



## July News from Howard County Recycling

### HHW Collection Returns to Saturdays Only

#### Alpha Ridge Landfill: Modified Operations

	Avoid unnecessary trips to Alpha Ridge Landfill. County-provided collection services continue to operate as usual and collection guidelines still apply. Please delay disposal of spring clean out materials as the high volume has overwhelmed collection crews.
	Suspension of all residential organic material sales and giveaways (compost, mulch, topsoil, and shredded wood) until further notice.
	Please wear a mask and continue to practice social distancing (6 ft) while at the Residents' Convenience Center.
	Vehicles with a trailer or box trucks must cross the scales; they cannot use the Residents Convenience Center due to safety concerns.
	Permitted commercial accounts must cross the scales and will be billed based on material type and tonnage. On-site cash, check and credit card sales have been discontinued.
	Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Drop-offs will be held Saturdays from 8am-4pm. Residents are strongly encouraged to avoid unnecessary trips as Saturdays are typically busy, with wait times at one hour or greater.

Services will continue to be evaluated 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).

Please note that our operations continue to run at reduced staffing levels. At Alpha Ridge; residents will likely experience wait times. Additionally, distribution of backyard compost bins and rain barrels to residents remains suspended. We will continue to notify the public of changes to our operations.

For additional Covid19-related updates, visit [HowardCountyRecycles.org](http://HowardCountyRecycles.org). The website is monitored and updated daily. Thank you for your continued cooperation during this time.

### Alpha Ridge Landfill Updates



#### News You Can Use

The Alpha Ridge Landfill will be **CLOSED** on Saturday, July 4th. In addition:

- Styrofoam is **no longer** accepted for recycling at the landfill after July 1st.
- Bikes for the World used bicycle drop-off has reopened.
- The Loan Closet drop-off will reopen on Monday, July 6th for donations of used home medical and rehabilitation devices.

For more information about recycling items such as styrofoam, bicycles and used home medical & rehabilitation devices, [click here](#).

### Food Scrap Recycling at Alpha Ridge Landfill



## 'Feed the Green Bin' is more than a curbside service.

Although the food scrap program is not available throughout the county, residents can always bring food scraps to the Residents' Convenience Center for composting. Items we collect include fruits and veggies, as well as coffee grounds and items from your cupboards such as cereal, nuts, and crackers that may have gone stale. We can also accept some small amounts of meat and fish, but no large bones or shells. Be sure to remove all packaging prior to disposal; we cannot accept any petroleum-based plastics in the container. This would include bags, wrappers, or other food containers. Look for the small green food scrap dumpster in the Residents' Convenience Center.

If you are planning a Fourth of July picnic or backyard party consider setting up a cleanup station with separate containers for recyclables, food scraps and trash. This will help keep trash out of both the recyclables and the compostable foodscraps, and you'll be pleased to see how little needs to be disposed of as trash.

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