



July News from Howard County Recycling

Independence Day– Collections Slide

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If your normal collection day is:		Your collection day this week is:
Monday	➔	Tuesday
Tuesday	➔	Wednesday
Wednesday	➔	Thursday
Thursday	➔	Friday
Friday	➔	Saturday

In observance of Independence Day, there will be **NO** curbside collections on **Monday, July 5**.

Curbside collections of recycling, yard trim, food scraps and trash will **slide** and be made one day later that week. Bulk item collection will slide with

trash collection. Scrap metal collection will remain as scheduled and will **not** slide. Please place all items out by 6am to ensure collection.

County offices and the Alpha Ridge Landfill will be **CLOSED** Monday, July 5.

[Learn](#) which days affect curbside collections.

Tips for your Backyard BBQ

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Reusable dishes and silverware are best, or consider compostable for easier clean-up.

Minimize your trash by separating food scraps for compost.



Choose recyclable. Keep a blue bin out for empty bottles & cans. Consider adding signs to help your guests!



Plan ahead for your next backyard BBQ! Consider setting up trash, recycling & compost stations with proper signage (see below).

If you don't receive food scrap collection through our [Feed The Green Bin](#) program, take your collected food scraps to the [Residents' Convenience Center at Alpha Ridge Landfill](#).



[Trash Sign](#)



[Recycle Sign](#)



[Compost Sign](#)

Recycle your 5s

New! 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.

Many #5 plastics are used in restaurant and food service establishments. Check out our poster below to determine how to recycle (or compost) different types of carry-out containers.



Download our poster

Know Before You Throw – Cooking Oil

Protect your pipes and the planet!

Have you dropped off used cooking oil to the [Residents' Convenience Center](#)?

If so, you're helping create a renewable **biodiesel fuel!** Used cooking oil is collected by Atlantic Biofuels in Baltimore where it is filtered and processed into biodiesel fuel, a cleaner alternative to petroleum diesel. Additionally, by recycling your cooking oil, you're helping divert it from water and sewer systems. [Fats, oils and grease \(FOG\)](#) should never be poured down the drain as they can cause major clogs and plumbing issues.



What do we accept?

We accept any type of liquid vegetable oil (peanut, corn, canola, olive, etc.). Vegetable oil mixed with a small amount of animal fats can be recycled, but please be sure oil is free of all other fluids (water, petroleum products, soaps, etc.). In 2020 we recycled over **27,000 gallons of oil!**

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!

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