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Q&A with Recycle Rob

Dear Recycle Rob,

My fiancé and I are planning a Summer wedding and we want to have an eco-chic celebration. Do you have any "green wedding" suggestions?
- Britney Bride

Dear Britney,

Green is the new white—metaphorically speaking. The key to a stylish eco-chic wedding is to simplify. Reuse accents or materials to save money and reduces resources. Decorate your wedding ceremony space with pieces you can reuse at the reception. Topiaries that go from alter to entryway can tie décor together. Pick a venue that has a strong recycling program as well. Consider going paperless. paperlesspost.com and greenvelope.com are just a two websites that have elegant online wedding invitations. If sending a traditional invitation is important pick a vendor that uses recycled paper.

-Recycle Rob

First Month of Citywide Street Sweeping

The first month of our new Citywide Street Sweeping Program is over and the results are pretty impressive. In this first month, 2,851 more miles of city streets have been cleaned and 401.13 tons of dirt, grime and filth have been removed from them! It's a sweeping success!

Not all routes were completed in time. The routes are new for our drivers and the amount of dirt on some of these streets, which have never had mechanical street sweeping, caused some drivers to go back over them two or three times and that caused delays. But, if we did not get to your street, please call 311 to let us know. This is a new program so please bear with us as we work out the kinks and get hitting on all cylinders!

Don't forget to call 311 or go online at www.baltimorecity.gov and look for CityView to find your scheduled day.

The **Mayor's Spring Cleanup** took place on April 26 and 216 registrants signed up to clean their neighborhoods. The kickoff was at EcoFest which took place at Druid Hill Park on a beautiful day that made you forget about the winter, the cold and the snow!

Don't forget, on May 10 we will hold a **Community Shred Day** with Cintas from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, 1400 W. Coldspring Lane. We invite residents to shred up to 2 trash bags of documents per household!

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



Community Shredding Event

Saturday, May 10, 2014

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Baltimore Polytechnic Institute

(Back Parking Lot)

1400 W. Cold Spring Lane

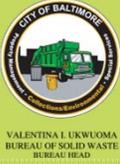
Baltimore, MD 21209



Mechanical Street Sweeping is in YOUR Neighborhood!

Go online at 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.





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



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Next Household Hazardous Waste Days are May 2 & 3

Got unused bug spray, oil paint, batteries or fluorescent light bulbs you need to dispose of properly? Then you need to come to our Household Hazardous Waste event at the Northwest Citizens' Convenience Center at 2840 Sisson Street May 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The program takes place the first Friday & Saturday of every month through October.

Most of what we get is paint. **Oil paint is household hazardous waste but latex water-based paint is not.** It can be dried out and placed with your regular mixed refuse. We also cannot accept gasoline or *anything* not in the original manufacturer's packaging.

Source Reduction Tips for the Office

Save Paper!

- Make double sided copies.
- Request that your office be removed from catalog and junk fax mailing lists.
- Post announcements on bulletin boards or email
- Make documents available on-line.
- Use a central filing system.
- Use only targeted direct mailings.
- Update distribution lists.



Most Overestimated Product Bought?

Paint. People overestimate the amount of paint they need and we got lots and lots of it at our HHW drop offs. Remember, a little paint goes a long way. Less is more!