



Bureau of Solid Waste

# Re News



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## Q&A with Recycle Rob

Dear Recycle Rob,

*I'm hosting a St. Patrick's Day Party and I'm hoping to "go green and save some green." How can I have a greener celebration?*

- Larry Leprechaun



Dear Larry,

*I'm excited to hear you are going for the green this holiday. Hosting an eco-friendly holiday party is simple. Just remember the 3R's.*

**Reduce** reliance on disposable products and invest in a set of **reusable** items that can be stored and taken out every year. A nice green goblet and a shamrock napkin can go a long way.

**Recycle** your waste. Instead of trashing your bottles, cans and paper goods, place them out for curbside pick-up or take them to one of our Citizen Drop Off Locations.

-Recycle Rob

## From Your Recycling Coordinator...

I know it's hard to believe but Spring is on its way and there are a lot of events to look forward to! First of all, we will be having a St. Patrick's Day recycling bin sale at the War Memorial Plaza in front of City Hall. The 25-gallon bins will be on sale for \$8 and the 5-gallon bins will be on sale for \$3.17 on 3/17. The sale will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On April 2 our Expanded Mechanical Street Sweeping Program will begin. Look for a postcard in the mail or go online at [www.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.baltimorecity.gov) and look for CityView where you can find your scheduled day. Please move your cars on your scheduled day to assist our sweepers and help clean your neighborhood streets.

Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will be having our "Clean Your Files Day." Participants must call to register by Tuesday April 8, 2014. Place old files in paper bags, boxes, recycle bins or marked containers, and the Bureau of Solid Waste will come by and collect all of your materials.

Part of Green Week, the Mayor's Spring Cleanup will take place on April 26. Call 311 to register your community now. Come out to clean winter out of your community!

Finally, on May 10 we will hold a shredding event with Cintas from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. We invite residents to shred up to 2 trash bags of documents per household!

For more information on any of these events, please call the Recycling Office at 410-396-4511.



## Mayor's Spring Clean-Up

### April 26<sup>th</sup>

It is time to Spring forward Baltimore and join Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake in the Annual Mayor's Spring Clean-Up. Communities interested in participating should register by April 21st. To register please call 311.



## Grasscycling: Mow & Go

Why Grasscycle?

1. It saves time. Research shows that grasscycling reduces lawn care maintenance by 40%.
2. It save money. Protects & nourishes lawn, eliminating need for commercial fertilizers.
3. It is eco-friendly. Grasscycling protects waterways by slowing runoff from rain and melting snow, preventing soil erosion, trapping sediments and chemicals.

How to Grasscycle?

1. Set mower blade height to 3."
2. Cut lawn before grass reaches 4" tall.
3. Let grass clippings fall and stay on the lawn to



## 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 minders

### St. Patrick Day Recycle Bin Sale

Join DPW in celebrating St. Patrick's Day as we present the world's largest shamrock made entirely out of recycling bins! The celebration will take place at War Memorial Plaza from 10am-2 pm. Recycling bins are 50% off and anyone who purchases a bin will be entered into a Luck of the Irish drawing!

18- gallon bins: \$3.17 or 25- gallon bins: \$8

### Free Community Shredding Event

Consumer fraud and identity theft is becoming a epidemic in society and it is important that we raise awareness and provide residents with a way to discard personal documents in a safe an secure manner.

The Bureau of Solid Waste and Office of Recycling has teamed up with Cintas to host a Community Shredding Event . The event will take place at May 10, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. We invite residents to shred up to 2 trash bags of documents per household.

### Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste commences this year on April 4, 2014 at 2840 Sisson. Collection is the first Friday and Saturday of the month until October from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on acceptable materials and collection schedule please visit:

<http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Recycling/HouseholdHazardousWaste.aspx>



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