



## April News from Howard County Recycling

### Covid19 Updates – Trash and Recycling



**New!** As the County's response to the Covid19 emergency situation is rapidly evolving, we have a correction and some additions to the April newsletter that was published on 3/30/2020.

Continue to use all curbside collection services, as these are operating normally (trash, recycling, yard trim and food scraps, bulk items and scrap metal). Avoid unnecessary trips to the Alpha Ridge Landfill.

To limit exposure and to abide by Governor Hogan's latest 'Stay at Home' Executive Order ([Click here to see the Executive Order](#)), the County has limited the availability of field staff resources. Be mindful and patient as we all work through this difficult time. In addition, please limit calls and emails to service-related issues only. The Bureau of Environmental Services office remains closed to the public.

Be careful about how you bag your trash. Make sure that all trash bags are securely tied at the top and double bag any bags that have torn while filling. These measures will help us to reduce the spread of Covid-19 by protecting the health of our collection crews.

To see all Covid-19 related changes, visit [HowardCountyRecycles.org](http://HowardCountyRecycles.org). The website is updated daily.

### Alpha Ridge Landfill – New Updates

The Alpha Ridge Landfill remains open, but, as stated in previous newsletters and notices, we encourage residents to stay home and wait until the Covid-19 emergency is over before bringing items for disposal, recycling, or donation to the landfill. Please choose curbside collections whenever possible to avoid visiting the landfill.

As of Wednesday, April 1st, only 10 vehicles at a time will be allowed access to the Residents Convenience Center at a time. Be patient and expect delays, especially during high volume times. (Mondays and Fridays between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm are often high-volume times.) Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays are typically lighter in volume.

All residential organic material sales and give-aways (compost, mulch, topsoil, and shredded wood) will be suspended on April 3rd until further notice.

We will continue to evaluate our services as needed. Call 410-313-6444 to get the most up-to-date information from our recorded message or visit our website at [HowardCountyRecycles.org](http://HowardCountyRecycles.org). We will also continue to send out Constant Contact Newsletter and Notices to keep you as informed as possible.

### Canceled Events and Services

#### Composting Demonstrations

- The Master Gardeners have canceled their spring composting demonstration schedule.

## Compost Bin Deliveries and Pickups

- As presented in the original April newsletter, we had hoped to be able to deliver compost bins to residents, however, recent staff changes prevent us from offering that service.
- Compost bins are not currently available at the landfill or Bureau of Environmental Services office for pickup.

## Kitchen Counter Containers for Food Scraps and Indoor Recycling Carryall Pickups

- Kitchen counter containers for food scraps and indoor recycling containers are not available for pickup.

## Rain Barrel Demonstrations

- Rain barrel demonstrations have been canceled for the duration of the Covid-19 health emergency.

## Shredding Events

- Both April shredding events have been canceled.

### Howard County Recycling

9801 Broken Land Parkway  
Columbia, MD 21046  
Open Mon.– Fri., 8 am to 5 pm

### Alpha Ridge Landfill

2350 Marriottsville Road  
Marriottsville, MD 21104  
Open Mon.– Sat., 8 am to 4 pm

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