



October News from Howard County Recycling

Indigenous Peoples' Day – No Change



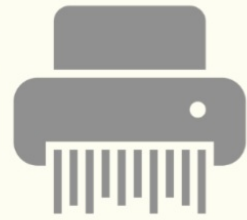
There will be **regular curbside collections** on Monday, October 11th.

In observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day, County offices will be **CLOSED** on Monday, October 11th. 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.

Document Shredding Events 2021



Saturday, October 9th at Gary J Arthur Community Center
2400 State Route 97
9:00am - 1:00pm (or until trucks are full)

Saturday, October 30th at Long Gate Park and Ride
5000 Meadowbrook Lane, Ellicott City, MD
9:00am - 1:00pm (or until trucks are full)

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.



Know Before You Throw: Shipping/Delivery Packaging

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



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 for more information.

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Looking for information about restaurant takeout packaging? Check out our **Takeout/Cafeteria Packaging** poster below. Visit our [Sustainable Shopping](#) page for more tips & tricks.

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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 you 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!

Submit a
request

[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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