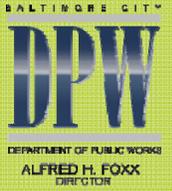




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Q&A with Recycle Rob

Recycle Rob,

I am working on implementing a recycling program for my company. Do you offer recycling pickup for businesses located within the city limits? If this service is offered for businesses is there a fee/cost for this service?

- Eloise Entrepreneur

Dear Eloise Entrepreneur,

Yes. We do offer limited recycling service for over 70 businesses in Baltimore City and it's FREE. Many retail owners save on trash disposal costs and avail themselves of the neighborhood recycling pick up by putting out their recycling on the neighborhood's regular recycling collection day.

Other businesses need more than one pick up day and we can accommodate them up to three days a week. Owners may need to purchase their own bins or dumpsters. If they need more than three collections a week, we advise them to seek out a private vendor.

Recycle Rob

Submit your own questions by emailing them to: Robert.Murrow@baltimorecity.gov

From Your Recycling Coordinator...

This month we can look at the local recycling scene and talk about global recycling issues. First, the Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA) had their Rock Remington event on August 18th and had 400 recycling bins to give out to community residents. GRIA purchased the bins with funds from a grant they procured. Afterwards some residents have called our office asking for free bins. While many people like the yellow recycling bins which we sell at below cost, they are not needed or necessary to recycle: an old trash can, a laundry basket, cardboard boxes, paper bags – just about any container you can think of (except, of course, *plastic bags!*) – can be used to hold your recyclables. We always want to make sure our message is that cost is no barrier to recycling and that it is as easy as 1-2-3!

Globally, China's "Green Fence" is a policy adopted earlier this year that lowers the acceptable contamination rate for recycled materials exported to China at 1.5%. Unfortunately, some loads of recyclables sent to China have had unacceptable amounts of "trash" contained in them. Fortunately, at the local level this is not having an immediate impact on us. In the recycling industry, it has caused some businesses to close but is being embraced by some recycling processors who have always held a lower acceptance level for contamination. It is a reminder to us in the recycling business that it fluctuates greatly – prices for recycled commodities fluctuate from month to month, the viable market for recyclable materials can change and processors can come and go. It is also a reminder that while just about everything is recyclable the recycling industry is a market-driven business, there is more to the "green" than just the environmental benefits!

Keep recycling!

Robert Murrow
Recycling Coordinator

Next Household Hazardous Waste Days are Sept. 6 & 7

Got unused bug spray, oil paint, batteries or fluorescent light bulbs you need to dispose of properly? Then you need to come to our next monthly Household Hazardous Waste event at the Northwest Citizens' Convenience Center at 2840 Sisson Street, Friday & Saturday, September 6th & 7th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The program takes place the first Friday & Saturday of the month from April to October.

Most of what we get is paint. **Oil paint is household hazardous waste but latex water-based paint is not. Dry it out and place with your regular mixed refuse.**

We also cannot accept *anything* not in the original manufacturer's packaging.

No Trash and Recycling Pickup

Labor Day

September 2, 2013

**Drop Off Centers are closed;
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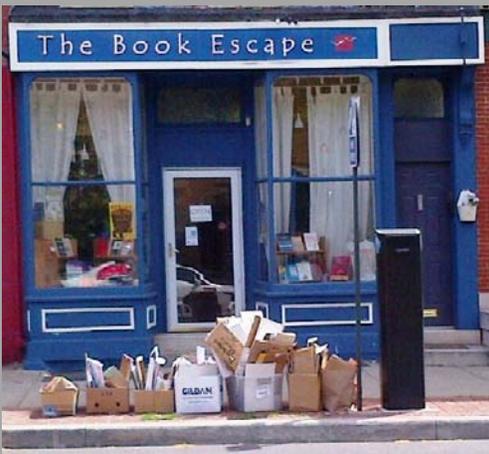
No Trash or Recycling Collections on September 2, 2013, Labor Day! Drop-Off Centers are closed & no Mechanical Street Sweeping.

Extended hours at our Citizen Drop-Off Centers will end after Labor Day, September 2nd. Citizen Drop-Off Center resume their regular operating hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Happy Fall!

The Mayor's Fall Clean up is Saturday, October 26! Call 311 to register your community organization.

Businesses can recycle too!

Businesses can take advantage of recycling too! Many stores place their recycling out on the regularly scheduled collection day in their neighborhood. Most businesses like this one in Federal



Hill mostly recycle cardboard boxes from all the shipping materials they get for their products.

Remington Rocks with Recycling Bins!

The Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA) really rocked on Sunday, August 18 with the Remington Clean Community Picnic. Remington residents were treated to free food, drinks and recycling bins!

Folks could paint their recycling bin, decorate potted plants or listen to the music from local bands. The event was sponsored by several businesses and non-profits. GRIA had 400 bins available to distribute.



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