



August News from Howard County Recycling

Compost Facility Tour



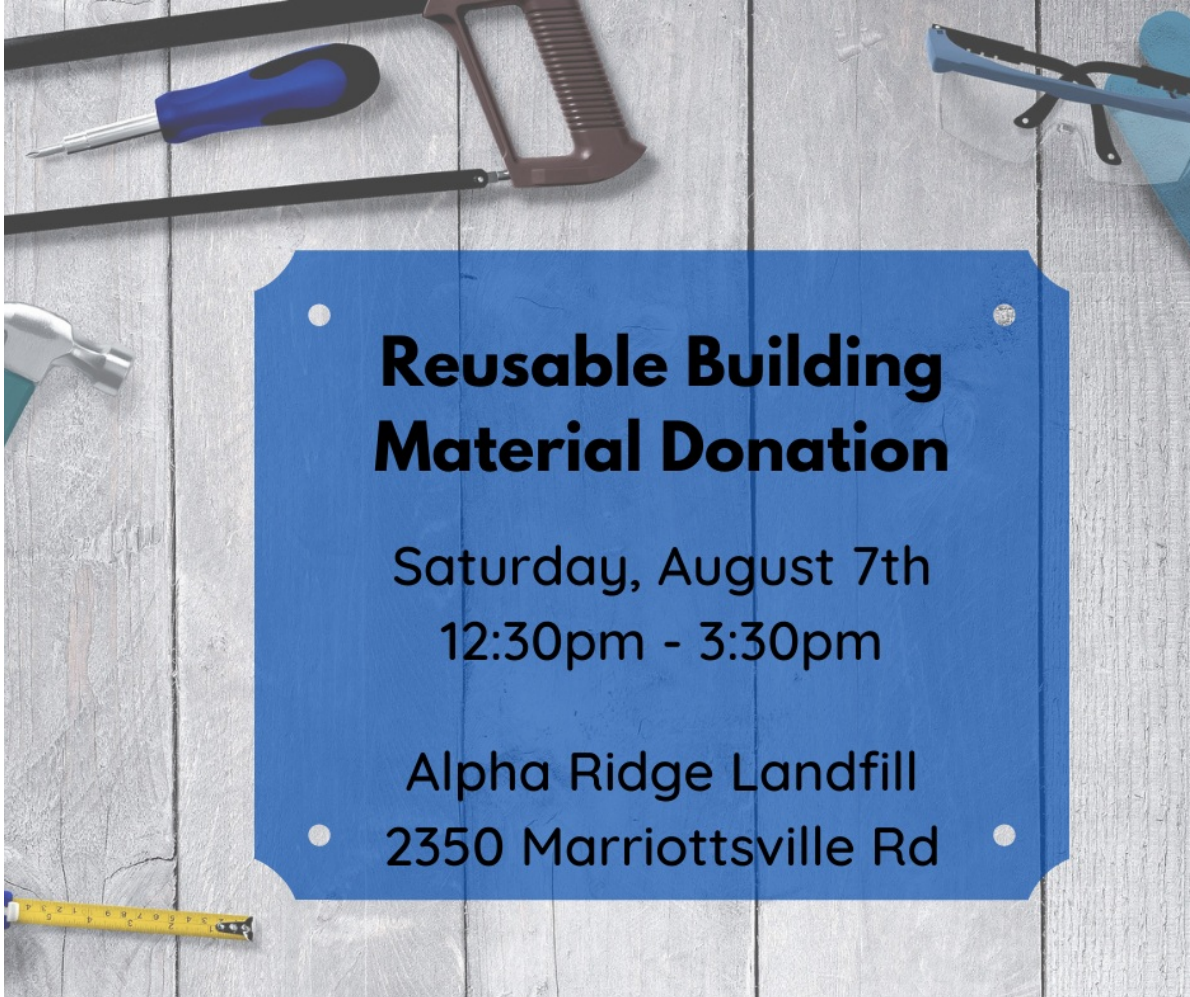
Take a tour of our state-of-the-art composting facility at Alpha Ridge Landfill.

The next guided tour will be held on **Saturday, August 21 at 9:00 AM**. To register for this tour, please [contact Jeff Dannis](#).

Learn more about this [event](#).

One Day Donation Event

Planning a remodeling project this summer? Hold on to your reusable building material and donate it on **Saturday, August 7th from 12:30pm – 3:30pm** at the [Alpha Ridge Landfill](#). Habitat for Humanity ReStore will have a trailer set up at the entrance for collection. Please see our [list of acceptable materials](#) before your visit.



Can't make it Saturday? Habitat ReStore also accepts donations at its [Columbia location](#). For other donation options, consider [The Loading Dock](#) in Baltimore or [Community Forklift](#) in Hyattsville.

Know Before You Throw – Mattresses

Give old mattresses new life!

Did you know that [more than 50,000 mattresses](#) are discarded in the U.S. every day?

Rest easy--Howard County has offered a mattress (and box spring) recycling program at [Alpha Ridge Landfill](#) since 2013! We can accept dry mattresses of all sizes. When loading, please be sure mattresses are loaded upright and vertical.



What happens to them?

Mattresses and box springs are collected and transported to a distribution center where they undergo a chemical treatment to prevent potential infestations. They

are then transported to a processing center where they are stripped of their different components (foam, fiber filling, metal, etc.). Foam and fiber filling can be reused to manufacture new products. All metal components are readily recyclable with other scrap metal.

In 2020, we recycled about **2,476 mattresses and box springs**, diverting nearly **133 tons** of material from the landfill.

Recycle your 5s

Remember!

We are now able to accept all #5 plastics (including clamshells). If it has a #5, put it in the blue bin!

Like all recyclables, material should be clean, dry and empty before being set out for collection.



Questions? Comments?



Getting your questions answered just got easier!

Need to exchange a cracked cart?

Don't see an item on our [Know Before You Throw](#) page?

Have a suggestion for our website?

Our **NEW [online form](#)** let's you easily submit a request. We're here to help!

[Howard County Recycling](#)

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Open Mon.-Sat., 8 am - 5 pm

[Alpha Ridge Landfill](#)

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