the containers can be traced, it is expected that thefts of them will be reduced.

Every household in Belair-Edison and in the Greater Mondawmin neighborhoods in the pilot will receive a free 65-gallon trash container along with a free 25-gallon recycling bin.

The communities were chosen based on the different challenges and opportunities they offer. Belair-Edison has wide alleys, which work well with the trash containers. Including the Four by Four neighborhood, about 6,600 Belair-Edison homes will get containers.

Greater Mondawmin includes a diversity of property types, streets and alleys, and a mix of home owners and renters. It is expected this diversity will provide a challenge to test the standardized collection system. About 2,560 residences in five Greater Mondawmin neighborhoods will participate.

Residents will get more details and notifications before the cans are delivered.

Re minders

There will be no trash and recycling collections on Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day, and on Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day. Citizens' Convenience Centers are closed & no Mechanized Street Sweeping will take place. The make up day for Christmas is Saturday, December 28th. The make up day for New Year's is Saturday, January 4th.

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