

# Customer Report



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## Director's Welcome



The words "spring" and "cleaning" seem made for each other. In Baltimore, the Mayor's Spring Cleanup has been a tradition for 19 years. I invite you and your neighbors to join us Saturday, April 28, either in an organized community event or by simply grabbing a rake or broom

and scrubbing away winter's grime.

April also means the return of our monthly Household Hazardous Waste collections, Earth Day, recycling bin sales, document shredding, and a citywide mulch giveaway for urban gardeners. This year the Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) will host four GROW Center events around town, offering free or reduced-price products and advice for greening your home or neighborhood. Please check the Events listing on Page 2 for details.

Keeping the City clean is good for the environment, and good for the soul. That's why we work every day to pick up trash, remove graffiti, search out rat dens,

and collaborate with neighbors and other City agencies on anti-dumping and other initiatives.

It's also why Mayor Catherine Pugh places sanitation high among the priorities in her Violence Reduction Initiative. Keeping illegal dumping under control and vacant properties boarded are among the ways our Bureau of Solid Waste is helping to secure and support communities. Last year we opened our Northwest Transfer Station to small commercial haulers, and they responded enthusiastically. We partner with Baltimore's Code Enforcement and BMORE Beautiful program to improve and sustain our neighborhoods.

Mayor Pugh pointed out in her State of the City address the need to engage citizens. In that spirit, please join us in helping to keep Baltimore clean, healthy, and safe.

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## Reaching Out to the Community

DPW's work touches the life of everyone who lives, works, or plays in Baltimore, and we are committed to engaging with the citizens of our city. Our team of community liaisons and public information officers work with neighborhoods, businesses and civic institutions, and members of the Baltimore City Council to keep them informed of our initiatives, projects, and events. DPW liaisons visit community asso-

ciations to explain sanitation and water-related policies and projects. Most importantly, these visits provide DPW an opportunity to hear and address community concerns. Education is a key part of the agency's commitment to community involvement. The liaisons regularly visit Baltimore City schools to educate students on the importance of recycling and proper trash disposal, and efforts to keep City neighborhoods clean.

To request DPW at your event or community meeting, contact the



*Liaisons in the community.*

**DPW Communications and Community Affairs Division** at **410-545-6541** or email [publicworks@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:publicworks@baltimorecity.gov).

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS, APRIL 6 & 7

Residents may drop off household chemical products on Household Hazardous Waste days from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Northwest Citizen Convenience Center, 2840 Sisson St.

Residents can safely get rid of unwanted household materials such as oil-based paints, pesticides, herbicides and household batteries. For details call **410-545-6541** or check the Recycling Services section of DPW's website.

### EARTH DAY DISCOUNT RECYCLING BIN SALE, SHREDDING & PLASTIC BAG TAKEBACK, SATURDAY, APRIL 21

A recycling "trifecta" from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Morgan State University, 2201 Argonne Drive. \$7 for a large bin, \$3 for a lid, \$4 for a small

recycling bin. Paper shredding for financial, health, or other documents. A plastic bag take-back to help keep bags out of the waste stream. Residents who bring in five or more plastic grocery bags will receive a free reusable grocery bag (limit one reusable bag per resident). A reusable bag can replace up to 700 disposable plastic bags, and some stores offer discounts for reusable bags. For details call **410-545-6541** or check the Events section of DPW's website.

### POP-UP GROW CENTERS ON SATURDAYS, APRIL 14, 21, 28, & MAY 5

GROW Centers are your **greening resource hubs**. GROW Centers will pop up in Baltimore on four Saturdays: April 14 (1515-1557 McKean Ave.), April 21 (1224 Wicomico St.), April 28 (400 block of N. Duncan St.), and May 5 (5011 Arbutus Ave.). These events feature **green products for free/sale** and **free workshops** on topics including rain barrels, tree planting, and

gardening. For more information call **410-396-0732** or visit [baltimoregrowcenter.eventbrite.com](http://baltimoregrowcenter.eventbrite.com).



### MAYOR'S SPRING CLEANUP, SATURDAY, APRIL 28

The Mayor's annual Spring Cleanup is a chance for everyone to join in and clean. Many volunteers and residents have already signed up to participate. Participants in organized cleanups may be eligible for credits toward their Stormwater Fee. Mayor Catherine Pugh hosts a kick-off event, and neighborhood cleanups run 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call **311** to register or contact your community association.

## 2017 Water Quality Report Now Available Online

The 2017 Water Quality Report is now available at <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/waterreport>.

The annual report details the source, treatment and quality of Baltimore City's drinking water supply. Tests conducted throughout 2017 continue to show water quality exceeds standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Customers wanting a paper copy of the report may call **311** or **410-396-5352**.

## Big Truck Day

It's all about the Big Trucks and the kids who love them on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Highway.

Big Truck Day gives children the opportunity to see, touch, sit in, and hear some of the biggest vehicles in

the Baltimore fleet. There will even be a fireboat!

Admission, parking, and give-a-ways are all FREE! For additional information call **410-545-6541**.

This event is part of Baltimore's celebration of both National Drinking Water Week (May 6-12) and National Public Works Week (May 20-26).

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