

Why Recycle?

It's simple

It's easy to recycle every week! Now you can place your recyclable paper, plastic, cans, glass & cardboard together in the same container of your choice. No longer do you have to store your different recyclable materials for two weeks at a time. You don't even need to remove lids, caps or labels, but we do ask that you lightly rinse your recyclables.

It's Resourceful

We can all become better stewards of the environment. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough electricity to run a television for three hours! Each ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy, & 7,000 gallons of water. This represents a 64% energy savings, 58% water savings, & 60 lbs. less air pollution. Recycling provides you with an opportunity to conserve our natural resources.

How Do I Get Started?

Take a look at what's in your trash. Are you throwing away aluminum cans, plastic bottles, newspaper & magazines? Keep recyclables in a convenient place. It could be in your garage, basement, under the sink, or on the back porch. You may not need as much space as you think. Make sure all family members are educated on where to put their recyclables. Make it a family effort. Teach your children by example.



Curbside Collection Tips

1. If recyclables are left at the curb in plastic bags, they will not be picked up by your trash collector. Plastic bags tend to foul up the single-stream processing equipment.
2. All recyclables shall be placed loosely in a container. The container may be a garbage can, cardboard box, tote, or anything that will fully contain the material, prevent it from becoming wind-blown and protect it from the elements.
3. The container shall be designated as a recycling container by affixing the provided Harford County recycling sticker. Alternatively, an "X" can be drawn on the side of the container.
4. Large and bulky items such as boxes, pails, plastic lawn furniture, etc. may be left next to the recycling container for pick up.
5. Caps, labels and lids can remain on bottles, cans and jars.
6. All recyclables should be lightly rinsed.
7. To make sure your recyclables are collected, place them at the curb by 7 a.m. the day of collection.
8. No yard waste at curbside.

Questions about the single-stream curbside recycling program should be directed to the Harford County Recycling Office at 410-638-3417. Information is also available at www.harfordcountymd.gov/dpw/envaffairs/