October News from Howard County Recycling

Indigenous Peoples' Day – No Change

There will be regular curbside collections on Monday, October 11\textsuperscript{th}.

In observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day, County offices will be CLOSED on Monday, October 11\textsuperscript{th}. The Alpha Ridge Landfill will be OPEN.

Upcoming Shredding Events

Back by popular demand, two Document Shredding events are scheduled this month. Residents may bring up to three bags or boxes of paper to be shredded.
Please ONLY bring items that contain personal information. Junk mail, catalogs and office paper should be set out for regular curbside recycling.

For more information, please see our website.

Know Before You Throw:
Shipping/Delivery Packaging

In 2020, we saw quite an uptick in the amount of shipping and delivery packaging entering our waste stream. It's no surprise that many residents turned to online ordering for groceries, household supplies and other necessities.

We're here to help you navigate proper recycling and disposal for these materials. Keep in mind, new products are always entering the market, so this list is not exhaustive. It's also important to note that some companies may exaggerate their claims on recyclability. Always check with us first when you're not sure about an item.
Looking for information about restaurant takeout packaging? Check out our Takeout/Cafeteria Packaging poster below. Visit our Sustainable Shopping page for more tips & tricks.

### TRASH
- Air pillows*
- Bubble lined mailers
- Foam (pouches, sheets, molds)
- Gel packs*
- Peanuts (foam and biodegradable)
- Plastic bags/film/wrap*
- Plastic insulation (ex. Renewliner)

### RECYCLING (Clean, Dry & Empty)
- #5 Plastic Containers
- Cardboard boxes/folders/tubes
- Kraft paper
- Molded Fiber Containers
- Paperboard
- Paper bags or mailers (no bubble wrap inside)
- Paper insulation (Climacell)

### COMPOST

![Compostable Packaging](image)

Look for the label! Packaging must be BPI Certified Compostable. Search for products in the directory.

*Drop-off or mail-in programs may exist. Check [KnowBeforeYouThrow.org](http://KnowBeforeYouThrow.org) for more information.

**Missing a Wheel?**

Did a wheel on your recycling cart fall off or
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.

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!