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Fast Facts:

- The average American consumed 1.6 gallons of bottled water in 1976 compared to 28.3 gallons in 2006.
- Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 9 cubic yards of landfill space and 46 gallons of oil.
- In 2007, the recycling rate for cell phones was just 10 percent.



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Re-News

Baltimore City's Annual Spring Clean-up

April is a busy month for the Baltimore City Office of Recycling and our green-minded residents. In honor of Earth Day, April 22, there will be several events throughout the City celebrating our environment and encouraging sound stewardship of our resources. On April 21st Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake will kick-off the Spring Clean-up. This year, the Mayor is encouraging communities to adopt a lot through the "Power In Dirt" program. Vacant lots are targets for illegal dumpers while adopted lots turned into gardens and maintained by the community discourage the dumping of trash and debris and become islands of green in the neighborhood.

The Clean Community Competition

That same day marks the start of the Clean Community Competition. This friendly competition is a way for communities to clean and win money for their neighborhoods. Winning communities will receive cash prizes to benefit their community association and activities: \$5,000 for first place and \$1,000 for second place. Each quadrant of the city (Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, Southeast) will have a first and second place winner. The Competition will kick off during the Mayor's Spring Clean Up and runs through October 19. Winning Communities will be announced at the Mayor's Fall Clean Up on October 27. Check with your neighborhood association for details on participating in the Clean Up.

Clean Your Files Day

The Office of Recycling is also sponsoring Clean Your Files Day. In an effort to increase recycling, we encouraged all businesses and City agencies to clean their files by signing up with us to set up a collection of paper (all colors and types), cardboard, books, plastic and glass bottles, and metal cans. For those who registered, the paper files and other materials will be collected on Tuesday, April 24th.



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Baltimore Green Week

The 9th Annual Baltimore Green Week, hosted by Baltimore Green Works, is “a week-long series of programs focused on promoting environmental awareness and best sustainable practices in and around Baltimore. In an effort to highlight local resources, BGW partners with local businesses, organizations, and individuals who work to provide earth friendly and sustainable products and services to our community. The series offers the public a variety of educational workshops, lectures, films, tours, and hands-on projects where they have the chance to take part in discussions and begin offering solutions surrounding issues such as climate change, sustainable food and agriculture, water conservation, and energy efficiency within the home. This series kicks off with EcoFest, a community celebration and outdoor festival. EcoFest is held each year in Druid Hill Park and is host to an all local line-up of musicians, food vendors, and nearly 100 local vendors and exhibitors who share our vision for a greener Baltimore. Attendees are also encouraged to take part in the free yoga classes, bike rides, kid’s nature play space, and other workshops and activities throughout the day. For more information, please visit <http://baltimoregreenworks.com/events/baltimore-green-week/>

REMINDER: Please do not Place Recycling in Plastic Bags!

The Baltimore City Office of Recycling reminds residents that items set out for recycling collection cannot be placed in plastic bags. Recyclables can be placed in a cardboard box, paper bag, or any other container – even a laundry basket – as long as it is clearly marked “**recycling**.” The City sells recycling bins at our Kane Street Yard located at 111 Kane St. Please call 410-396-1300 check availability.



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Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

This month, the City will begin monthly collection of your household hazardous wastes. These materials can be dropped off at the Household Hazardous Waste containment facility at the Northwest Citizen Convenience Center located at 2840 Sisson Street. The facility will collect materials from April through November on the last Friday and Saturday of each month. Household hazardous materials such as oil-based paints, pesticides, herbicides, car and household batteries, CFL light bulbs, drain cleaners, gasoline, pool chemicals, and many other items can be dropped off at no charge. Residents must show proof of residency upon arrival. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in June, July, and August, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in April, May, September, October, and November.
