Howard County Recycling

Holiday Changes

Veterans Day – No Change

There will be regular curbside collections on Thursday, November 11th.

In observance of Veterans Day, County offices will be CLOSED on Thursday, November 11th. The Alpha Ridge Landfill will be OPEN.

Thanksgiving – Slide Schedule in Effect

There will be NO CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS on Thursday, November 25th. Thursday and Friday curbside collections of recycling, yard trim, trash and bulk items will slide and be made one day later that week. Scrap metal collection will remain as scheduled and will NOT slide.
Please place all items out by 6am to ensure collection.

The Alpha Ridge Landfill will be CLOSED on Thursday, November 25th.
County offices will be CLOSED on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th.

Visit our Holiday Slide page for more information.

Harvest Heap: Pumpkin Collection

Did you know that pumpkins are nearly 90% water? They provide great nutrients to the soil, but only when they're diverted from the landfill.

This year we're making it easy for you to give your holiday pumpkins new life (and learn more about the benefits of composting)!

Pumpkin Drop-off at Clark's Elioak Farm
(10500 Clarksville Pike)

Tuesday, November 2nd – Sunday November 7th
(10am – 5pm)

Drop off your carved (or uncarved) pumpkins. Please remove all candles, lights, decorations, plastics bags, etc. Painted pumpkins are acceptable (water-based paints are preferred).

Compost Demonstration & Giveaway

Join the University of Maryland Master Gardeners for two special composting demonstrations and giveaways.
Carved (or uncarved) pumpkins will be accepted for composting.

Join us:

**Savage Park**
Saturday, November 6th from 10am – 2pm

**Centennial Park**
Saturday, November 20th from 10am – 2pm

Don't forget! Pumpkins (and all food scraps) can be composted year-round at the [Residents' Convenience Center](#) at Alpha Ridge Landfill or curbside through our [Feed The Green Bin](#) program.

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### Leaves, Leaves Everywhere!

Help keep leaves and grass clippings out of storm drain inlets and stream with these helpful tips! Remember: the easiest way to manage leaves is to leave them on the ground!

#### Leaves, Leaves Everywhere!

Now that fall is here, take steps to manage all those leaves:

- **Grasscycle/Mulch leaves**
- Compost in your backyard
- Participate in a Rake and Take Program
- Utilize curbside yard trim collection
- Drop-off at the Alpha Ridge Landfill Wood Waste

Do not dump leaves, grass clippings or other landscaping waste into a storm drain inlet or a stream. This is both bad for water quality and is considered an illicit discharge and a violation of County Code. Discarding landscaping waste into a storm drain inlet can clog pipes and lead to flooding (even in your own yard). The decaying process of yard trim can also lead to depleted oxygen levels in our streams and water bodies.

[HowardCountyMD.gov/CurbsideCollections](#)
The 2021 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) season will come to a close on **Saturday, November 27th**.

There will be special Saturday collections during the winter off-season and the 2022 season will reopen on the first Saturday in April.

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**Missing a Wheel?**

Did a wheel on your recycling cart fall off or go missing?

Spare cart wheels are available at our office (9801 Broken Land Parkway) and Kendall Hardware (12260 Clarksville Pike) during business hours.

Don’t want to DIY? Fill out our [online form](#) and an inspector will repair your cart wheel for you.

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**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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**Howard County Recycling**
9801 Broken Land Parkway
Columbia, MD 21046
Open Mon.–Sat., 8 am – 5 pm

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

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